

Village of St. Paris
May 5, 2025
Council Meeting

The invocation prayer was led by Terry 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. Terry Ervin II, Tony Hoyt, Linda Julien and Steve Lett were present. Frank Blair and Joe Curran were absent. Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney was present.

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

- Charlene Hess, 240 W. Troy, asked council if they have considered the communication equipment in the police car when determining a price for the police cruiser.

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

Mayor’s Notes:

- The community pancake breakfast will be moved to May 17 as to not conflict with JSP’s breakfast being held on May 10, 2025.
- Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering Solutions gave an overall plan for the Village streets. He explained that the levy money can become significant money with grants.
- Mayor Prince went over the visuals that Brice passed out to everyone. The visuals showed the street plans for St. Paris for the next 5 years.

Old Business:

- Mayor Prince read the Champaign County Sheriff Office proposal for buying the police cruiser, ammunition and Tasers. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and second by Councilor Julien to accept the proposal. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Resolution 1313-7 Establishing salaries. Mayor Prince read resolution 1313-7. Councilor Ervin wants to review the ranges in the future. Councilor Julien questioned the administrator salary. Mayor Prince suggested that the resolution be looked at again when a new village administrator is hired. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and second by Councilor Ervin to accept Resolution 1313-7. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

- Charlene Hess, 240 W. Troy Street, talked about the theft of the Village car. She asked if the Village had any procedure for securing the building every night.
- Vella Reeves, 274 W. Walnut Street, announced that Pony Wagon Days is bringing the Circus to town on Saturday May 31. It will be held on the grounds of the Old Jr. High.
- Brenda Cook, 202 Maple Drive, talked about the Memorial Day activities being held at Evergreen Cemetery.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Motion passed.

Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

Susan Prince, Mayor

Date