Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 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, Shelley Valdez, Charlene Hess, and Denise Beall. Also present were Deputy Tim Taulbee, Village Administrator Jay Lewis, and Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Valdez 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 Beall and seconded by Councilor Hess to approve the Council meeting minutes dated October 19, 2026. The motion passed.

Mayor's Notes

- Leaf pickup will begin November 3, 2026. Leaves should be raked up to the curb and be free of sticks.

Old Business: None.

New Business

- The renewal for Medical Mutual was presented with a 4.51% increase in premiums. A motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Huffman to accept the Medical Mutual renewal for the employees' health insurance. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 6-0.
- **Resolution 1409 –** *Authorizing a Monthly Stipend for Employees Who Elect to Forego Village Health Insurance.* Councilor Ervin expressed concerns about passing the resolution, stating that foregoing health insurance is an employee's choice. A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve the monthly stipend for employees who forego Village health insurance. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 5-1.
- **Ordinance 2026-13 –** *Entering into a Five-Year Agreement with GYAA.* Mayor Whitman conducted the first reading. Village Administrator Jay Lewis pointed out the new addition to the agreement, which gives the Village opportunities to host tournaments and generate revenue.
- **Ordinance 2026-14 –** *Accepting the Urbana Prosecutor to Prosecute Criminal and Traffic Cases for the Village.* Mayor Whitman conducted the first reading.

Public Comments

- Joyce Bowlin, 274 W. Poplar, commented on the GYAA contract, stating that having tournaments would be a great thing for the Village.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hess to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion passed.

Signatures

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Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer Anthony Whitman, Mayor Date