# Stanford City Council Special Called Council Meeting 6:30pm VIA Zoom August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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When: Aug 12, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Stanford August 12 Council Meeting

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

Mayor Miller called to order the Special Called Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilman Joe Tackett.

### II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Eddie Carter, Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Jason Hignite, Bill Miracle and Joe Tackett. A quorum was declared by the Mayor. Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney and Police Chief Zach Middleton.

### III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett ( $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Hignite) to accept the minutes from the July  $8^{th}$ , 2021 Regular City Council Meeting as written. All approved, motion carried.

### IV. Citizen's Comments

Herman Vickers would like to thank the city for the repairs and progress in our backyards (Sherwood Drive). Mr. Vickers asked if the ruts and backyards will be fixed once work is complete. Mayor Miller stated that the yards will be reseeded and fixed once the work is complete.

### **IV.** Council Comments

Councilwoman Givens wished to express her thanks to the council for thinking of her during her hour of bereavement for her first cousin.

Councilman Carter asked about any update on the Foster Lane sidewalk project. Mayor Miller stated it has all been mailed and we are waiting on a response back from the state.

The Mayor also stated that in their packet was a Foster Lane report from Chief Middleton concerning the speeding complaints on Foster Lane. There were (297) vehicles observed traveling at or below the posted speed limit, (11) vehicles were observed traveling less than five miles over the speed limit and (4) vehicles were traveling 5+ miles over the speed limit. There were (3) courtesy notices issued and (1) citation issued. There were over 24 hours spent observing the area.

Councilman Hignite stated that he has received some complaints about speeders on Brock Drive. Chief Middleton is aware of the problem and that is a watched area of the City.

# V. Recognition of Abby Bastin & Lucy Singleton

Due to this evenings meeting being held by Zoom, copies of the certificates that will be presented to these ladies were emailed to the council members. Lucy's certificate is being sent to her by her Dad and Abby will be presented her certificate when she is available to visit City Hall.

# VI. Opening/Award of 2021 MRA Bids

Three bids were received for the 2021 Mutual Road Aid Project. They are as follows: The Allen Company \$103,435.00, BJ Paving \$96,192.50, and Harmon Paving \$111,150.00. After some discussion, motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Carter) to accept the bid from BJ Paving. All in favor, motion carried.

# VII. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the 2021/2022 Water and Sewer Department Budget

Motion was made by Councilman Hignite (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2021/2022 Water and Sewer Department Budget. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk Allen made the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2021/2022 Water and Sewer Department Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. 1st Reading of Ordinance T2021 Setting 2021 City of Stanford Tax Rates on Real and Personal Property
The 2020 real and personal property rate was 13.8 cents per \$100, the 2021 compensating rate would be
11.9 cents and the 2021 4% rate would be 12.4 cents per \$100. After some discussion concerning the
setting of the 2021 tax rate and the reassessment of property by the PVA for the 2021 tax year, a motion
was made by Councilman Hignite (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to have the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance T2021
Setting 2021 City of Stanford Tax Rates on Real and Personal Property at the compensating rate. All in
favor, motion carried. Mayor Miller made the first reading of Ordinance T2021 Setting 2021 City of
Stanford Tax Rates on Real and Personal Property at the compensating rate.

# IX. ARPA Breakdown of Designated Funding Presentation

Mayor Miller shared with the council that the American Rescue Plan Act compensation has been distributed to cities and counties in the State. The City of Stanford received their first tranche payment of \$474,153.94. The rules on spending this money are ever evolving. There are some areas that we can use this money for (a breakdown of proposed spending was included with the council packet):

- -clean water and storm water (this would be the Eastwood and Sherwood project),
- -rehiring of public sector employees above pre-pandemic levels (we included in the budget to hire two police officers so that no officer would ever be working alone) and completely outfit them including retirement and benefits, holsters, vehicles, etc.
- -healthy childhood environment (this includes playground equipment. We have received a quote for new equipment, a train playground set, to be placed at the L&N Depot by Playmart out of Somerset \$99,000) -money for repairs to the Fort were planned on last year's budget, so they will not qualify,

- -Premium Pay for workers during COVID (those checks have been issued and delivered to all city employees who were all extremely appreciative),
- -Replacement of lost revenue due to COVID (per our accountants and the formula designated that figure is \$87,716, this can be returned to the general fund),
- -Summer Work Program (this is being used to hire a young man to repaint our city curbs, the applicant is Connor Maples),
- -Payroll Cost for Public Health and other staff responding to COVID-19 (unconfirmed but is being looked at concerning the runs conducted by the fire department, from 3/21/21 to 6/30/21 45.38% of the calls were medically related.)

Mayor Miller stated that in the 2021/2022 budget a vehicle was budgeted for the ABC Department (to be purchased with ABC Regulatory funds) as well as a police vehicle that was grant contingent. The ARPA funds are a grant, and can be used to outfit the additional officers. We would need a motion and a vote to purchase the third vehicle. All three vehicles will be purchased below the state contract price. We will also be trading in a 2006 and 2004 Crown Victoria. Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Carter) to approve the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Durango for the police department with ARPA funds. All in favor, motion carried.

This will leave the oldest patrol vehicle as a 2011. The older vehicles are used by the SRO officers because that is where the least amount of miles are used.

# X. Mayor's Information to Council

Mayor Miller reported the following items to council:

-One officer has been identified to hire, Kyle Hester, he will come on at the end of this month. Some other interviews are scheduled.

With-no-further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to

- -20<sup>th</sup> Day Anniversary of 9/11, Patriot Day Parade is scheduled for 6:00pm on 9/11.
- -Free Market Day on the Wilderness Road on August 28, in the First Southern Parking Garage.

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