

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm EST (5:30 pm CST)
June 11th, 2026**

NOTE: Meeting was facilitated by Councilman Jerry Wilkinson per M02025-0313 A MUNICIPAL ORDER DESIGNATING A COUNCILMEMBER TO PRESIDE OVER THE MEETING OF THE STANFORD CITY COUNCIL IN THE EVENT THE MAYOR CANNOT ATTEND

- I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer with Moment of Silence in Memory of Former Mayor Dalton Miller**
Councilman Jerry Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:35pm, and welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilman 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 recognized by Councilman Wilkinson. Also present were Fire Chief Scott Maples, Police Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick, Sergeant Greg Hill, Officer Mike Southerland, Fire Lt. Chuck Dorman, Interim Mayor Joe Gilliland and City Attorney John Hackley.
- III. Approval of Minutes**
Motion was made by Councilman Hignite (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to approve the minutes from the May 14th, 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 stated that we need to continue to remember Treina and her family in our prayers. They are still a part of our family and need our support.

Councilman Wilkinson called for a moment of silence in Memory of Mayor Dalton Miller. He shared that he once told Mayor Miller that he was "born for the job". His legacy will be long remembered and we will strive to continue his example of being a great servant to the City.

Councilman Deatherage suggested that a committee be formed to study economic growth. He stated that he feels annexation would be a way to accomplish this. He mentioned Morgan Manor, Dix River, Trinity Drive and Goshen Cutoff. Councilman Tackett shared that he had been working with Mayor Miller and the thoughts from the citizens in the Goshen Cutoff area were that they did not want to be annexed due to the fact that they already receive city services. The benefits of being in the city were discussed.

Councilman Deatherage asked that we give some money to The Chamber of Commerce to purchase some signs for the Farmer's Market. He feels that \$200-\$250 would purchase 4 signs.

Captain Kirkpatrick shared that he also wants us to look at getting barricades for these events that are large enough to stop vehicles when our streets are blocked off. After some discussion, Captain Kirkpatrick is going to look into the options available.

A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to give tourism \$200 towards the purchase of signs for the Farmer's Market events. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. Discussion of Appointment of Interim Mayor to fulfill the term through December 2026

A request to go into executive session was made by Councilman Deatherage. Per City Attorney Hackley with no KRS cited the request was withdrawn.

Councilman Miracle asked that the Continuation of Governance Order be read. Clerk Allen read the order.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to consider Pastor Jeremy Johnson as Interim Mayor.

City Attorney John Hackley placed a call to Pastor Johnson who was unable to attend the council meeting. He was placed on speaker phone and the council was given the opportunity to ask questions. Councilman Wilkinson asked Pastor Johnson if he would accept the appointment of interim Mayor, of which he answered yes. Questions included whether his deacons and elders have supported him accepting this appointment. He stated that yes he has talked with them and they are all on board as well as his family. He was also asked what specific skill sets he feels he brings: he shared that he feels his strengths include team building, encouraging and equipping others. He knows that he will rely heavily on the department heads to learn and he desires to continue to be a servant to the city. Pastor Johnson currently serves as the chaplain to the Stanford Police and Fire Department.

A roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried. Pastor Jeremy Johnson was appointed interim Mayor to fulfill the term of Mayor Dalton Miller through December 2026.

A swearing in will take place on Friday, June 26, 2026 at City Hall at 2:00pm.

Our sincere thanks was extended to Interim Mayor Joe Gilliland who stepped in to fulfill the mayor's duties and will continue in that roll until the swearing in of Pastor Johnson on June 26th.

VII. Possible 2nd Reading of 2026-2027 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2026-0514

A motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Carter) to have the 2nd reading of the 2026-2027 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Carter) to amend the Fire Chief's hourly rate to match the Police Chief's hourly rate (increasing it by \$1.40 per hour). All in favor, motion carried.

City Attorney John Hackley made the amended 2nd reading.

A motion to accept the amended 2nd reading was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Deatherage). All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Possible 2nd Reading of Water/Sewer Budget Ordinance 2026/2027

A motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Hignite) to have the 2nd reading of Water/Sewer Budget Ordinance 2026/2027. All in favor, motion carried.

City Attorney John Hackley made the 2nd reading.

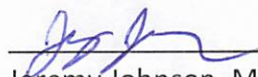
A motion to accept the 2nd reading was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Miracle). All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Mayor's Information to Council

-Councilman Wilkinson wished to echo Mayor Miller's sentiment to come out and support our local businesses, invest in our people and our community.

X. Adjourn

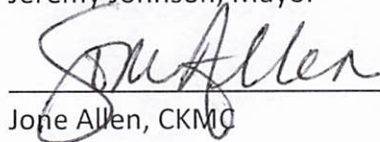
With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.



Jeremy Johnson, Mayor

7/9/26

Date:



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7/9/2026

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