

Village of St. Paris
May 1, 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 Council President Pro-Temp Susan Prince. Mayor Brenda Cook was absent. Joe Curran, Terry Ervin II, Lynn Miller, Susan Prince, Sam Ronicker and Randy Smith were present. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell, Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire and Chief of Police Eric Smith were also present.

Motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Council agenda. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

- Frank Blair, 203 Dugan Street, noted that he has a meeting at 10:00 AM at the St. Paris Library with Evergreen Cemetery to schedule a date to set flags for Memorial Day. All are welcome to attend the meeting and help set the flags.

Motion was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Council meeting minutes dated April 17, 2023. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Council special meeting minutes dated April 25, 2023. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- The St. Paris Library is having a Masquerade Murder Mystery Theater on May 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the library. Enjoy dancing, hors d'oeuvres and mocktails while sinister deeds happen throughout the library. Contact the library for tickets and all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. Jeff Burroughs stated that the mystery theater has been rescheduled for sometime this Fall due to lack of ticket sales.
- Graham Local Schools kindergarten class will be coming to the Village on May 12, 2023.
- 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. Councilor Prince read an apology letter from Mayor Cook in regards of giving incorrect information about the Memorial Day Ceremony at the last council meeting.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2023-5 Revoking CEP as Agent for the Sale of the Municipal Building. Council President Pro-Temp Prince conducted the first reading of Ordinance 2023-5. The second reading will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on May 15, 2023.

New Business:

- Resolution 1367 – 2023 Supplemental Appropriations. Council President Pro-Temp Prince read Resolution 1367. The resolution is to provide supplemental appropriations for the West Lynn Street improvement project. **Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Curran to approve Resolution 1367. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

- Jeff Burroughs, 118 E. Main Street, provided Council with an Urbana Daily Citizen newspaper clipping from May 26, 1930 which reports that St. Paris High School won the State Class B baseball championship. Mr. Burroughs spoke about his research into this team and inquired about the possibility of putting a sign at the edge of the village recognizing the championship team.
- Frank Blair, 203 Dugan Street, inquired about the storefront living in St. Paris. Councilor Ronicker explained that there is conflicting code in previous Ordinances. Councilor Ervin noted that the Planning Commission will look at the Ordinances and review with the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission and bring a recommendation to Council for approval. Mr. Blair also asked if the Municipal Building was off the market. Councilor Prince explained that Ordinance 2023-5 takes three readings and a yes vote by Council before removing the property for sale.
- Gaye Carafa, owner of St. Paris Pharmacy & Wellness located at 122 S. Springfield Street, noted that the Our Town St. Paris Association meeting is May 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM at Jim's Pizza Chalet. Mrs. Carafa encouraged people to come.
- Village Administrator Mitchell noted that the county is currently demolishing two vacant houses in St. Paris this week.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Curran to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Motion passed.