

HOW THE TOWN GOT ITS NAME

The Town was named after the Catholic cemetery, which was donated by the James Gallagher family in the late 1800's. It is just east of Town Hall on St. Paul Rd. At that time, St. Paul Road was referred to as Scanlan Hill as the Scanlans owned all the surrounding property.

The town of St. Paul, Texas, was established in 1971. Formerly in the ETJ of Wylie, Texas, St. Paul was established to preserve the spacious, rural environment the residents had become accustomed to and to eliminate unnecessary taxes, rules and regulations of Wylie.

Financial requirements of St. Paul would be met by a 2% franchise taxes from Farmers Electric Co-op, Wylie Northeast Water Corp., and General Telephone Co. Road maintenance would be provided by Collin County. Fire protection would be provided by Wylie.

The original population of St. Paul was 202, with 66 registered voters. Administration of the town would be handled by six elected officials (i.e. mayor, and five aldermen) and a town secretary. All elected positions would be volunteer two-year terms. The town secretary would be a salaried employee of the Town.

In April, 1972, Mr. Don Hayter, the Town's appointed attorney, held St. Paul's first elections. All residents over 18 years of age, and living in St. Paul for at least 6 months, were eligible to run for office. The Town's first elected mayor was Mr. Darryl Gumm, who served from 1972 to 1974. The first elected aldermen were John Scanlan, J. E. (Jesse) Gibson, Howard Finley, Philip M. Lawrence and Bob Hubenthal.

By July, 1972, garbage pickup was provided by Triplets at a rate of \$4.00 per month. Street names were decided upon, and signs were purchases for \$7.00 each in 1981.

Interest in living in St. Paul was growing. By September 15, 1972, 90 more families were annexed into the town's boundaries. On August 17, 1973, an additional 109 properties petitioned annexation into St. Paul.

St. Paul's first protection contract was finalized with the Wylie Fire Department on April 1, 1973. A rate of \$300.00/per fire was agreed upon. The Town was required to establish a fund for fire protection. To cover this expense, each family was assessed \$25.00 per year, with a maximum of \$50.00 limit and \$1.00 per year thereafter.

In order to meet growing needs for an organized development plan of St. Paul, a Planning and Zoning Commission was established May 18, 1973. Five residents were appointed on the Planning and Zoning Commission. These were Glen Pockrus, Barney Barnes, Blackie Lambert, Fred Hall and Howard Finley. Town ordinances were established to determine lot sizes, building codes, and land use, and public health and safety. Fees for inspections were established in April, 1975, at \$2.50 per inspections, up to a limit of five inspections.

In the early 1980's, the residents expressed an interest in establishing a volunteer fire department in St. Paul. Fire department equipment was purchased from the City of

Renner. Wylie NE Water Supply Corp. purchased a 3/4 ton IHC utility truck which the Town of St. Paul had retained title during the compliance period. On March 8, 1982, Darryl Gumm was appointed the Fire Chief for the Town of St. Paul.

Small businesses began to open in St. Paul. A city sales tax was passed by vote of the residents in April, 1983.

In June, 1984, Lakeshore Estates I and 11 petitioned annexation into St. Paul.

Growing demands on the St. Paul infrastructure brought about the need for additional revenue. By July 1984, St. Paul was approved as a Central Appraisal District. A property tax rate was calculated at \$.12 per \$100 valuations of a resident's property. People over age 65 with a property valuations of \$75,000 or less were exempted from the property tax.

A cable franchise was approved in September, 1984, with a 3% franchise tax going to St. Paul.

To manage the revenues, a tax assessor/collector was hired in September, 1984, for \$2600 a year. By October, 1984, the tax rate was increased to \$.20 per \$100 property valuation.

To satisfy public notice requirements, the McKinney Courier-Gazette and The Wylie News were selected as the official publications of the Town of St. Paul.

An ordinance establishing a Municipal court passed April, 1986, with Mr. John Newton to serve a Municipal Judge. Also at that time, an additional 160 acres of the Moussa properties were annexed into St. Paul.

EARLY WORK TO ORGANIZE THE TOWN

Darryl Gumm and Howard Finley did all the logistics and paper work.

Barney Barnes or C. C. Barnes put up money.

90% of paper copying and phone was donated by Joyce Pockrus as an employee of Gables & Sturch.

At the first meeting Joyce was asked to be the secretary. This meeting was held at the IOOF Hall on Paul Wilson Road, across the street from Jesse Martin's home. Various people volunteer for council places.

Later, Town meetings and elections were held in Fred Scanlan's bait house, where Mark Stone's house is now located.

A 99 year lease for \$1.00 per year was obtained from Wylie NW Water Supply Corp. on their land for the original Town Hall. The building was built with volunteer labor and materials, and revenue sharing funds and grant from the government. Glen Pockrus handled the pouring of the slab, Jesse Martin, the roof and brick, painting was done by Glen & Jim Corrión, windows and doors were procured by Howard Finley, locks by Art Wise and sheetrock by Barney Barnes.

The Cost of the building was \$13,000.00 in Government funds including furniture. The rest was out of pocket from residents of S1. Paul.

There was a stainless steel time capsule inserted above the door of the fire station, sealed in concrete, still at original location. Contents believed to be a copy of original minutes, incorporation papers and a map.

When the building was to be dedicated, the date was delayed due to the death of Mrs. Gumm. Two months later the dedication was done by Judge Buddy Newton.

Joyce Pockrus was the Secretary until 1994 and received no salary.

The Town Hall was moved to the present location in 1990. There was opposition from some residents.

SUBSEQUENT MAYORS AND COUNCILPEOPLE

1973: Mayor Darryl Gumm

Barnie Barnes
Mr. Lawrence
Glen Pockrus
Mr. Mulkey
Blackie Lambert

1974: Mayor Mike Lawrence

Mary Ellis
Darryl Gumm
Glen Pockrus
Blackie Lambert
Barney Barnes

1975: Mayor Vernon Robinson

Art Wise
Russell Nunnally
Lowell Brewster
Mary Ellis
Darryl Gumm

1976: Mayor Darryl Gumm

Bob Hubenthal
Keith Penner
Art Wise
Mary Ellis
Russell Nunnally

1977: Mayor: Darryl Gumm

no record of council

1978: Mayor Joyce Pockrus

Torn Brophy
Max Romero
David Hirmon
Russell Nunnally
Kenneth Bailey

1979: Mayor Joyce Pockrus

Max Romero
David Hirmon
Kenneth Bailey
Bill King
Arthur Mulkey

1981: Mayor Darryl Gumm

Dan Reed
Bill King
Max Romero
Arthur Mulkey
Floyd Bare

1982: Mayor Harold Leverett

Russell Nunnally
Marie Finley
Floyd Hare
Dan Reed
Bill King

1983: Mayor Harold Leverett

Bill King
Mr. Spowart
Floyd Hale
Marie Finley
Russell Nunnally

1984: Mayor Dennis Allen

David Hirmon, Jr.
Larry Reynolds
Mark Stone
Mr. Dixon
Bill King

1985: & 1986 Mayor Dennis Allen

Stuart Wallace
Mr. Dixon
Mr. Askey

Mark Stone
Larry Reynolds

1987: Mayor Stuart Wallace
Carl Sherrin
Bill Butscher
Betsy Jones
Sue Reynolds
Mark Stone

July, 1988: Mayor: Carl Sherrin
Betsy Jones
Mr. Miller
Bob London
Bill Butscher

Jan., 1988: Mayor: Stuart Wallace
Carl Sherrin
Larry Reynolds
Mark Stone
Bill Butscher
Betsy Jones

1989: Mayor: Carl Sherrin
Mr. Miller
Bob London
Betsy Jones
Rick Scauzillo
Carolyn Kelly

1990: Mayor Carl Sherrin
Bob London
Jim Treece
Betsy Jones
Rick Scauzillo
Carolyn Kelly

1991: Mayor Carl Sherrin
Rick Scauzillo
Betsy Jones
Carolyn Kelly
Jim Treece
Bob London

1992: Mayor Carl Sherrin
Bob London
Jim Treece
Rick Scauzillo

Betsy Jones (resigned)
John West
Terry Hill

2008: Mayor Opie Walter
Cam Davis
Greg Korbelic
Chad Roberts
John Scanlan
Michael Tussy

2009: Mayor Opie Walter
Greg Korbelic
Jim McCasland
Chad Roberts
John Scanlan
Michael Tussy

2010: Mayor Opie Walter
early David Gensler
Greg Korbelic
Jim McCasland
John Scanlan
Michael Tussy

2010: Mayor Opie Walter
late David Gensler
Robert Kellow
Greg Korbelic
Jim McCasland
John Scanlan

2011: Mayor Opie Walter
David Gensler
Robert Kellow
Jim McCasland
John Scanlan
Robert Simmons