

Village of St. Paris
July 15, 2024
Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Prince. Frank Blair, Joe Curran, Terry Ervin II, Tony Hoyt, Linda Julien and Steve Lett were present. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell and Chief of Police Eric Smith were also present. Tony Hoyt, Linda Julien and Fiscal officer Marc McGuire were absent.

Motion was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the Council agenda, as amended. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

Motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Lett to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes dated July 1, 2024. Motion passed

Motion was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the Council meeting minutes dated July 1, 2024. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- The next council meeting will be held on August 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.
- The Covenant Lutheran Church experienced a gas leak on July 12, 2024. First responders acted quickly and the leak was fixed.
- The community pancake breakfast is July 20th starting at 8:00 AM in the municipal building garage bay.

The presentation of financials dated June 30, 2024 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Lett to approve the financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Bank Reconciliation dated June 30, 2024 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Curran and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the Bank Reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of Water/Sewer Account Adjustments dated June 30, 2024 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the Water/Sewer Account Adjustments. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Appropriation Supplemental dated June 30, 2024 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Curran to approve the Appropriation Supplemental. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

Police Department:

- For the month of June, the department had 42 recordable calls for service, 2 arrests for 3 charges and 5 citations issued.
- Officer Marlow gave his 2-week notice with his last day being July 18, 2024.
- Mayor Prince, Administrator Mitchell and Chief of Police Smith are working on a back-to-school party for the kids. More information to follow in the next few days.
- Mayor Prince, Councilor Hoyt and Chief of Police Smith met and discussed filing for the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and possibly purchasing in-car cameras.

Administrator:

- The Harmon Park playground construction is still in progress. Plans for site restoration are on-going as well due to the degree of slope between the Harmon Park building and the playground.
- A pre-construction meeting with Access Engineering and Ranger Earthworks is scheduled for later in July.
- Two new 25 MPH street signs with LED reading will be installed on N. Springfield Street just south of Maple Drive and the other on S. Springfield Street just south of Dugan Street.
- Within the last 2 months, there has been 2 instances of large branches/tree falling across the streets in the village. Neither resulted in injury or damage, but Administrator Mitchell will be meeting with a licensed arborist to determine if any trees, near the streets, need to be trimmed or removed.
- Administrator Mitchell is looking into an improvement plan for village sidewalks.

Committee Reports:**Budget:**

- Mayor Prince read the Budget Committee meeting minutes dated July 11, 2024 discussing the water/wastewater rate increase.

JSP Fire Board:

- The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the firehouse.

Land & Buildings:

- The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Park & Trees: none**Planning Commission:**

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the council room.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2024-5 Amending Ordinance 420 to rezone 509 Washington Street from M-2 to M-1 and rezone 511 Washington Street from M-2 to R-2. Mayor Prince conducted the third and final reading of Ordinance 2024-5. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Council Blair to approve Ordinance 2024-5. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Ordinance 2024-4 Water/Wastewater Rate Increase. Mayor Prince conducted the first reading of Ordinance 2024-4. The second reading of Ordinance 2024-4 will be held at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on August 12, 2024.
- Ordinance 2024-5 Amending Ordinance 420 to rezone 509 Washington Street from M-2 to M-1 and rezone 511 Washington Street from M-2 to R-2. Administrator Mitchell read a letter of recommendation for the rezoning. Mayor Prince conducted the first reading of Ordinance 2024-5. The second reading of Ordinance 2024-5 will be held at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on August 12, 2024. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Council Blair to schedule a Public Hearing in regards to Ordinance 2024-5 on August 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM with the regularly scheduled council meeting to immediately follow the public hearing. Motion passes.

Public Comments:

- Joyce Bowlin, 274 W. Poplar Street, stated that the Pony Wagon Committee will be raffling off a chance to win a suite at a Dayton Dragons baseball game.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Blair to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Motion passed.

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Susan Prince, Mayor

Date