Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2026

Invocation Prayer: Led by Councilor Ervin.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., 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 Tim Taulbee and Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney.

Approval of Agenda
A **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hoyt 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 Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Beall to approve the Council meeting minutes dated August 17, 2026. The motion passed.

Mayor's Notes
- Pony Wagon Day's parade will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. More information can be found on the Village website.

Old Business
- Ordinance 2026-11 – *Right-of-Way Spaces*: Mayor Whitman conducted the second reading.
- Tornado Siren: Information was updated by Mayor Whitman. The current budget can support the purchase. The grant discussed at the previous meeting is no longer an option.

New Business
- The Champaign County Sheriff's Office needs a vehicle that is outfitted for a K-9 unit. Since the Village has a K-9 vehicle, the Village will swap it for one of the Sheriff's vehicles. The Sheriff's Office will also pay off the K-9 vehicle loan. A resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Resolution 1407 - *Accepting Amounts and Rate Determined by Budget Commission* A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Ervin to accept Resolution 1407. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed, 5-0.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment
There being no further business, a **motion** was made by Councilor Hess and seconded by Councilor Huffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion passed.

Signatures

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Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer Tony Whitman, Mayor Date