Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 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, and Shelley Valdez. Charlene Hess and Denise Beall were absent. Also present were Deputy Tim Taulbee and Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney.

Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Huffman 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 Ervin and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the Council meeting minutes dated September 21, 2026. The motion passed.

Mayor's Notes
- Mayor Anthony Whitman and Village Administrator Jay Lewis visited Washington Court, Ohio, and observed their monthly tornado siren testing. Washington Court has the same siren St. Paris is considering purchasing. Mayor Whitman expressed support for purchasing the same siren for St. Paris.

Old Business: None

New Business
- Jeff Coaty, Community Education & Outreach Director for the Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities, spoke regarding the 1.5-mill levy they have on the ballot. They provide services to approximately 440 people in Champaign County.
- Mayor Whitman brought up for discussion a TIF he would like to implement at Wick Court to help pay for the new waterline. A TIF would keep the property taxes in Wick Court for economic development.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion passed.

Signatures

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Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer Tony Whitman, Mayor Date