

**Stanford City Council**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room**  
**6:30 pm, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer**

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Ronnie Deatherage opened the meeting with prayer.

**II. Roll Call**

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Eddie Carter, Ronnie Deatherage, Jason Hignite, Bill Miracle, Joe Tackett and Jerry Wilkinson. A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

Also present were: Police Chief Zach Middleton, Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Deputy Fire Chief Kenny Smith, and City Attorney John Hackley.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to approve the minutes from the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**IV. Citizen's Comments**

No comments or requests.

**V. Council Comments**

Councilman Deatherage asked if we have signed up any of the RV's in the City. Mayor Miller stated that it was his understanding that they are all owned by people who live in the city.

**VI. Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 320.6 Large-Scale Event Permit and Public Safety Coordination**

At the request of the Police Department, Mayor Miller presented Ordinance 320.6 to the council for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hignite) to have the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 320.6. All in favor, motion carried.

A summary of Ordinance 320.6 was written by City Attorney John Hackley and read by City Clerk, Jone Allen.

**VII. Department Reports**

Chief Scott Maples gave a recap for the year from the Fire Department: Information is included in this months packet. Some highlights include:

-There was an uptick in structure fires and carbon monoxide poisoning this past year.

-The station was staffed a little better than 75% (up from 60% the previous year) with most calls happening on Monday and Friday between 11:00am to noon and 9:00 to 10:00pm.

-Several cost saving projects occurred last year including the station being painted by inmate labor with Lowes and Builder's Supply donating the paint.

-They have trained and began hose testing (pressure test required annually on over 5,000 ft of hose) which implemented a cost savings of \$3,000.

-They are now using a member of the fire department to do small engine repairs, oil changes, generator maintenance etc. that has translated into approx. \$5,000 in labor costs over the last year.

Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick shared information with the council concerning a recent grant for ballistic shields (approx. \$22,000 each) which will stop rifle rounds. They have equipped 10 officers in the schools. The total spent was approximately \$56,000 that was a grant from the attorney general's office that resulted in no cost to the city. They also received 5 new sets of everyday body armor. This brings everyone in the department up to the same level.

The PD has also received (6) AED's and a LUCAS device (\$28,000 cost) that will be scattered throughout city buildings and in the officer's cars. AED training is a requirement for all our officers, but until now they have not been equipped with the devices. This purchase was made through Opioid Funds. They were able to make this purchase based on the fact that 34% of prehospital cardiac arrests in people under 60 years of age happen because of narcotics. Two critical factors in surviving a prehospital cardiac arrest are high performance CPR and early defibrillation. These units equip our officers with the tools to perform both. As time moves along more and more is being expected of our first responders. These are tools that help us to rise to that challenge.

Chief Middleton shared that the yearend recap for the Police Department is still in the works.

-Detective Joe Gilliland has celebrated 50 years of service, which is a huge milestone.

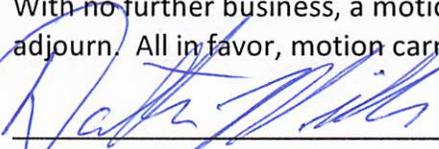
-The newly equipped emergency vehicle is also an important new tool to aid in everyone being able to work together. He credited Captain Kirkpatrick for his initiative in spearheading this upgrade.

#### VIII. Mayor's Information to Council

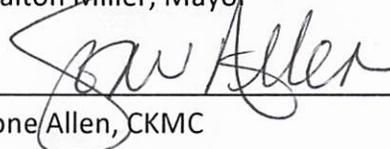
-Mayor Miller urged the council to begin looking at the city streets as they are out and about in order to determine which ones need to be prioritized. The road funds are going to be short this year and we are going to try and get as much life out of our roads that we can.

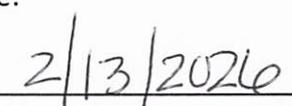
#### ix. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wilkinson) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

  
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Dalton Miller, Mayor

  
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