

**Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2026**

Invocation Prayer:

Lead by Councilor Ervin.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken by Mayor Anthony Whitman. Present were Councilors Terry Ervin II, Drake Huffman, Frank Blair, and Shelley Valdez. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis and Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney. Councilors Charlene Hess and Tony Hoyt were absent.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the council agenda. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the Council Meeting minutes dated January 19, 2026. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- Mayor Whitman announced the Community Breakfast for February 14, 2026 from 8:00-11:00.

Old Business:

- Mayor Whitman asked council if they had any opinions on the three job descriptions given at the last meeting for a part-time zoning officer. A decision was made that the budget needs to be looked at to determine the amount of time we can offer an employee.
- Mayor Whitman brought up the speed bumps at Harmon Park. It was decided that a discussion should happen with Ranger Earthworks to figure out the cost. The task was assigned to the committee Parks, Lands & Buildings.
- The Policy and Procedures Handbook was passed around for final approval with signatures.

New Business:

- Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney explained that RITA sent out 370 non-filer letters. The paper council members received will help explain to any resident who received a letter how to proceed.

Public Comments:

Joyce Bowlin, 274 W. Poplar St., stated, "if you want to get through town quickly, take High Street". She went on to talk about the park and adding a speed bump.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Valdez to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Motion passed.

Signatures:

Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

Tony Whitman, Mayor

Date