

**Stanford City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room  
6:30 pm, February 12<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, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Damon Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.

**II. Roll Call**

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

Also present were: Police Chief Zach Middleton, Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Assistant Clerk Adriane Jones, Retiring Clerk Bonnie Kolasa and John, and City Attorney John Hackley. See attached list for additional attendees.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to approve the minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**IV. Citizen's Comments**

County Judge Executive Woods Adams along with the Magistrates presented Mayor Miller with a plaque naming the new pickleball courts at First Southern Veteran's Park in his honor. A copy of the dedication speech is attached. Judge Adams presented the award on behalf of the Lincoln County Fiscal Court and Parks and Rec Director Kaycee Bandura.

Jeff Vanhook, CEO and Director of RGL Industrial Authority, shared with the council and those in attendance his excitement over the RGL project. Mayor Miller stated that he is totally behind the project and our Industrial Authority as they work to bring jobs to our area because of his grandchildren. Mr. Vanhook went on to say that our best assets are currently being shipped away as our children go to other areas to find jobs and opportunities. We are currently establishing the infrastructure to support industry and working to bring those occupational taxes back to support our area.

**V. Council Comments**

Councilman Deatherage expressed his appreciation, which was echoed by the remainder of the council, for how well the streets were cleaned during the most recent snow event.

**VI. Recognition/Presentation of Assistant City Clerk**

Mayor Miller recognized retiring assistant city clerk Bonnie Kolasa for her years of service to the city. Bonnie was hired in November of 2019 and has been a wonderful asset to the office.

He also introduced her replacement, Adriane Jones, to the council. Adriane began training with Bonnie on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, of 2026.

He welcomed Adriane and wished Bonnie a happy and well earned retirement!

**VII. Announcement of CPI Rate for 2026**

The 2026 CPI rate has been set at 2.7%. This is down from 2.9% in 2025. This rate is used to calculate the increase for the City Council and Mayor each year that is retroactive to January of the CPI year.

**VIII. Proposed 2<sup>nd</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 its 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Mayor Miller requested that the county be included under Section 7, Paragraph A as an additional exemption.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 320.6 with the amendment adding the county to Section 7 Paragraph A. All in favor, motion carried. A summary of Ordinance 320.6 was read by City Attorney John Hackley with the addition.

A motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wilkinson) to accept and enact the ordinance as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

**IX. Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 120.62A An Amended Ordinance of the City of Stanford, Kentucky Fixing and Establishing the Annual Salary and Compensation for the Elected office of Mayor...**

Mayor Miller stated that this amendment was originally discussed and voted on in July of 2026, but was never acted upon. This amendment will not take effect until January of 2027.

A motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hignite) to have the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 120.62A an Amended Ordinance of the City of Stanford, Kentucky Fixing and Establishing the Annual Salary and Compensation for the Elected Office of Mayor. All in favor, motion carried.

**X. Mayor's Information to Council**

-Mayor Miller presented the council with the proposed partnership agreement between the Chamber, a private entity, the City and County to hire a joint Chamber/Tourism Director now that Andrea Miller is retiring. The City would agree to contribute \$10,000 a year for five years toward the salary of this newly created position.

A motion was made by Council man Deatherage (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to agree to the partnership and salary pledge. All in favor, motion carried.

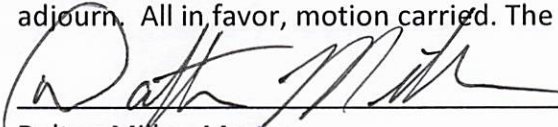
-We have also had a request from Jane Vanhook as the Main Street Cleansweep coordinator to be a sponsor for this year's event. The amount requested is \$250.00. A motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Deatherage) to approve the donation. All in favor, motion carried.

-Mayor Miller also wished to express his appreciation to the team who cleaned the streets during our most recent snow event. Thank you to Jeff Knouse, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Aaron Miracle, Jamie Doolin and Charlie Griffiths. He also recognized the County under Jeremy's direction and the State for the job they did and assistance they supplied to the City. Also mentioned was the great coordination by our Emergency Management Team and first responders as they assisted with transportation to doctors appoints, essential workers to their places of employment and delivering medication and medical supplies.

-Mayor Miller urged the council to begin looking at the city streets as they are out and about 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.

**XI. Adjourn**

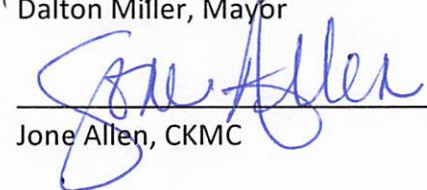
With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hignite) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.



Dalton Miller, Mayor

3/12/2026

Date:



Jone Allen, CKMC

3/12/2026

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