

City of Paden City

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The Paden City Common Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Jesse Brown Hall at the old Paden City High School, 201 N. 4th Avenue, Paden City with Mayor Clyde Hochstrasser presiding.

PRAYER led by Mike Turner
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING.
Motion by Don Dillaman, second by Shawna Kendle. All in favor

MAYORS COMMENTS:
No comments at this time.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Kandy Stephen, 115 S. 1st Ave, asking for parking on the 100 and 200 blocks of south 1st Ave. to be alternated every six months like it used to be done. Mayor Hochstrasser said that the street committee will look into it and will have more information at the April council meeting.

BB Smith, representing the Labor Day Celebration, is looking for volunteers and donations to help with this year's event.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE:

Approve all bills for payment. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Mike Turner, all in favor.

Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Don Dillaman to transfer \$15,000 from department 814 to department 810 of the Water Fund to help cover the water testing expenses. All in favor.

Budget meeting set for March 10 at 6pm in the council chambers.

WATER, STREETS AND MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT: Superintendent Josh Billiter handed out an updated list of water lines needing replaced. The Broadway Street storm sewer project will begin tomorrow, March 3.

WATER:

To consider and act upon a proposed Sweep Resolution pertaining to the automatic payment of the Bonds to the Municipal Bond Commission for the Water System Improvement Project 2021. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor.

Update on the Test Pilot Project (Birchtech) for PFAS. Don Dillaman is asking if the media (activated carbon, ion resin) is included in the quote. Superintendent Billiter said it is included, the exclusions listed on the quote would be for refilling. Don also asked who is responsible for the disposal protocols. As a pilot project, the city won't be handling that. Council is requesting clarification on the exclusions and to table any action until the next meeting. Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor.

Discussion on water service for apartment buildings. Ken Stead was approached by a tenant regarding the water bills for the apartment building on Miller Street. Attorney Carolyn Flannery said the PSC's policy is the water user is responsible for the water bill, not the property owner. Superintendent Billiter said every apartment on Miller Street should have their own service and shut off.

Water project discussion. Motion by Don Dillaman, second by Mike Turner, all in favor, for Superintendent Billiter to meet with Thrasher Engineering to get pricing and scoping of the next water project. The project will be able to be broken into phases if council decides to go with smaller projects instead of one large project.

SEWER:

Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor, for the next draw down to pay invoices from Thrasher and MOVRC totaling \$19,344.11 for the sewer project.

POLICE:

Swearing in of Skylar Gibson. Mayor Hochstrasser administered the oath of office.

FIRE: Reports for October, November, December 2025 and January 2026 are attached.

PARK AND POOL: Cork Bowen updated council on the campground. Soil, up to 1' deep, will be removed and new soil will be added. The campsites will be moved away from the river. Campsites will be 45'x60' with 7 sites on the back row and 5 sites on the river side. The project should start this spring and is being paid for by the Thriving Communities Grant in the amount of \$350,000.

PCDA: Cork Bowen updated council on the status of the old PCHS. The building has been named Cornerstone. The Industrial Park has also been renamed the Paden City Business Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on electronic digital sign. Still waiting on power to the sign.

Discussion on the hiring process policy. Motion by Mike Turner, second by Shawna Kendle to adopt the policy.

All in favor.

Update on the Booster Station generator. This has been submitted to the USDA to use money left from the water project of 2021, awaiting approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set burning period, March 15 to April 15. Motion by Ken Stead, second by Shawna Kendle, all in favor.

Approval to hire Michael Barcus and Ryan Richards for the Maintenance Department. Motion by Ken Stead, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Shawna Kendle, second by Don Dillaman at 8:03pm

Signed: 
Mayor, Clyde Hochstrasser

Attest: 
Recorder, Penny Baker