

Village of St. Paris
May 19, 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. Terry Ervin II, Linda Julien, Tony Hoyt, and Frank Blair were present. Councilor Curran Joined around 7:10 PM. Steve Lett was absent. Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney and Sheriff Deputy Lyons were also present.

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Charlene Hess 240 W. Troy St. wanted to know what price the Village sold the police vehicle. She claims the equipment in the vehicle was worth a lot of money. She feels the Village should have asked for more money.

Motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the council meeting minutes dated May 5, 2025, as amended. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilor Curran and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the council meeting minutes dated April 7, 2025, as amended. Motion passed

Mayor's Notes:

- Mayor Prince introduced Jay Lewis as the new Village Administrator. **Motion** was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Julien to accept the appointment of Jay Lewis as the new Village Administrator. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- Mayor Prince mentioned an article in the Urbana Newspaper that proclaim Tim Morris as Employee of the Month. Tim Morris is assigned to St. Paris from the Champaign County Sheriff's Department.

The presentation of financials dated April 30, 2025 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Bank Reconciliation dated April 30, 2025 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Bank Reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of Water/Sewer Account Adjustments dated April 30, 2025 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin 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.

Administrator:

- Spencer Mitchell was not present.
- Deputy Lyons took this time to give a brief report on the policing activity in St. Paris during the month of April. Councilor Ervin announce that JSP was very happy working with the two officers assigned to St. Paris.

Committee Reports:

Budget:

- No meeting was held.

JSP Fire Board:

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the firehouse.

Park, Land & Buildings: Joe Curran gave a brief history of how the well field garden plots came to be. He thanked Gina Verlaney for taking over the sign-up of the plots. Next year he is hoping that the Master Gardeners of Urbana will take over the garden plots and their assignments to residents.

Planning Commission:

- The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Council room.

Safety:

- Nothing to Report

Street:

- The committee met and discussed the progress of the Plum Street Project and the passing of the Street Levy.

Zoning Enforcement:

- Nothing to report

Old Business:

- Councilor Ervin wanted to thank the community for the passing of the Street Levy. Councilor Hoyt talked about a survey that will go out to residents to help determine the next street project. Councilor Blair asked that the survey be explained to residents so that residents will answer all the questions.
- The Memorial Day Services were announced again. They will begin at 9:30 on May 26, 2025 at Evergreen Cemetery.

New Business:

- None

Public Comments:

Joyce Bowlin, 274 W. Poplar Street, asked which street will be next for improvements. She also congratulated Jay Lewis on his new position as Village Administrator.

Eric Smith on 235 thanked Frank Blair for the flags at the cemetery.

Charlene Hess, 240 Troy Street, announced they had a successful Community Breakfast. The next breakfast is June 21, 2025.

There being no further business, **Motion** was made by Councilor Curran and seconded by Councilor Julien to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Motion passed.

Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

Susan Prince, Mayor

Date