

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm, February 13th, 2025**

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:31 pm on Thursday, February 13th, 2025. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Joe Tackett 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, City Attorney John Hackley, VOA Representative Stephanie Hoskins and citizens Linda Denham, Ruth Spaw and Lucille Sudduth.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to approve the minutes from the January 9th, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

The ladies in attendance wished to thank everyone who worked to keep the city streets clean during the snow and ice events.

V. Council Comments

None.

VI. Presentation by Volunteers of America

Stephanie Hoskins with Volunteers of America presented material to the council concerning the ministry of Volunteers of America, the programs that are currently operating in our City and the vision for the new site on Portman Avenue for Freedom House (a residential substance abuse program for Mom's who are pregnant or post-partum). What sets their program apart is that mothers can bring their kids with them to treatment (no matter the number of children). Their office is currently located on Otis Court and is open Mon-Sat from 8:00am-8:00pm.

Volunteers of America is a national organization whose headquarters are based out of Alexandria with the Midstates headquarters being based in Louisville which covers Ky, WV, TN and parts of IN.

Stephanie shared that they are also looking at adding affordable housing options at the Portman Avenue location as well as transitional housing. Current programs in Lincoln County include VOA Recovery Services, Honor, Restorative Justice (Youth program) and Work. They have currently created 12 jobs in Lincoln Co. and invested 1.8 million dollars in this region (Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln).

Demolition of the old hospital on the Portman Avenue site has begun and they hope to begin construction soon.

VII. Presentation of Ordinance No. 620.22 An Ordinance Relating to the Creation of the US 150 Corridor Water Commission

Mayor Miller shared that the Ordinance is written in such a way to put no burden or responsibility on our local water company or any water commissions or companies that this commission would represent. This commission will be charged with maintaining that entire line and making those contracts for repair if anything needs done.

Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage to entertain the 1st reading (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson). All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the 1st reading of Ordinance 620.22.

VIII. Resolution No. 2025-0213 A Resolution of the City of Stanford, Kentucky Opposing any Bills Brought Forth During the 2025 Kentucky General Legislature, In Full or in Part, that Provides for the Mandated Centralized Collection of Local Occupational Fees/Taxes by the Commonwealth of Kentucky or Other Third Parties

Mayor Miller shared that there is currently a bill being proposed to centralize collection of local taxes at the state level. This is an initiative that KLC opposes, and numerous cities have already adopted this same resolution. There are several problems with the reconciliation piece of this bill.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter to accept the Resolution as written (2nd by Councilman Miracle). All in favor, Resolution was affirmed.

IX. Mayor's Information to Council

-Mayor Miller presented Dawn Atkins for appointment to the Ambulance Board (approved by Frankfort because it is not a paid position) and Katrina Salyers and Trivia Hebrock to the Ethics Board, as well as Susan Miller for reappointment to the Ethics Board. Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to accept these appoints. All in favor, motion carried.

-the Annual Training Banquet for the City will be Monday, February 17, at 6:00pm in the LCHS Cafeteria. It will be catered by Granny's Goodies and training will be done by Chief Middleton and Chief Maples.

-Budget vs Actual Report is included in the packet. 92% of property tax has already been collected. Everything is on target where it should be for this time of year expense and revenue wise.

-The Mayor attended an Economic Accelerator Simulation Training in Elizabethtown last week. He shared that it is one of the most informative and challenging training courses he has ever attended.

-Reminder to share concerning the (2) build ready sites that we have available in the Industrial Park. They are ready for 100,000 sq ft building.

-Challenged everyone to be positive in our speech and interactions about our City with visitors and prospects. You never know who may be listening or looking for a new home or location for their business.

-Saturday, Feb 22, 2025, at 2:00pm there will be a Revolutionary War Battle Memorial plaque unveiled at Logan's Fort. This is an event organized by the DAR.

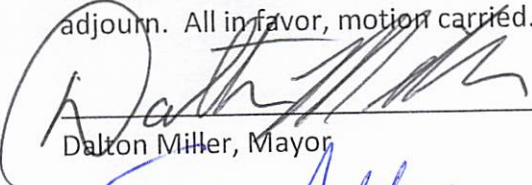
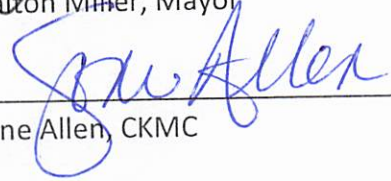
-The Mayor, Councilman Deatherage and Judge Executive Adams, met in Somerset with District 8 Transportation concerning additional lighting and the speed limit on 150. A (SSH) Supplementary Signal

Head will be put on the pole on the right-hand side, that will be an early warning signal. They have also agreed to do another speed study at a later date.

-There is a major issue on Cut-Off Street. Please be careful, there are plates covering part of the road that is collapsing. The state is sending an engineer out to do a comprehensive study. It is approximately a \$25,000 fix.

X. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

 _____ Dalton Miller, Mayor	<u>3-13-25</u> Date:
 _____ Jone Allen, CKMC	<u>3/13/2025</u> Date: