

City of Paden City

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The Paden City Common Council met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the council chambers of the municipal building with Mayor Clyde Hochstrasser presiding.

PRAYER led by Mike Turner

ROLL CALL: The following council members were present: Shawna Kendle, Mike Turner, Linda Duke, Ken Stead, Don Dillaman, Jon Baker. Also present was Mayor Clyde Hochstrasser, Attorney Carolyn Flannery, and Recorder Penny Baker.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Jon Baker, second by Ken Stead, all in favor

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND VACATE WEST TYLER STREET

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 171.13 FAILURE OF ACCUSED PERSON TO APPEAR FOR COURT

Motion by Mike Turner, second by Linda Duke to accept the ordinance. All in favor

2026 ELECTION PROCLAMATION: The City election has been set for June 4, 2026 to elect the mayor and one council member from each ward. The proclamation will be posted in the local newspapers. Motion by Mike Turner, second by Shawna Kendle, all in favor.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

The mayor is asking citizens to place their house numbers on their house so that emergency personnel can find the homes easier.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

FINANCE:

Motion to approve all bills for payment by Shawna Kendle, second by Ken Stead, all in favor.

WATER, STREETS AND MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Josh Billiter was not able to be at the meeting. Assistant Superintendent Jason Yost was present. The pipe for the Broadway Street and Park storm sewer repairs will be in this week and work will begin as soon as possible.

WATER:

Test Pilot Project for PFAS. The pilot project will run for 6 months to determine the best option for the PFAS removal from the water with either activated carbon or ion filtration. Council would like to see a couple more quotes for the project. Birchtech's quote is for \$30,050. Motion by Linda Duke, second by Don Dillaman to move this to the February meeting with the hopes of getting more quotes for this project. All in favor.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

STREETS:

Helen Street from 7th Ave. to the dead end, one-sided parking. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Jon Baker to table this action until council can review ordinance 305.11. All in favor.

EQUIPMENT:

SEWER:

John Stump from Steptoe and Johnson presented council with the loan, grant, and bond information for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase II. Financing \$386,175 for 30 years at 2% with payments to begin March 1, 2026.

Motion by Jon Baker, second by Shawn Kendle, all in favor to approve the Rules of Procedure Resolution.

Motion by Linda Duke, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor to approve the Supplemental Resolution relating to the Bonds.

Motion by Mike Turner, second by Ken Stead, all in favor to approve the Draw Resolution for the payment of invoices from the Bonds.

Motion by Ken Stead, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor to approve the Sweep Resolution pertaining to the automatic payment of the Bonds to the Municipal Bond Commission.

Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Linda Duke for the mayor and recorder to sign the necessary paperwork for the project, all in favor.

STORM SEWER:

101 Mill Street storm sewer. The city will need to see if the storm sewer can be rerouted.

Update on Broadway Street storm sewer project/sink hole. Motion by Jon Baker, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor, to use Tyler Co. Commission money for this project.

POLICE:

Repairs needed to the Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$2060. Motion by Jon Baker, second by Linda Duke, all in favor to make the necessary repairs.

Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Jon Baker to go into executive session, WV code 6-9a-4, to discuss personnel at 8:02pm. All in favor.

Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Don Dillaman to return from executive session at 8:40pm. All in favor.

Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Don Dillaman to appoint Kolbee Cecil as interim police chief until July 1, 2026 and to delegate his supervision to the Police Committee. All in favor.

FIRE:

CARS, HEALTH AND SANITATION:

PARK AND POOL:

PCDA:

Cork Bowen requests the following individuals be added as members: Kevin Yoho, Kenny Kline

Motion by Jon Baker, second by Linda Duke. Vote 5-1 with Shawna Kendle opposing.

PC FOUNDATION:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on update to employee handbook. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Linda Duke to adopt the handbook with the changes highlighted and to continue to work on updating the rest of the book. All in favor.

Update on electronic digital sign. Josh needs to hook up the power and install the software to begin using the sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recommendation of Harold Fortner as auditor for FY25 and FY26. Motion by Mike Turner, second by Shawna Kendle to approve Harold Fortner as auditor. All in favor.

Discussion on the hiring process. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Jon Baker to change the following in the hiring process: council votes to approve the individual **before** offering the job. All in favor.

Motion to dismiss by Jon Baker, second by Don Dillaman at 9:25pm.

Signed: _____
Mayor, Clyde Hochstrasser

Attest: _____
Recorder, Penny Baker