



**MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:30 PM – January 13, 2026**

1. OPENING

The Special meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Crowder at 5:30 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, and Information Systems Director Luis Marquez.

At 5:31 p.m. Mayor Crowder announced that the Town Council would adjourn to Closed Session for the following items:

2. CLOSED SESSION

- 2a. REAL PROPERTY. Pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.8 the Council will meet with Real Property Negotiators, Town Manager and Town Attorney, regarding the following properties: APN 054-220-010, 050-052-052, 050-052-095, 050-052-035, 053-272-088, 054-210-085, 054-210-062, 050-052-063 054-220-077, 054-210-103, 050-052-065, 050-082-105, 050-082-104, 053-272-045, 053-240-046, 053-260-104, 053-250-009, 053-260-099, 050-082-023, 053-272-095, 053-250-008, 054-210-015, 054-210-016, 054-220-057, 053-272-059, 053-260-081, 053-260-027, 053-250-007. The negotiators for the property owner(s) are unknown at this time.
- 2b. EXISTING LITIGATION. Pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(a), the Town Council will meet with the Town Manager and Town Attorney regarding existing litigation which has been initiated formally and to which the Town is a party: *Carol Sue Taylor v. Town of Paradise, et al.* Butte County Superior Court Case Number 25CV00208. (520-20-201)

After reconvening from Closed Session at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Crowder announced regarding item 2a: direction was given, no reportable action was taken.

Town Attorney Scott E. Huber announced the following action regarding item 2b: a motion was made by Council Member Bolin and seconded by Council Member Lassonde, to deny the application to submit a late claim. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative to deny the application.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Crowder adjourned the Council meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Date approved: February 10, 2026

By:

Attest:

_____/s/_____
Steve Crowder, Mayor

_____/s/_____
Melanie Elvis, Town Clerk