# Stanford City Council Public Hearing for Municipal Road Aid Funds 6:15pm, Lincoln County Public Library Regular Meeting 6:30pm, Lincoln County Public Library July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Public Hearing for Municipal Road Aid Funds of the Stanford City Council at 6:34pm on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilwoman Sara Givens.

### II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Eddie Carter (6:15), Ronnie Deatherage (7:02), Sara Givens (6:30-7:20), Jason Hignite (6:15), Bill Miracle (6:30) and Joe Tackett (6:15). A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney; Fire Chief Scott Maples; Police Chief Zach Middleton; Ryan Owens, Water Department Manager; Shane Morgan, The Allen Company.

# III. Citizen's Comments Concerning the use of 2021/2022 MRA Funds

Councilwoman Givens asked if there was a deadline for the blacktopping to be done on the road to Boneyville. Mayor Miller shared that the deadline for bids to be turned in is July 30, 2021. He also shared that the County has agreed to pave Brock Drive so that will free up some of the designated MRA funds for other city streets.

Herman Vickers asked if the names of the roads to be blacktopped have been decided yet. Mayor Miller shared the list of roads being bid are Ready Mix Street, Choctaw, Arrowhead Trail and Cul-de-sac, Chickasaw Dr, River Dr and Shawnee Trail. Mr. Vickers shared that the entrance to Sherwood Drive is still very rough since the last time Lee Drive was paved. Mayor Miller stated that due to the amount of weight that will be on Sherwood Drive during the storm water repair, it would not be cost effective to repave until that project is completed. All bids now include edge key milling for joints and intersections to try to alleviate the concern that Mr. Vickers has.

Copies of the advertisement for bid will be posted on social media, printed in the Interior Journal and available at City Hall. The MRA project being bid must be completed by November 30, 2021. The Mayor shared that he did receive a call about placing Whitley Avenue on the list of streets to be blacktopped. Sidewalks for Whitley Ave are going to be out for bid and the street will not be paved until those are completed due to the weight of the concrete trucks. It will be placed on next year's MRA list. The Road Aid Hearing was closed at 6:48pm.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting as written. All approved, motion carried.

### V. Citizen's Comments

Herman Vickers stated that he would like to thank Mayor Miller and all the people who came out and worked behind his home on Sherwood Drive this past week. He asked if we knew a completion date for the project. Mayor Miller shared that we are currently awaiting bids for placing the stones. The retaining

wall stones weigh 1700 pounds each. Mayor Miller stated that he will personally notify the homeowners of the date when that work will begin.

Mr. Vickers also inquired about the address change project being done by the 911 Center. Letters were mailed to some of the homeowners in the county, but nothing has been done within the city limits as of this date. Mayor Miller stated that we were planning to have a community meeting concerning the changes, but to date these have not been scheduled. As of right now the grant is still good for the changes, and the delay is of no fault of the city. Once we are ready to move forward, we will schedule those dates. The changes will eventually be mandated, and at this time we can get this accomplished through the grant that the 911 Center has received, at no cost to the city.

Councilwoman Givens asked about the sewer project on Maxwell Street. Mayor Miller referred the question to Ryan Owens, a representative of the water department who was present at the meeting. Mr. Owens stated that it was his understanding that it is a household issue. Mayor Miller asked if all the taps for the sewer ran to the street and Mr. Owens stated yes. Some of the older lines (service lines) years ago may have run behind the houses, but it was not anything that the city maintained at that time. Mayor Miller stated that the problem seems to be coming from what is now a vacant lot, and requested that the water company assist them in trying to find out what the source of the problem is due to the fact that the city does not have the equipment to excavate with. Mr. Owens agreed to help look to see. Mr. Owens also stated that it is a requirement, by ordinance, that when a home is torn down, it is the responsibility of the owner to dig up the sewer lines and cap them. There was some discussion as to who owns the property now. That matter will be researched, and the current owner contacted.

### **IV.** Council Comments

Councilman Carter stated that he has received some complaints about speeding on Foster Lane and has received a request to put speed bumps in. He is aware that putting in speed bumps becomes a major issue when plowing snow on city streets. He asked that extra patrols possibly be done. Mayor Miller stated that extra patrols have been done for two weeks on Foster Lane and a LIDAR device has been placed there that reads from the far end of Foster Lane to Logan Woods. No speeding tickets were written during the patrol times. The LIDAR device is now located at the corner of Foster Lane and Danville Avenue.

Councilman Carter also asked about an update on the Foster Lane Sidewalk project. Mayor Miller stated that he emailed the DOT on June 28 asking if we were still on target with the project. They are still working with the consultant to get the final items completed on the Right of Way certification and that is the last item to be completed before the Project Development Checklist and the Proposal are signed off on. There is some paperwork that needs to be signed off on by the Judge Executive that should happen Monday and the project is continuing to move forward.

### V. Recognition of Abby Bastin & Lucy Singleton

Due to scheduling conflicts this has been rescheduled for the September 2021 Council Meeting.

# VI. 1st Reading of the 2021/2022 Water and Sewer Department Budget

Ryan Owens presented the 2021/2022 Water and Sewer Department Budget. Councilman Carter asked what the biggest part of the increase for the budget entails. Mr. Owens stated that a lot of things they have tried to complete in house for the current water project are included in this budget. As far as salaries, finding anyone to work is almost impossible and they have to recruit qualified individuals from other departments. There was not a set percentage of increase across the board for every employee. The

increase reflects the salaries for the new employees that were hired and retaining the employees at the water plant. There has also been a considerable increase in chemical supplies and replacement parts.

Motion was made by Councilman Miracle ( $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Carter) to have the  $1^{st}$  Reading of the 2021/2022 Water and Sewer Department Budget. All in favor, motion carried. Ryan Owens made the  $1^{st}$  reading of the budget ordinance.

# VII. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-0709A City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2020/2021 Fiscal Year

This budget amendment was made to add the ABC Department to the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year. This department was created by moving \$25,000 from the police department and administrative budget respectively.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Deatherage) to have the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2020-0709A City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2020/2021 Fiscal Year. All in favor, motion carried. City Clerk Jone Allen made the second reading.

## VIII. Proposal for ARPA Premium Pay (Essential Worker Recognition)

Mayor Miller shared a proposal for premium pay for the City's essentials workers. He stated that we have the opportunity to reward our workers, who worked through the pandemic with essential pay that has been broke out by the President, the Governor and the Department of Local Government. A spreadsheet was shared with the council that based the essential pay on the actual hours worked by each employee during the pandemic. This will include all city employees, including part time and volunteer workers. We had several police officers and fire fighters who contracted COVID during the pandemic. This will be \$2.00 an hour for every hour worked.

A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to accept the proposal for premium pay for all city employees, once the ARPA funds are received. All in favor, motion carried.

# IX. Reappointment of Jeff Ralston to the Industrial Development Board

Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to reappoint Jeff Ralston to the Industrial Development Board. All in favor, motion carried.

### X. Resolution Accepting Listing of City Roads

Mayor Miller presented a copy of a City Road List Resolution submitted by the BGADD. Motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to adopt the Resolution Accepting Listing of City Roads. All in favor, resolution adopted.

# XI. Resolution Designating September 2021 as "City Government Month"

Motion made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to adopt the Resolution Designating September 2021 as "City Government Month". All in favor, resolution adopted. The Mayor will distribute the City Government resources provided by Kentucky League of Cities to our area schools to promote "City Government Month".

### XII. Mayor's Information to Council

Mayor Miller reported the following items to council:

-A bid for a Street Sweeper from CMI for \$169,000. This item has been applied for through a grant from the EPA and BGADD. The Mayor is awaiting a study out of Virginia that shows the amount of phosphate and other chemicals that are removed from the roadway. Each mile of street sweeping along the curb is one acre of land cleaned. The City of Stanford has approximately 22 miles of roadway, so this would

amount to 44 acres of land cleaned in the City. This would be a huge accomplishment in keeping this debris out of our storm drains and assisting with the flooding issues we have experienced.

- -July 16, 2021 Wilderness Road Car Cruise In 5-8:30pm
- -Patriot Day Parade, September 11, 2021. The Mayor met with the superintendent of schools who is encouraging all the schools to enter a float in the parade.
- -Camera's for the Walking Trail's were discussed. These would be motion activated. These are being looked at for the Fort Property as well.

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With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to adjourn. All in fayor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Dalton Miller, Mayor

Date:

Jone Allen, CKMC

Date: