

Village of St. Paris
February 3, 2025
Council Meeting

Invocation Prayer was led by Councilor Ervin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Susan Prince. Joe Curran, Terry Ervin II, Tony Hoyt, and Steve Lett were present. Frank Blair and Linda Julien were absent. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell, Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire and Village Solicitor Daniel Bey were also present.

Motion was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the council agenda. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

Motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the council meeting minutes dated January 21, 2025. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes: none

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2024-8 – Sale of Police Cruiser.

New Business:

- Resolution 1389 – Street Tax Levy Renewal. Mayor Prince read Resolution 1389. Councilor Lett stated that this levy is a renewal and not new tax money and is needed to continue to upgrade the village streets. Councilor Ervin noted that with the passage of the renewal levy, the village could receive more money in grants to help pay for street projects. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve Resolution 1389. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 2025-1, Authorizing the sale of a police cruiser (2014 Dodge Charger VIN 2C3CDXAG3EH362580). Ordinance 2025-1 amends Ordinance 2024-2. Mayor Prince read Ordinance 2025-1. Council discussed the need to amend Article 3 of the Ordinance to include language that within two weeks of the winning bid being received, payment in full must be made. Council agreed that Chief of Police Smith should remove the police lights and equipment from the cruiser prior to the sale of the cruiser. **Motion** was made by Councilor Blair and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve Ordinance 2025-1. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 2025-2, Authorizing the sale of a police cruiser (2013 Chevrolet Tahoe VIV 1GNLC2E09DR316420). Ordinance 2025-2 amends Ordinance 2024-3. Mayor Prince read Ordinance 2025-2. Council discussed the need to amend Article 3 of the Ordinance to include language that within two weeks of the winning bid being received, payment in full must be made. Council agreed that Chief of Police Smith should remove the police lights and equipment from the cruiser prior to the sale of the cruiser. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve Ordinance 2025-2. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 2025-3, Village Solicitor Contract. Mayor Prince read Ordinance 2025-3.

Public Comments:

- Tony Whitman, 340 E. Main Street and downtown business owner, questioned Councilor Curran if he met with the Sheriff Department and what was the result of the meeting.
- Charlene Hess, 240 W. Troy Street, thanked Councilor Lett, Councilor Ervin and Councilor Hoyt for keeping public comments as part of the council meeting and stated the public has a right to be heard. Ms. Hess asked why there are no rules established for council behavior and there is no transparency and the lawsuit should have been settled. Ms. Hess also noted that council does not have a goal list as there has been few accomplishments over the last several years.
- Eric Smith, 6532 N. State Route 235, stated that council failed him and he was not offered COBRA insurance since being laid off. Mr. Smith asked if it was the Mayor or Attorney Drew Esposito who did the internal investigation of him.
- Lovina Berger, 210 E. Main Street, expressed concern about the flooding on Lynn Street.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Motion passed.

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Susan Prince, Mayor

Date