Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 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 Drake Huffman, Terry Ervin II, Charlene Hess, Denise Beall, and Shelley Valdez. Tony Hoyt was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis, Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney, and Sheriff's Deputy Tim Taulbee.

Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the 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 Huffman to approve the Council meeting minutes dated October 5, 2026. The motion passed.

Mayor's Notes
- Beggar's Night will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Spooktacular will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2026, on Springfield Street from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Financial Reports

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

Bank Reconciliation (September 30, 2026) – A motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Hess to approve the bank reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted 5–0 in favor. The motion passed.

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

Supplemental Appropriation (September 30, 2026) - A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve the supplemental appropriation. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted 5–0 in favor. The motion passed.

Police Report
Tim Taulbee provided a summary of police activity for September, including: 5 details, 6 warrants, 4 animal complaints, 2 non-injury motor vehicle reports, 3 domestic reports, 1 fire run, 1 emergency run, 3 juvenile complaints, 2 unruly juvenile reports, 1 theft report, 1 missing person, 2 suspicious persons, 1 suspicious vehicle, 2 traffic details, 12 follow-ups, 2 harassment reports, 1 false alarm, 44 traffic stops, 14 complaint reports, 9 911 calls, 63 building checks, 3 civil matters, and 6 welfare checks.

Administrator's Report
- The Village is in the process of finishing the OWDA Construction Loan application for the Well/Waterline Project.
- There will be a meeting next week with the engineer to identify and discuss what needs to be done to address our storm sewer trouble areas.
- The Village is finalizing approval of the plans for the two fiber cable companies to begin construction on direct boring the fiber cables through town.
- The Village will be presenting the GYAA agreement for approval in November.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee:** A meeting is being set up to discuss temporary appropriations.
- **Planning Commission:** The next meeting is November 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **JSP Fire Board:** The next meeting is on November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. JSP is looking to fill a vacant seat on the Fire Board with a Village resident.
- **Parks, Land & Buildings Committee:** Councilor Hess suggested that the Community Garden plots be cleaned up.
- **Public Health and Safety Committee:** No meeting.
- **Street Committee:** No meeting.
- **Zoning Enforcement Committee:** No meeting.
- **Technology Committee:** No meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Mayor Whitman announced that the Village will be looking at different health insurance plans.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Beall to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion passed.

Signatures:

Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

Anthony Whitman, Mayor

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Date _____