

Village of St. Paris
August 19, 2024
Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 and Linda Julien were present. Steve Lett was absent. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell and Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire were also present.

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

Motion was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes dated August 12, 2024. Motion passed

Motion was made by Councilor Julien and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the Council meeting minutes dated August 12, 2024. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- Council discussed moving the next council meeting scheduled for September 2, 2024 due to the Labor Day holiday. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Council Hoyt to move the regularly scheduled council meeting dated September 2, 2024 to Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the council room. Motion passed.

The presentation of financials dated July 31, 2024 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Julien to approve the financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Bank Reconciliation dated July 31, 2024 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the Bank Reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of Water/Sewer Account Adjustments dated July 31, 2024 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Julien and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the Water/Sewer Account Adjustments. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Appropriation Supplemental dated July 31, 2024 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the Appropriation Supplemental. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

Councilor Ervin thanked Fiscal Officer McGuire for the Outstanding Achievement in Open and Transparent Government audit for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

Administrator:

- The retaining wall, along the new constructed playground at Harmon Park, is installed. The next phase will be the installation of downspout drainage. AES Electric has removed the street light pole that was located on N. College Street and the new playground lighting provides sufficient visibility.
- The Champaign County Engineer's Office performed fog seal maintenance on the following streets: W. Elm Street, Dugan Street, E. Poplar Street, E. Troy Street, E. Walnut Street, Cottage Street, Dewey Street, Jefferson Avenue, Lafayette Avenue and Madison Avenue.
- The forestry mulching maintenance, along E. Troy Street, is completed and will allow for ditch drainage improvements and easier accessibility to mowing.
- Along with the lighting improvements for the village council room, Kizer Electric will provide an estimate to make improvements to some of the electrical outlets/panel boxes for the kitchen and food pantry portion of the Municipal Building. The food pantry and the community breakfast leaders are having issues with the outlets.

Committee Reports:

Budget: none

JSP Fire Board:

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the firehouse.

Land & Buildings:

- Councilor Curran reviewed a few long-term ideas for land and buildings and are as follows: Establishing a wild flower area over most of the well field as well as a walking track that would be approximately 2/3 of a mile, moving the law enforcement operations into the under-utilized municipal building and perhaps demolish the police building which could add more downtown parking, the location of a salt storage building. Councilor Blair asked about the bike trail and how the deal was to get the money back this year and not in 2026 and expressed that he wants the village to not be involved in the bike trail. Councilor Curran stated that the “State” has allowed the capital improvement fund grant resources to be extended thru June 2026.

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 Ervin and seconded by Council Blair to approve Ordinance 2024-5. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Councilor Blair inquired if the village was going to hire another police officer. Mayor Prince stated that it was undecided at this point.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. **Motion** was made by Councilor Julien and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to enter into an executive session and to invite Attorney Drew Esposito into the executive session. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-1, with Councilor Blair voting against. Motion passed and Council entered into the executive session at 7:26 PM. At 9:00 PM, Mayor Prince and Attorney Drew Esposito exited the executive session. At 9:12 PM, Mayor Prince and Attorney Drew Esposito reentered the executive session. At 9.15 PM, executive session ended and **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Blair to exit the executive session. Motion passed and council resumed the open meeting.

Public Comments: none

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Motion passed.

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Susan Prince, Mayor

Date