

**Village of St. Paris
Council Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026**

Invocation Prayer

Led by Councilor Valdez.

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 Tony Hoyt, Terry Ervin II, Drake Huffman, and Shelley Valdez. Councilors Frank Blair and Charlene Hess were absent. Also present were Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney and Officer Jacob Farber.

Approval of Agenda

A **motion** was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Ervin 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 Public Hearing meeting minutes dated April 20, 2026. The motion passed.

A **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve the Council meeting minutes dated April 20, 2026. The motion passed.

Mayor's Notes

- Stop signs at South Springfield and Troy will be reinstalled to slow traffic entering town.

Old Business

- Ordinance 2026-3, *To Rezone Eleven Properties*: Mayor Whitman conducted the second reading.
- Ordinance 2026-1, *To Transfer and Hold Insurance Proceeds for Fire-Damaged Structures*: Mayor Whitman conducted the third reading. A **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Huffman to pass Ordinance 2026-1. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4–0.

New Business

- John Halley from Solar Power & Light gave a presentation on a new solar project adjacent to the current solar panels. He explained that, with the new water treatment plant, the current panels are not producing enough power. The project will not cost the village any money. Mayor Whitman requested a copy of the contract, and council will discuss it at the next meeting.

Public Comments

- Burney Knisley, 103 Emerald Dr., thanked the St. Paris Street Department for cleaning up village brush. He also commented on the effectiveness of the new speed bumps at Harmon Park.
- Tonya Hackley, 232 E. Elm St., announced the first fundraiser of the year for Christmas in the Village on May 16 at Lakeland Golf Club. It is a 1990s-themed trivia event; 1990s attire is encouraged.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. The motion passed.

Signatures

Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

Tony Whitman, Mayor

Date