

Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm, March 12th, 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 March 12th, 2026. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Jerry Wilkinson 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 and Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to approve the minutes from the February 12th, 2026, City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen comments.

V. Council Comments

Councilman Carter asked about the level of Harris Lake being 16.5 feet down. It was thought that it may have been a typo but information obtained after the meeting determined that there was a break in line at Buck Creek that resulted in the level being down. It has since been repaired.

VI. Proposed 2nd 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...

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to have the 2nd 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.

A summary of the ordinance prepared by City Attorney John Hackley was read by Clerk Allen.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to accept the 2nd reading of Ordinance 120.62A. Mayor Miller asked for any discussion and Councilman Tackett presented a request to change the salary amount from \$40,000 as read to \$50,000, and to work with Attorney Hackley to place a detailed job description in the ordinance. Councilman Tackett stated that he proposed a job description be added to the ordinance so that voters are aware of the expectation of the position. It was decided that this could be done at a later date.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Carter) to change the salary amount in the proposed ordinance from \$40,000 to \$45,000. All in favor of the motion to change from \$40,000 to \$45,000, motion carried.

The ordinance summary was read again by Clerk Allen with the requested change in compensation amount. A motion to accept the revised 2nd reading was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett). All in favor, motion carried.


There was also discussion of drafting a proposal that would allow the banking of the yearly employee raises and applying those every 2 years for the city council and every 4 years for the mayor's position so that such a long span between the salaries being reviewed could be avoided. The last raise for the mayor's position was 16 years ago. (The CPI is not considered a raise by KRS and can be added). This is being referred to City Attorney Hackley.

VII. Mayor's Information to Council

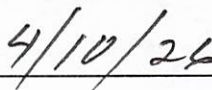
- Mayor Miller (along with Councilman Carter) asked that the council pay close attention to the list of events on the Tourism Calendar. America's 250th Celebration is this year and our new Chamber of Commerce Director, Jenny Ralston Maloney is busy working on some great events for the summer.
- New business on Main St, The Flock Cheesecakes
- The council was again invited to come see and try out the new police simulator to help understand the stress that our officers are under as they are confronted with various scenarios. Mayor Miller plans to invite Senator Storm and Representative Meade to see where we are investing our monies. The public is also invited to come see this training tool in action.
- Lenten lunch is next Wednesday at Freedom Baptist
- Pickleball Celebrity Match is in the works with the fiscal court to raise money for Relay for Life
- The new Mobile Command Unit was set up outside for the council to view.

viii. Adjourn

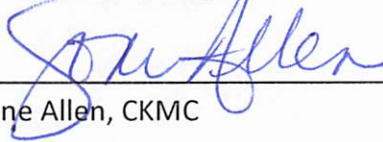
With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Carter) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.



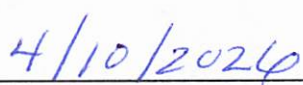
Dalton Miller, Mayor



Date:



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