

Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026

Invocation Prayer: Led by Councilor Valdez.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis and Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney.

Approval of Agenda

A **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve the council agenda as amended. The motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

- Doug Baugher, 221 N. Springfield St., spoke about the excessive speed of motorists traveling north on Springfield Street near Elm Street and suggested that a stop sign be installed.

Approval of Minutes: A **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Council Public Hearing minutes dated May 18, 2026. The motion passed. A **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hess to approve the Council meeting minutes dated May 18, 2026. The motion passed.

Mayor's Notes

- Mayor Whitman announced the dates of the next Community Breakfast (June 20), the next Community Garage Sale (June 20), and the JSP Fireworks (July 27, 5:00 PM–11:00 PM).
- The Hot Rods & Harleys car show will be held on Springfield Street on June 6 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Old Business

- Ordinance 2026-4 – *Sale of 2011 Honda CR-V*: Mayor Whitman conducted the second reading.
- Ordinance 2026-5 – *Cybersecurity Reporting*: Mayor Whitman conducted the second reading.
- Ordinance 2026-6 – *Indigent Burials*: Mayor Whitman conducted the second reading.
- Ordinance 2026-7 – *Rezoning Property at 702 E. Main Street*: Mayor Whitman conducted the second reading.
- Ordinance 2026-8 – *Agreement with Renewable Power*: Mayor Whitman conducted the first reading.

New Business

- Mayor Whitman discussed beginning conversations regarding a new storm drain levy. He would like to see a couple of council members spearhead the committee. Before placing it on the ballot, he will be looking at costs.
- Mayor Whitman requested letters of interest for a vacant council seat with a term ending December 31, 2027. He asked that all letters be submitted by June 12, 2026.
- Mayor Whitman discussed placing an additional stop sign at N. Springfield Street and Elm Street. Administrator Lewis will ask Johnson Township if a speed limit sign could be installed to slow traffic before motorists reach the stop sign.

Public Comments

- Tim Spriggs, 110 Park Ave., discussed the flooding he experienced during the last heavy rainstorm. He showed a video of water rushing from Main Street down Park Avenue. He suggested that an additional storm drain is needed in the area.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. The motion passed.

Signatures

Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

Tony Whitman, Mayor

Date