

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNCIL CHAMBERS PANA CITY HALL

COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 28, 2026

CITY OF PANA

(the meeting was rescheduled due to weather)

Mayor Nathan Pastor called the meeting of the Pana City Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Suter/Stephens to allow Alderman Hocq to participate remotely. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Roll Call showed the following Alderpersons as being present: Hocq, Stephens, Scott, Suter, Garrett, Cohan were present. Eddy and Schneider were absent. Six aldermen were present. Two were absent.

Karen Cherry, a trained master gardener, addressed council about providing funds for landscaping and plantings at the trail head of the Lincoln Prairie Bike Trail.

Aldersperson Stephens thanked the Street Department for their work during the winter storm.

Scott/Suter to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items included in the consent agenda are the minutes of the January 12, 2026 regular session meeting, payrolls to be paid on January 23 and 30, 2026, disbursements to be paid February 1, 2026, and the December 2025 Treasurer's Report. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Hocq, Stephens, Scott, Suter, Garrett, Cohan voting aye. No nays. Six ayes.

Phil Deal spoke to the City Council about his candidacy for Christian County Sheriff.

Hocq/Scott to reconsider "An Ordinance Amending Section 2-321 of the Pana Code of Ordinances – Sale of Personal Property." The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Scott, Suter, Hocq, Pastor voting aye. Garrett, Cohan, Stephens voting nay. Three nays. Four ayes.

Scott/Suter to pass "An Ordinance Amending Section 2-321 of the Pana Code of Ordinances – Sale of Personal Property." The motion failed on the following roll call vote: Scott, Suter, Hocq, Pastor voting aye. Garrett, Cohan, Stephens voting nay. Three nays. Four ayes.

Suter/Stephens to acknowledge first presentation of "An Ordinance Amending Section 9-32 of the Pana Code of Ordinances - Solid Waste Collection Fee" with amendment to increase fee to \$20.00. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Scott, Suter, Garrett, Cohan, Hocq, Stephens voting aye. No nays. Six ayes.

Scott/Suter to acknowledge first presentation "An Ordinance Declaring Property Surplus Redevelopment Parcels". The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Suter, Garrett, Cohan, Hocq, Stephens, Scott voting aye. No nays. Six ayes.

City Engineer Greg Holthaus informed Council that a 12-inch storm sewer was installed across Locust Street and that Reggie Benton of Benton and Associates looked at the trusses of the former Tex and Gaines building.

Suter/Garrett to approve the reimbursement of expenses to BNT Glass according to their redevelopment agreement in the amount of \$45,858.04. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Garrett, Cohan, Hocq, Stephens, Scott, Suter voting aye. No nays. Six ayes.

City Clerk Toberman informed the council that the insurance engineer's report came back on the library roof, and it was determined the damage is caused by normal wear and tear. She also stated that water pipes in the theater had frozen for the second time during the cold spells the area has been experiencing.

Scott/Cohan to approve filling the vacancy at the Street Department with the next top candidate of applications on file from the last hire. Top candidate is Blake Stauder. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Cohan, Hocq, Stephens, Scott, Suter, Garrett voting aye. No nays. Six ayes.

Scott/Suter to approve Milano & Grunloh and Economic Development Director to apply for CDS Grant and IEPA funding for Phase 2 of transmission main replacement. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Hocq, Stephens, Scott, Suter, Garrett, Cohan, voting aye. No nays. Six ayes.

Scott/Cohan to approve Economic Development Director to apply for the Illinois Regional /Site Readiness Program for improvement of 2500 East Rd and 400 North Road and utilities. The grant amount is \$150,000 with a 20% match, and Benton & Associates will draft the design if the grant is awarded. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Stephens, Scott, Suter, Garrett, Cohan, Hocq voting aye. No nays. Six ayes.

Scott/Stephens to approve task order from Building Maintenance & Restoration to in-fill three basement windows at 119 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St in the amount of \$2,770 using Business District funds. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Scott, Suter, Garrett, Cohan, Hocq, Stephens voting aye. No nays. Six ayes.

Police Chief Daniel Bland announced the retirement of Officer Richard Rahar effective March 1, 2026 and expressed his appreciation for service over his time with the department.

Mayor Paster announced that a Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled for February 4, 2026 and the official notice will be sent out in the coming days.

Suter/Scott to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**/s/ Kim Toberman**  
City Clerk

**/s/ Nathan Pastor**  
Mayor