

## 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

1993  
1994  
1995  
1996  
1997  
1998  
1999  
2000  
2001  
2002  
2003  
2004  
2005  
2006  
2007

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



