

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm, July 10th, 2025**

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:32 pm on Thursday, July 10th, 2025. 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, Fire Chief Scott Maples, City Attorney John Hackley and citizens Ruth Spaw, Linda Durham and Lucille Sudduth.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Hignite) to approve the minutes from the June 12th, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Ms. Sudduth asked about mowing the fields behind Cannonade. Mayor Miller stated that it is normally cut for hay and he will have the Code Enforcement Officer check with the school.

V. Council Comments

Councilman Carter shared that he thought the July 4th program was excellent this year. It was also asked if the road could possibly be blocked off for next years event to cut down on the traffic noise. Chief Middleton stated that he is already planning to have this taken care of. The Mayor shared his appreciation to Gary Clough for organizing this year's event.

VI. Review and Closeout of 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

A year end budget vs. actual report was shared with the council. The City came in 22% under budget for the year with all departments coming in under their individual budgets. No ordinance will be required to amend the budget for year end 2024-2025.

There were some grants that came in right at the end of the year. The joint project with the county to build pickleball courts is progressing. Work is being done to complete (4) courts and the city received a crumb rubber grant to purchase (8) benches to be placed at the courts.

VII. Presentation of 2024 Audit

The 2024 audit has been received from Kerbaugh, Rodes and Butler with the only points of concern being a need for further segregation of duties (which is referenced in every years audit but is noted as not being feasible due to budget constraints) and the total deposit amount being above the FDIC insured amount (which will be remedied by purchasing another investment CD for the City).

The Mayor shared that his goal before he leaves office is to have enough invested that the Mayor's salary can be paid from the interest. We are almost 2/3's of the way there. He feels this is a way he can show the citizen's that we are working to be good stewards of their money.

Mayor Miller shared that Chief Maples Department has begun testing their own fire hoses which is a savings of approximately \$5,000/year.

He asked our citizen's to please help us concerning our road signs. If you see anyone damaging or tearing down signs, please call city hall or dispatch and let us know. On average it costs approximately \$150-200 per sign.

VIII. Mayor's Information to Council

- The Mayor discussed putting the names of those with delinquent property taxes on our website and facebook page (this has been previously voted on and approved by the council). No estates or tangible tax bills will be listed, or anyone who has made prior arrangements for payment.
- The Mayor thanked Councilman Carter for attending the tourism committee meetings as the council representative.
- July 19, 2025 will be another Musicfest celebrating the 250th anniversary. This will be a Worshipfest.
- Dinner on Main is being planned for Thursday, September 18, 2025, and the big celebration on the 20th
- There is also a 5K event being planned for the 250th Celebration on September 28th
- Shirts are also available at City Hall and 4 Generations

IX. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.


Dalton Miller, Mayor

8-14-2025
Date:


Jone Allen, CKMC

8/15/2025
Date: