

**Village of St. Paris
September 3, 2024
Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Susan 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 Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Ervin 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 Blair to approve the Council meeting minutes dated August 19, 2024. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- The Pony Wagon Parade is Thursday, September 5, 2024 starting at 6:00 PM. Festivities continue on Saturday, September 7th at 370 E. Main Street from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
- Mayor Prince read Officer David Craine's letter of retirement. Officer Craine is retiring effective September 8th, 2024 and his letter noted that he appreciated the opportunity given to him by the Village and has nothing but great things to say about the Village and the residents. Mayor Prince thanked Officer Craine for his service to St. Paris and congratulates him on his retirement.
- The Urbana Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution sent Mayor Prince a proclamation stating that September 17th – September 23rd is the annual Constitution Week Celebration. Mayor Prince read the proclamation urging citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American. The proclamation was signed by Mayor Prince and will be mailed to the Urbana Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Public Comments:

- Charlene Hess, 240 W. Troy Street, inquired about the Pony Wagon Trail and commented on the documentation/questions/discussions in regard to how the money should be handled and if the Village Solicitor has responded to the parameters on which the money is to be spent. Ms. Hess stated that JSP Fire District was not moving forward with the right-a-way easement to allow the bike trail on their property. Ms. Hess asked why nobody knows about the time extension of the bike trail grant and she stated that council needs to take care of things falling apart in the village.
- Joyce Bowlin, 274 W. Poplar Street, invited all to attend the Pony Wagon Parade and the festivities. After the parade on Thursday, a basket auction will be held in the municipal building garage bay and on Saturday the festivities include a dog show, a desert tasting contest with a winner for the best desert, lots of vendors and a chicken noodle lunch at the First Baptist Church from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Motion passed.

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Susan Prince, Mayor

Date