

Village of St. Paris  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2026

**Invocation Prayer:** Led by Councilor Ervin.

**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 Denise Beall. Shelley Valdez was absent. Also present were Deputy Jacob Farber and Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** A **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hess to approve the Council Public Work Session minutes dated June 29, 2026. The motion passed. A **motion** was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the Council meeting minutes dated June 15, 2026. The motion passed.

**Mayor's Notes**

- Mayor Whitman gave a brief synopsis of the work session with JSP and Johnson Township held on June 29, 2026 at the JSP Fire Station.

**Old Business**

- Ordinance 2026-8 – *Agreement with Renewable Power*: Mayor Whitman conducted the third reading. A **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Beall to Approve the Ordinance 2026-8. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 5-0.
- Ordinance 2026-9 – *Establishing a Stop Sign at the Intersection of Elm St. and Springfield St.*: Mayor Whitman conducted the second reading.

**New Business**

- Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney and Council President Tony Hoyt reviewed the 2027 Tax Revenue Budget. A **motion** was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Huffman to have a Tax Budget Hearing before the regular council meeting on July 20, 2026. The motion passed.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Ervin to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion passed.

**Signatures**

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Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

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Tony Whitman, Mayor

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Date