

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm EST (5:30 pm CST)
July 9th, 2026**

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Jeremy Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, 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 Mayor Johnson. Also present were Fire Chief Scott Maples, Police Chief Zach Middleton, Police Sergeant Greg Hill, Detective Joe Gilliland, Tourism Director Jenny Maloney, Lincoln County Treasurer Mary Hopkins, City Council Candidates Sadie Durham and Greg Pettit and City Attorney John Hackley.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to approve the minutes from the June 11th, 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 inquired about replacing the mirror behind Morgain's. Mayor Johnson stated that he will contact the street department about getting a replacement ordered. Councilman Carter also requested that the benches downtown be painted.

Councilman Carter asked if the water department could come and give an update on the most recent upgrade project.

Councilman Deatherage asked that we address the dog situation again. He stated that some elderly ladies in his neighborhood are concerned with their safety and would also like to see something done about the barking. Councilman Tackett asked if the emergency number is called when the problem is happening. Mayor Johnson stated that an objective needs to be established so that there is a guide for enforcement.

Councilman Deatherage asked about a property in the city that has become a concern on Lancaster Street. CEO Knouse is currently working with the property.

Councilman Deatherage asked if there was any interest in pursuing a splash pad. Councilman Tackett stated that he and former Mayor Miller had discussed the option of having one installed and knew there were several requests from citizens for the project. After some discussion concerning location and a joint venture with the county, Mayor Johnson suggested that a committee be formed that included Chief Maples, Councilman Deatherage and Councilman Carter to investigate the feasibility of having a splash pad installed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to establish a feasibility committee. All in favor, motion carried. The committee will report their findings back to the council.

Appreciation was expressed to Gary Clough for organizing the 4th of July Declaration reading as well as recognition of Director Maloney for the wonderful job she is doing as a whole and with the Farmer's Market events. She shared that the Farmer's Market will be extended at least through October.

VI. Request from Lincoln County Chamber/Tourism Director Jenny Maloney

Director Jenny Maloney made a request to the council for half the registration fee of \$600 to establish the Chamber as a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization so that the chamber is in good standing with the state. The county will be paying for the other half of the fee.

A motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to give the Lincoln County Chamber the requested amount of \$300 towards establishing their 501(c)(6) status. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Mayor's Information to Council

Mayor Johnson shared the following events and information:

-his first full week as Mayor has brought to light the willingness of the people in our community, those in city government and beyond, to serve. He shared that we certainly have a lot of skilled people and we have great business minds, but this week he has noticed the people who serve by going above and beyond. Not just those with the police and fire department, but everywhere around our city. Today he met with CASA and learned about the wonderful service they provide to our children through the court system. We certainly want more business, and we certainly want to do the things that provide a more efficient government, but he feels that the thing that really defines our community is the way people serve. He hopes over the next six months he can continue to cultivate that attitude of service, that we begin to realize that it's a way we create a home for ourselves, our families and our community.

-July 18th, 2026, Isaac Shelby Program celebrating the 200th anniversary of his death. Program will begin at 10:00am.

-July 11th Second Saturday Event 11-3, highlighting Logan's Fort, the Presbyterian Meeting House, the L&N Depot and the William Whitley House.

-July 18, Coffee with the Legislators at the Library, 9:30-10:30.

-Two new police officers were sworn in this past week and will be attending the academy soon.

VIII. Adjourn

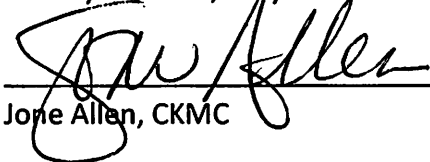
With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.



Jeremy Johnson, Mayor

8/14/26

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Jone Allen, CKMC

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