



**MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – 4:30 PM – April 14, 2026**

1. OPENING

The Special meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Crowder at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Bolin, Steve “Woody” Culleton, Heidi Lange, Ronald Lassonde, and Steve Crowder, Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Town Manager Michael O’Brien, Town Attorney Scott E. Huber, Town Clerk/Elections Official Melanie Elvis, Assistant Town Manager Marc Mattox, Police Chief Eric Reinbold, Community Development Director Tony Lindsey, Human Resources and Risk Management Direction Crystal Petres and Information Systems Technician Travis Thompson.

At 4:31 p.m. Mayor Crowder announced that the Town Council would adjourn to Closed Session for the following items:

2. CLOSED SESSION

- 2a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Town Council will hold a closed session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, and/or dismissal of the Town Manager.
- 2b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a), the Council will meet with the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney relating to existing condition: Town of Paradise v. Ernst & Young, LLP, United States District Court – Eastern District of California Case No. 2:26-cv-00410.
- 2c. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a), the Council will meet with the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney relating to existing condition: Town of Paradise v. Mark Thomas & Company, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 25CV016360.
- 2d. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), the Town Council will meet with the Town Manager and Town Attorney regarding potential initiation of litigation – one (1) case.
- 2e. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), the Town Council will meet with the Town Manager and Town Attorney regarding potential initiation of litigation – one (1) case.

- 2f. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), the Town Council will meet with the Town Manager and Town Attorney regarding potential exposure to litigation - one (1) case.
- 2g. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), the Town Council will meet with the Town Manager and Town Attorney regarding potential exposure to litigation - one (1) case.

After reconvening from Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Crowder announced that Council Member Bolin rescued himself from item 2f due to a potential conflict of interest and that direction was given; no reportable action taken.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Crowder adjourned the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Date approved: May 12, 2026

By:

Attest:

_____/s/_____
Steve Crowder, Mayor

_____/s/_____
Melanie Elvis, Town Clerk