

Village of St. Paris
Work Session
July 20, 2026
6:00 PM

Invocation Prayer: Led by Councilor Ervin.
Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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, Denise Beall, and Shelley Valdez. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis and Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney. Joining the work session was LUC member Brad Bodenmiller and Planning Commission members Alan Bollinger, Anastasia James and Karl Zerkle.

Work Session
Councilor Ervin stated the goal of the Planning Commission is to gather information about data centers in order to protect residents. Alan Bollinger stated the Planning Commission is seeking to determine what Council wants from the LUC pertaining to data centers. Brad Bodenmiller gave a presentation on the information the LUC has gathered about data centers. Councilor Ervin suggested creating a resolution to help guide the Planning Commission. Alan Bollinger asked for direction from Council soon, as it would take approximately seven months for the Planning Commission to come up with a plan.

Adjournment
There being no further business, a motion was made by Alan Bollinger and seconded by Karl Zerkle to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Village of St. Paris
Public Hearing on Rezoning
July 20, 2026

Roll Call
Roll call was taken by Mayor Anthony Whitman. Present were Councilors Tony Hoyt, Terry Ervin II, Drake Huffman, Denise Beall, and Shelley Valdez. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis, Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Public Hearing
Administrator Jay Lewis explained, using a handout, how the rezoning of Terry Howell’s property would look.

Adjournment
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Beall to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Village of St. Paris
Tax Revenue Budget Hearing
July 20, 2026

Roll Call
Roll call was taken by Mayor Anthony Whitman. Present were Councilors Tony Hoyt, Terry Ervin II, Drake Huffman, Denise Beall, and Shelley Valdez. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis, Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Budget Hearing
Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney explained how the revenues were determined and asked if anyone had any questions.

Adjournment
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Ervin to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026

Roll Call
Roll call was taken by Mayor Anthony Whitman. Present were Councilors Tony Hoyt, Terry Ervin II, Drake Huffman, Denise Beall, and Shelley Valdez. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis, Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney, and Sheriff’s Deputy Jacob Farber.

Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve the Council meeting minutes dated July 6, 2026. Motion passed.

Mayor’s Notes

- JSP Fish Fry will be Saturday, July 25, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. The cost is \$12 per person.
- Pony Wagon Days Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, July 25. Registration begins at 7:15 AM, with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM. The cost is \$75 per person, which includes lunch.
- Graham PTO Car and Vendor Show – July 24, 4:30 PM-8:30 PM.

Financial Reports

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

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

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

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

Police Report

Jacob Farber provided a summary of police activity for June, including: 1 burglary, 6 details, 4 court papers, 5 animal complaints, 1 non-injury motor vehicle accident, 1 domestic, 1 office report, 1 fight, 5 emergency runs, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 report motor vehicle – injury, 1 theft, 2 missing persons, 1 attempted suicide, 2 suspicious persons, 8 traffic details, 9 follow-ups, 2 vandalism, 4 harassment, 1 alarm drop, 1 false alarm, 15 traffic stops, 15 reports on complaints, 12 911 calls, 75 building checks, 2 civil matters, and 5 welfare checks.

Administrator’s Report

- Village Administrator Jay Lewis reported the Honda Civic sold for \$7,300.00.
- He asked that everyone complete their cybersecurity course.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee:** No meeting.
- **JSP Fire Board:** The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the firehouse.
- **Parks, Land & Buildings Committee:** No meeting.
- **Planning Commission:** The next meeting is on September 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.
- **Public Health and Safety Committee:** Met on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM.
- **Street Committee:** No meeting.
- **Zoning Enforcement Committee:** No meeting.
- **Technology Committee:** No meeting.

Old Business

• Ordinance 2026-9 *Establishing a Stop Sign at the Intersection of Elm St. and Springfield St.* Mayor Whitman conducted the third reading. A **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve Ordinance 2026-9. Motion passed 5-0.

• 2026 Tax Revenue Budget - A motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the Tax Revenue Budget. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

• Ordinance 2026-10 *Rezoning Properties in St. Paris and Declaring an Emergency.* It was explained that the property was closing the next day and this ordinance was necessary for the closing. A **motion** was made by Councilor Valdez and seconded by Councilor Ervin to accept this ordinance as an emergency. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted 5–0 in favor. Motion passed. A **motion** was made by Councilor Beall and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve Ordinance 2026-10. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted 5–0 in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comments

Jeff Borroughs, 118 E. Main St., thanked St. Paris for purchasing three black maple trees for Evergreen Cemetery.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Beall to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Motion passed.

Signatures:

Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

Anthony Whitman, Mayor

Date