

Village of St. Paris
October 6, 2025
Council Meeting

Invocation Prayer was led by Councilor Curran.

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. Joe Curran, Terry Ervin II, Tony Hoyt, Drake Huffman, Frank Blair and Steve Lett were present. Village Administrator Jay Lewis, Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney and Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Farber were also present.

Motion was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Lett to approve the council agenda. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

Motion was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the council meeting minutes dated September 15, 2025. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- The Community Breakfast will be held on October 11, 2025.
- Beggars' Night will be moved to Thursday, October 30 due to Graham's football team schedule.
- Meet the Candidates will be held on October 18 at 5:00 in the Municipal Building garage.
- Volunteers are needed to serve on the Nuisance Abatement Committee. Charlene Hess, Gerard Nannarone and Tony Whitman volunteered. The two who are running for offices were reminded that they would not be able to continue to serve if they win their offices.
- Mayor Prince thanked The Local Pair for the festival they put together September 27, 2025.
- Mayor Prince introduced Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Farber. Deputy Farber recently saved a choking man's life while on duty here in St. Paris.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2025-10 – Rezoning the Water Treatment Plant Property. Mayor Prince presented the second reading.

New Business:

- Mayor Prince presented the Medical Mutual 2026 insurance premiums. The rate increase is 3.8% and the EyeMed Vision increase was 0.0%. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and second by Councilor Ervin to accept the new insurance rates. Motion passed 6-0.
- Mayor Prince presented the 2026 fee schedule for Clemans-Nelson & Associate, Inc. **Motion** was made by Councilor Curran and seconded by Councilor Lett to accept Clemans-Nelson's 2026 fee schedule. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments:

- Elleyn Hackley, 216 W. Lynn, gave information about Christmas in the Village's fundraising event "Trivia Night" October 18 at 7:30PM at Lakeland Golf Club.
- Tony Whitman, 340 E. Main, talked about his event Spooktacular on October 26 from noon until 8:00PM.
- Brittany Hart, 127 S. Springfield St., thanked the Champaign County Sheriff's Department for handling the vandalism at Lafayette Park.
- Charlene Hess, 240 W. Troy Street, asked which grants were being sought after for the waterline project that loops back from state highway 235. The mayor explained that the project was in the "thinking" stage and when the time comes, Access Engineering has been very successful in the past in acquiring grants for the Village projects.
- Denise Beal, 201 N. Springfield St., spoke about how nice the festival, put on by The Local Pair, was on September 27. She also spoke about how lovely the repair on railroad tracks has been.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Blair and seconded by Councilor Huffman to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Motion passed.