

Village of St. Paris
May 18, 2026
Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Anthony Whitman. Present were Councilors Tony Hoyt, Terry Ervin II, Drake Huffman, Charlene Hess, and Shelley Valdez. Councilor Frank Blair was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis, Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney, and Sheriff's Deputy Tim Morris.

Mayor Whitman read the address that was being rezoned and asked if there were any questions regarding the properties.

Public Comments: None

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hess to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM. Motion passed.

Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026

Invocation Prayer

Led by Councilor Ervin.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Mayor Anthony Whitman. Present were Councilors Tony Hoyt, Terry Ervin II, Drake Huffman, Charlene Hess, and Shelley Valdez. Councilor Frank Blair was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis, Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney, and Sheriff's Deputy Tim Morris.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve the Council meeting minutes dated May 4, 2026. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes

- Mayor Whitman informed Council that Frank Blair has entered hospice care.

Financial Reports

Financial Statements (April 30, 2026) – A motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the financial statements as presented. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted 5–0 in favor. Motion passed.

Bank Reconciliation (April 30, 2026) – A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the bank reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted 5–0 in favor. Motion passed.

Water/Sewer Account Adjustments (April 30, 2026) – A motion was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the water/sewer account adjustments. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted 5–0 in favor. Motion passed.

Supplemental Appropriations (April 30, 2026) – A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the supplemental appropriations. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted 5–0 in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator's Report

- Jay Lewis and Mayor Whitman attended the JSP meeting on May 11 to answer additional questions regarding the easement language.
- Cybersecurity training for all employees began on May 12.
- Interior cleaning and repairs began on the central and east water towers on May 13, 2026.
- New flags have been purchased for the downtown area and will be hung this week.

Police Report

Deputy Morris provided a summary of police activity for April, including: 1 court paper served, 4 warrants, 4 animal complaints, 3 domestic incidents, 2 emergency runs, 2 unruly juveniles, 1 motor vehicle accident with injury, 1 shots-fired complaint, 4 suspicious persons, 1 suspicious vehicle, 17 traffic details, 7 follow-ups, 1 vandalism complaint, 4 traffic stops, 2 threats, 5 welfare checks, 66 building checks, 1 disabled vehicle, and 3 civil matters.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee: A meeting will be scheduled soon.
- JSP Fire Board: The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the firehouse.
- Parks, Land & Buildings Committee: Met on May 1, 2026, at 3:00 PM. The committee discussed park-related matters; however, no decisions were finalized.
- Planning Commission: Met on May 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. Discussion focused on options and parameters for potential data center development within the Village. The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.
- Public Health and Safety Committee: No meeting.
- Street Committee: Met on April 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM. Discussions included speed bumps, stop signs, and North Springfield Street.
- Zoning Enforcement Committee: No meeting.
- Technology Committee: Met on May 7, 2026, and discussed cybersecurity information provided by Administrator Lewis.

Old Business

- Ordinance 2026-3 – Rezoning Eleven Properties: Mayor Whitman conducted the third reading of the ordinance. A motion to approve Ordinance 2026-3 was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Valdez. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 5–0.

- Solar Power & Light Contract: John Haley of Solar Power & Light presented the contract for the Village. A resolution must be created to formally accept the contract. The resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

New Business

Ordinance 2026-4 – Sale of 2011 Honda CRV: Following a discussion regarding the vehicle’s value, Councilor Hess made a motion to change the starting bid to \$7,000, seconded by Councilor Hoyt. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2026-6 – Indigent Burials: Mayor Whitman conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

Ordinance 2026-7 – Rezoning Property at 702 E. Main Street: Mayor Whitman conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hess to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion passed.

Signatures:

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Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer	Anthony Whitman, Mayor	Date