

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS
PAOLA JUSTICE CENTER 805 N PEARL
6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
January 13, 2026**

The Governing Body of the City of Paola, Kansas, met with Mayor House presiding.

Council Members present: Mayor Leigh House and Council Members J.R. McMahon, Anthony Hugo, Joshua Brown and LeAnne Shields.

Council Members absent: None

Also present: City Manager Randi Shannon, City Clerk Stephanie Marler, Police Chief Chad Corbin, Planning and Zoning Administrator Mitch Gabbert, Public Works Director Brett Marler, Fire Chief Bruce Hartig, Family of Shaqyl Watson, Brett Waggoner with GAS, and Paola BSA Troop 100.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor House.

ROLL CALL: Mayor House and Council Members McMahon, Hugo, Brown and Shields.

INTRODUCTION - Chief Corbin introduced the newest officer to the department, Jonathan Rolf.

SERGEANT PINNING - Chief Corbin announced that Sergeant Watson, who was promoted several months prior, would have his pinning done by his father, Derek Watson.

Agenda Item 1 - CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of minutes of the meeting on December 9, 2025
- b. Approval of Salary Ordinances 25-27 & 26-01
- c. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 1065
- d. Approval of the Pledged Collateral Report for December 2025

Council Member Shields made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and authorize the mayor to sign. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hugo and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 2 - COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Mayor House welcomed the Boy Scout troop working on their Citizenship Badge.

Agenda Item 3 – ANNUAL DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR CITY FUNDS

Clerk Marler said annually, the City must officially designate the depository institutions for City funds. She said the City's operating account is at Security Bank of KC and the payroll account is at First Option Bank. Bids for the CD's are also solicited from Landmark Bank, First Security Bank and Great Southern Bank as well.

Council Member McMahon made a motion to designate Security Bank of Kansas City, Great Southern Bank, First Security Bank, First Option Bank and Landmark National Bank as depositories for City funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hugo and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 4. ANNUAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PAY CLAIMS.

Clerk Marler said with Council meetings being conducted monthly, the Council has historically passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to pay claims before approval at the regular meeting.

Council Member Hugo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-001 authorizing the City Manager to pay claims pursuant to K.S.A. 12-105b(e). The Motion was seconded by Council Member Shields and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Item 5a. 110 E. Peoria - CDBG Project APPROVAL

Brett Waggoner with GAS informed the City Council that the request for the CDBG grant had been approved. He asked council members to consider formally adopting the grant agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.

Council Member Shields made a motion to authorize the mayor and city clerk to execute the State of Kansas Grant Agreement No. 25-CR-009, between the State of Kansas Department of Commerce and the City of Paola. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brown and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 6 - NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 6a - Final Site Plan - Building Addition for LSX Construction

Zoning Administrator Gabbert presented the final site plan for Ben Minden, owner of LSX Construction located at 111 W. Baptiste Dr. He said the site plan review is required for nonresidential building expansions which increase the floor area of the building by more than 10%. He said approval has been recommended by the Planning Commission.

Council Member McMahon made a motion to approve the Final Site Plan for the building addition to LSX Construction, at 111 W Baptiste Dr. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hugo and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 7 - STAFF REPORTS

Chief Hartig announced that Zoning Administrator Gabbert had been hired on as a volunteer firefighter.

Director Marler said a Wea Creek Waterline Relocation preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th.

Zoning Administrator Gabbert said the Planning Commission will hold two public hearings for the “Old North School” property. One for rezoning and the other for a CUP. He said the final site plan for Kodion will also be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Agenda Item 8 - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE COUNCIL

Council Member McMahon said he visited Public Works to see the store front upgrades and look at the new vehicles that were recently purchased. He said he has driven around Paola and sees the restaurants and businesses busy and he knows Paola is on the right track.

Council Member Brown thanked Public Works for working on the trees.

Agenda Item 9 - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

Consider the appointment of Ron Osborn to the Paola Housing Authority board.

Council Member McMahon made a motion to approve the appointment of Ron Osborn to the Paola Housing Authority board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shields and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Mayor House added that the end of the year seems busy and appreciates the hard work of staff. She also thanked Public Works for the tree care.

Agenda Item 10 - ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Shields made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hugo and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Leigh House, Mayor

ATTEST: [seal]

Stephanie Marler, City Clerk