

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm, July 11th, 2024**

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm on Thursday, July 11th, 2024. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Ronnie Deatherage 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, Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick, City Attorney John Hackley, Water Department Director Ryan Owens, and citizens Ruth Spaw and Linda Denham.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to approve the minutes from the June 13th, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Linda Denham and Ruth Spaw reported that there has been a request from some of the Circuit Clerk's office to mow and manage the weeds behind their office. Mayor Miller shared that we are not allowed to get in the creek area because there is a protected minnow in the creek, but he will check on the areas that can be cleared out.

Also, the Cannonade Road sign is very faded and needs replaced.

They also asked if we had contact information for the caretaker of Buffalo Springs to get cemetery lots. His name is David Watts and Councilman Deatherage supplied them with his office contact number (606)365-0030. Mayor Miller shared that Farris Marcum and Dan Grigson are also on their board.

V. Council Comments

Councilman Tackett presented a proposal to continue the discussion on increasing the salary of the mayor's position to become effective the January after the next election. He had shared additional information with the council members that he obtained from KLC and discovered that it was not a simple issue to compare salaries between cities of comparable size due to the make-up of their individual governments and mayor's responsibilities. It was determined that this increase would need to be set before the 1st Monday in May prior to the election in 2026. After some discussion Councilman Miracle made a motion (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to increase the salary of the mayor to \$40,000 per year plus the CPU adjustment for each year to be effective Jan 1, 2027. It was noted that this could be revisited again before the 1st Monday in May of 2026 deadline if needed and a stipulation be added that it is mandatory that the salaries for the mayor and council members be revisited every 10 years. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Possible 2nd Reading of Water Sewer Budget Ordinance 2024/2025

Mayor Miller called for a vote, and all were in favor of having the 2nd reading of Water Sewer Budget Ordinance 2024/2025.

Director Ryan Owens made the 2nd reading of the Water Sewer Budget Ordinance 2024/2025.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to approve the 2nd reading of the Water Sewer Budget Ordinance 2024/2025. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Resolution of the City of Stanford, Kentucky Approving and Authorizing an Assistance Agreement with the Rural Water Financing Agency to Finance a Project for the CITY/SWW

Ryan Owen's shared that this is additional funding for the Sewer Project 1A. They had a CDBG Federal Block grant for \$1,000,000 that the feds were threatening to take away. Paperwork for the federal funding was not turned in as they had thought (due to the death of their grant representative). The water dept found a local bank to loan them \$1,000,000 to make the match and keep the grant money. They have since gone with the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Company that has offered a much lower rate. The interest rate is a little less than 5%.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to enact Resolution of the City of Stanford, Kentucky Approving and Authorizing an Assistance Agreement with the Rural Water Financing Agency to Finance a Project for the CITY/SWW. All in favor, motion carried.

At the request of the Mayor, Ryan also outlined how to use the SWW Advisory app to pay your bill online, and shared that you can see your history in real time. He cautioned customers to make sure that it is the actual Stanford Water Works App, and not an app that mimics their site. If you have any issues, you can call the office at (606)365-4510 and the girls will walk you through the setup.

Also, the protection of Cedar Creek Lake was discussed and the need to run a sewer line out to the Cedar Creek Lake Area. There is the potential for a lot of growth in our city and county and sources of water is an ongoing discussion.

VIII. Resolution 2024-0709 Resolution of the City of Stanford, Kentucky Determining Fire Vehicle and Equipment Surplus Property

Mayor Miller shared that the ladder truck is one of the items that is being requested to surplus. He shared that we have a couple of cities that are looking at the truck. He is proposing that if we find a city our size or smaller that may have some financial challenges that can't come up with the \$100,000, we will finance that purchase for them interest free over four years much like the county did for us when we purchased the Harmon Heights Ballfield property. The hydraulic spreaders, cutters and ram are also being declared surplus. The county is interested in the equipment being declared surplus.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to enact Resolution 2024-0709 Determining Fire Vehicle and Equipment Surplus Property. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Possible 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-0511A City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to have the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-0511A City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. All in favor, motion carried. City Clerk, Jone Allen, made the 1st reading.

X. Possible 1st Reading of Emergency Ordinance Restricting the Unlawful Discharge of Firearms in the City Limits

Due to the emergency nature of the content of this ordinance only one (1) reading is required.

Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to have the 1st reading of Ordinance 1020.12 Restricting the Unlawful Discharge of Firearms in the City Limits. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the 1st reading.

A motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to approve the Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. Ordinance is enacted.

XI. Mayors Information to Council

-We had a great 4th of July Celebration and Reading of the Declaration at this year's women led program. Thank you to everyone involved and all who attended.

-Lincoln Family Medical is now open beside Walmart. It opened on 07/01/2024.

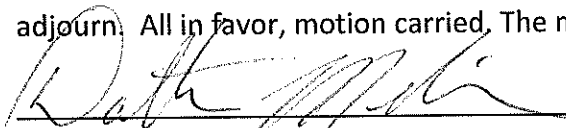
-Tractor Supply will be setting its steel roof next week. They are on schedule for their planned opening.

-Mayor Miller challenged anyone that identifies a problem to please bring at least (2) possible solutions when they report the problem.

-Main Street should be paved by October. The Allen Company requested an extension, and it was granted by the State.

XII. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Carter) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.



Dalton Miller, Mayor

8-8-2024
Date:



Jone Allen, CKMC

8/9/24
Date: