

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm EST (5:30 pm CST), May 14th, 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 May 14th, 2026. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Mayor Miller 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, Detective Joe Gilliland, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Lieutenant Chuck Dorman, Judge Executive Woods Adams, County Treasurer Mary Hopkins, Water Department Director Ryan Owens, Assistant City Clerk Adriane Jones, Lucille Sudduth, Linda Durham and City Attorney John Hackley.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to approve the minutes from the April 9th, 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 shared his appreciation and praise of the prayer service that was held at Mayor Miller's home on Wednesday, May 13th at 8:30pm on Pettus Court. He stated that it was a true testament of how special our community is and the love they have for Mayor Miller.

VI. Presentation of Municipal Road Aid Resolution

Mayor Miller presented the 2026-2027 Municipal Road Aid Resolution that authorizes the Mayor to sign the annual agreement for Municipal Road Aid. This year's total aid will be \$69,782.81. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Deatherage). A roll call vote was taken, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor Miller also shared that the emergency road aid fund was utilized recently to repair Cut Off Street that had caved in due to heavy rains.

VII. Presentation of Springbrook Contract for motion to sign

Mayor Miller shared with the council that recent changes with Quickbooks, as well as our tax collection (net profit, payroll and business license) programs no longer being support, have forced us to upgrade the software at city hall. The initial transfer of data from our existing programs will be a lengthy process that carries an overall price tag of over the \$40,000 total contract limit for the mayor to sign without council approval. The software company has agreed to spread this cost over a three-year period, but he still felt it necessary to bring this before the council to be completely transparent. The total contract is \$156,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Carter) to approve signing the contract with Springbrook for the data migration and software upgrade. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Possible 1st Reading of 2026-2027 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2026-0514

Mayor Miller presented the 2026-2027 proposed budget to the council and called for a motion to have the 1st reading.

A motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Carter) to have the 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-0514. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney Hackley made the 1st reading.

Mayor Miller urged the council to contact the department heads with any questions they may have concerning the budget.

IX. Possible 1st Reading City of Stanford Water Budget for 2026-2027

Mayor Miller called on Water Department Director Ryan Owens who presented the 2026-2027 Water and Sewer Budget for the City of Stanford.

A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to entertain the 1st reading of Water/Sewer Budget 2026-2027. All in favor, motion carried. City Clerk Jone Allen made the 1st reading.

X. Discussion of Police Cruiser Bid (Chief Middleton)

Chief Zach Middleton shared with the council a bid request that has been drafted for a new police department vehicle included in the 2026-2027 budget. This year's bid will be considering both a Ford Explorer and a Dodge Durango.

XI. Mayor's Information to Council

-Be sure to check out all the exciting events coming up downtown. This month we have a car show on the 15th, Musicfest featuring Brad Hardin on the 16th, the Siege at Logan's Fort May 15-17th, and our 1st downtown Farmer's Market of the year on June 4th.

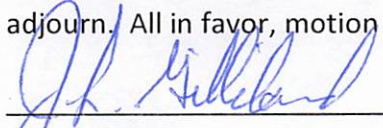
-The Flock Cheesecake Lair is a new Main Street business that offers lunch specials and a wonderful selection of cheesecake flavors that are new each month.

-Mayor Miller urged everyone to come out and support our local businesses and invest in our people and our community.

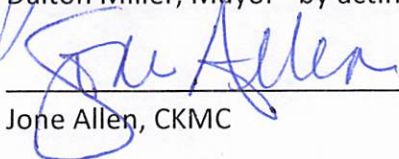
-Check out the Stanford Tourism Calendar for lots of exciting events coming to Stanford.

XII. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.


Dalton Miller, Mayor by acting Mayor Joe L. Gilliland

06-12-2026
Date:


Jone Allen, CKMC

6/12/2026
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