

**Village of St. Paris**  
**May 15, 2023**  
**Council Meeting**

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

The invocation prayer was led by Pastor Jeremy Spence of the First Baptist Church.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Brenda Cook. Joe Curran, Terry Ervin II, Lynn Miller, Susan Prince, Sam Ronicker and Randy Smith were present. Utility Clerk Gina Verlaney and Chief of Police Eric Smith were also present. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell and Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire were absent.

**Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Council agenda, as amended. Motion passed.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

- Frank Blair, 203 Dugan Street, noted that flags will be set on May 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Evergreen Cemetery for Memorial Day.

**Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Council meeting minutes dated May 1, 2023. Motion passed.

The presentation of financials dated April 30, 2023 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Prince to approve the financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Bank Reconciliation dated April 30, 2023 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Curran to approve the Bank Reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of Water/Sewer Account Adjustments dated April 30, 2023 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Water/Sewer Account Adjustments. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Appropriation Supplemental dated April 30, 2023 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Curran to approve the Appropriation Supplemental. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**Mayor's Notes:**

- The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to St. Paris on Monday, May 22, 2023 and performing a show at 5:00 PM and another at 7:30 PM. This is being brought to the village by the Pony Wagon Days Committee.
- Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Harmon Park on May, 29, 2023 beginning at 9:30 AM. The ceremony is sponsored by the Our Town St. Paris Association with Joe Curran being the Chairman.
- Graham High School's commencement is Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM.
- Garage Sale Day in St. Paris is June 17, 2023 and is sponsored by Our Town St. Paris Association.

**Police Department:**

- For the month of April, there were 44 recordable calls for service, 5 arrests and 0 traffic citations issued.
- A new rifle was purchased for the department.

**Administrator:**

- Work continues on W. Lynn Street project. Paving is scheduled to begin on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- With the help of Access Engineering, a bid package will be needed for the replacement of playground equipment at Harmon Park. The package would include installation of new playground equipment, re-installation of playground equipment that still meets safety standards, installation of previously purchased playground equipment, new surfacing of the playground area, new basketball hoops, park benches and trash receptacles.
- OPWC has approved the grant application for the future W. Plum Street and N. Church Street project to be done in 2024. The grant is for \$400,000.
- The Planning Commission and Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission has discussed the steps needed for proper enforcement and documentation for residential use in the downtown business district.

**Committee Appointments and Discussion:**

- **Budget:**  
-The committee met on May 12<sup>th</sup> and discussed the 2024 revenue budget.
- **JSP Fire Board:**  
-The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the firehouse.  
-A fish fry is scheduled for June 3, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the firehouse.
- **Land & Buildings:**  
-The May meeting is cancelled.  
-The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the council room.
- **Park & Trees:**  
-The concrete pillars will not be repaired until August.  
-The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the council room.
- **Planning Commission:**  
-The Planning Commission discussed residency at downtown storefronts at the last meeting and reviewed conflicting Ordinances pertaining to this matter.  
-The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the council room.
- **Safety:**  
-The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

**Old Business:**

- Ordinance 2023-5 Revoking CEP as Agent for the Sale of the Municipal Building. Mayor Cook conducted the second reading of Ordinance 2023-5. The third and final reading will be held at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on June 5, 2023. Councilor Curran stated that he would like to keep the property listed on the market.

**New Business:**

- Ordinance 2023-6 – Amending Ordinance 908. Mayor Cook conducted the first reading of Ordinance 2023-6 and it was discussed by Council. A second reading of the ordinance will be held at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on June 5, 2023.

**Public Comments:**

-Lisa Taylor, 3903 Kiser Lake Road and owner of downtown building, asked about a splash pad for the Village. Councilor Ronicker stated that the Village does not have the funds for a splash pad.  
-Gaye Carafa, owner of St. Paris Pharmacy & Wellness located at 122 S. Springfield Street, asked how Council could attract businesses to St. Paris.  
-Frank Blair, 203 Dugan Street, questioned why Council could not just follow the Ordinance as it is written to enforce the downtown storefront living.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Motion passed.

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Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

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Brenda Cook, Mayor

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