

Village of St. Paris
June 2, 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, Frank Blair and Joe Curran were present. Steve Lett was absent. Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney and Village Administrator Jay Lewis were also present.

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

- None

Motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the council meeting minutes dated May 19, 2025. Motion passed.

Mayor’s Notes:

- The community pancake breakfast will be held on June 21, 2025.
- The fireworks sponsored by JSP will be held on June 21, 2025.
- St. Paris “Garage Sale Days” will be on June 21, 2025.
- The State Route 36 waterline project is in progress and will continue for a while.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Councilor Linda Julien has resigned her council seat. Mayor Prince asked that anyone interested in being on council have their letters of interest in by June 16 and a vote will be held on July 7. Whoever is appointed to this seat will have it through December 2025. Councilor Curran made a **Motion** to appoint Spencer Mitchell to the vacant seat. After some discussion how this would be unfair to Spencer Mitchell, Councilor Curran withdrew his nomination.
- Councilor Hoyt gave an update on OML opportunities. He suggested a webinar for the Park, Land & Buildings’ committee on “Trees”. He also mentioned the annual mayor’s conference.
- Councilor Curran talked about the Village Gardens. He said that the Master Gardeners of Urbana have discussed putting in a butterfly habitat next year.

Public Comments:

- Joyce Bowlin, 274 W. Poplar St., scolded Councilor Curran for nominating someone who wasn’t at the meeting nor did he know if he were interested. She also said Councilor Julien’s appointment onto council last year was done incorrectly.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Curran and seconded by Councilor Blair to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Motion passed.

Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

Susan Prince, Mayor

Date