

City of Paden City

208 W. Main Street - P. O. Box 211

Paden City, WV 26159

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Public Hearing

The Paden City Common Council met for a Public Hearing on Monday February 2, 2026 at 6:45pm at the old Paden City High School, Jesse Brown Hall, 201 N. 4th Avenue, Paden City, WV to review the Source Water Protection Plan.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clyde Hochstrasser at 6:45pm. The following members of council were present: Mike Turner, Ken Stead, Jon Baker, Shawna Kendle, Linda Duke, and Don Dillaman. Also present was City Recorder Penny Baker.

Source Water Protection Plan review by Water Operator Jason Yost. The plan must be updated and reviewed publicly every three years as required by agency standards.

Cody Reed with RCAP introduced himself and was here to answer any citizens questions.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mike Turner asked who oversees water regulations. Cody Reed responded that the EPA, WV DEP, and DHHR oversee our water system.

With there being no further questions or comments, the meeting ended at 6:55pm. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Jon Baker, all in favor

Signed: 
Mayor, Clyde Hochstrasser

Attest: 
Recorder, Penny Baker

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The Paden City Common Council met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm in Jesse Brown Hall at Paden City High School 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 JANUARY 5, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND JANUARY 13, 2026 SPECIAL MEEETING Motion by Ken Stead, second by Shawna Kendle, all in favor

SECOND READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND VACATE WEST TYLER STREET
Motion by Mike Turner, second by Linda Duke, vote 5-1 with Jon Baker opposing.

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCES: 1721 BUILDING PERITS, 701 SOLICITAION OF FUNDS, 751 LICENSE TAXES GENERALLY, 755 SPECIFIC LICENSE TAXES.
Motion by Jon Baker, second by Linda Duke to accept the ordinances. All in favor

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Susan Wade was recognized for organizing Labor Day festivities for years.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Donnie Billiter, with the PCVFC addressed council about naming the fire hall the Jim and Loretta Richmond Station. This will be at no cost to the city, the fire department will take care of all the expenses. They are also requesting memorial bricks to be placed in the sidewalk by the city building. Linda Duke referred Mr. Billiter to the PC Garden Club for the bricks.

FINANCE:

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

Budget revisions (in-house):

Police department-move \$4000 from commodities supplies and \$1006.75 from K-9 to maintenance and repair-autos. Motion by Jon Baker, second by Ken Stead, all in favor.

Streets-move \$2000 from street repairs to maintenance and repair-autos. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Linda Duke, all in favor

WATER, STREETS AND MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Josh Billiter was not able to be at the meeting

WATER:

Test Pilot Project for PFAS. Postpone action until another meeting with Birchtech can be scheduled. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Linda Duke, all in favor.

Generator service contract for the Water Plant. This is a requirement of the EPA. Motion by Jon Baker, second by Mike Turner to purchase the service contract for \$1,244.00. All in favor.

Water project discussion: Phase 2 of the project was submitted to council by Superintendent Billiter. Eric with Thrasher was present and would like to schedule a workshop to gather information to submit to the DEP for possible funding for the project.

SEWER:

Sewer project update: this month should see work starting on the project. The Army Corp has monthly meetings and are sharing the information with Thrasher. Cat walk is being removed from the project and that money is being repurposed to other areas of need. Sewer line replacement paperwork was submitted last month.

STORM SEWER:

Broadway Street and Work Street updates: pipe is ordered and most has arrived, still waiting on catch basins before the work can begin.

POLICE:

Interim Chief Kolbee Cecil asked for council's approval to hire the following part-time officers: Bobby Dennis II, Matthew Walker, Donald Bordenkircher, Timmy Shreves, Ben Anderson, Shane Eads, Christopher Folmar, Joseph Ledergerber, and Neil Numoz. Motion by Linda Duke, second by Jon Baker, all in favor.

Interim Chief Cecil also asked for council's approval to hire Skylar Gibson, full-time, non-certified officer pending passing the physical exam, background check, and psychological exam. Motion by Mike Turner, second by Linda Duke, all in favor. Skylar will need to sign a contract with the city, per Ordinance 151.02 Reimbursement of Training Costs, before attending the police academy.

PCDA:

Cork Bowen welcomed council to Brown Hall. The high school gym has had steady rentals this winter by a pickleball league, basketball leagues, Charlie Morris Basketball, and Riverfront League. The Wetzel Co. Sheriff will use the building on February 12, 2026 for a drill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on electronic digital sign. No update

Discussion on the hiring process: Mike Turner said council will need to set the passing grade for the testing. Don Dillaman feels the test should count for more than 30% of the process. Mayor Hochstrasser said we need people who can show up and pass a drug test. Council agreed to set the passing grade at a minimum of 70%. Updates will be made to the policy and presented to council at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Rural Water PFAS settlement. Attorney Carolyn Flannery will look into the settlement. Eric with Thrasher is building that into the next project.

Review Booster Station quotes. Possibility of having this added to the 2021 Water Project loan. Mayor Hochstrasser will let council know what he finds out and will bring to the next council meeting.

Naming of the fire department annex. Motion by Ken Stead, second by Linda Duke, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Shawna Kendle, second by Ken Stead at 8:20pm.

Signed:



Mayor, Clyde Hochstrasser

Attest:



Recorder, Penny Baker