

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm, August 14th, 2025**

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30 pm on Thursday, August 14th, 2025. 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, Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick, City Attorney John Hackley, Chief Deputy PVA Dawn Atkins and citizens Ruth Spaw, Linda Durham and Lucille Sudduth.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to approve the minutes from the July 10th, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Ms. Sudduth asked about having the curbs beside the carwash painted yellow, so they are more visible at night. Mayor Miller stated he would get in touch with a person who has a machine that paints those.

V. Council Comments

Councilman Hignite shared that alot of drivers are still ignoring the new four way stop at Walmart. Mayor Miller stated that the officers are continuing to monitor that area, but the city would not be able to paint a stop strip on private (Walmart) property.

Councilman Carter asked if posting the delinquent taxes on Facebook had worked. Mayor Miller shared that almost half of those posted did come in and pay. Many were confused that they had paid county and still owed the city.

VI. Possible Meeting Date Change for September 2025 Meeting to September 8, 2025

Mayor Miller shared with the council that the September City Council Meeting will fall on the evening of September 11, which is the scheduled date of our 9/11 Memorial Parade/Patriot Parade. An alternative date of Monday September 8, 2025, was proposed.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Hignite) to change the date of the September City Council Meeting to Monday, September 8, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Presentation of 2025 Tax Rate Calculations

Mayor Miller shared that with the 4% proposed increase it our real property tax rate will drop from .130 to .107 due to the new assessments by the PVA. This will lower the tax bills for each residence from \$130 per \$100,000 to \$107 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Due to the significant drop of revenue (-\$4,484) on tangible personal property it is proposed that we implement the alternative rate which will change from .130 to .1319.

VIII. Set Time and Date for Public Hearing on Tax Rate to September 8, 2025, at 6:15pm

Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Carter) to set the public hearing on tax rate for 6:15 on September 8, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Possible 1st Reading of Ordinance T2025 City of Stanford Tax Rates on Real and Personal Property

Motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to entertain the 1st reading of Ordinance T2025. All in favor, motion carried. Ordinance was read by Attorney John Hackley.

X. Possible 1st Reading of Ordinance 920.46 Amending Zoning Map for 835 US 27N

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to entertain the 1st reading of Ordinance 920.46. All in favor, motion carried. 1st reading was made by Attorney John Hackley.

XI. Possible 1st Reading of Ordinance 920.47 Amending Zoning Map for 195 Hwy 590 Tract 2-A

Motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Carter) to entertain the 1st reading of Ordinance 920.47. All in favor, motion carried. 1st reading was made by Attorney John Hackley.

XII. Mayor's Information to Council

-Mayor Miller shared several upcoming events ie. Worshipfest that was rescheduled, Friday night Car Show, Death Valley Bowl, Ms. Lincoln County, Dinner on Main, Relay for Life Tractor Ride and Distinguished Young Women. Also scheduled is the 9/11 Patriot Parade, the 250th Anniversary Marathon on 9/28, and the Bourbon Chase on Oct 3 (this year's theme is The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown).

-Gas line work is finally completed so we will be paving Adams Court soon.

-Asked that we remember Councilman Wilkinson and his family in the loss of his mother. Services will be at Boneyville Baptist.

-Mayor Miller turned the floor over to Chief Middleton and Captain Kirkpatrick who share with the council examples of the recent patrol rifle purchase. Highlighted were the ability to work off the pistol magazines, round accountability, cost, reliability, optics and size. Each SRO will have a patrol rifle on site which is stored in safes whose purchase was made possible by a grant from Walmart.

All FLOCK cameras are now up and running and have captured data on over 490,000 cars traveling through our area.

New body cameras were rolled out as part of our continuing contract, and we are expecting delivery soon on a new Durango which will serve as a central command unit for the City/County and EMA.

XIII. 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 7:30 pm.


Dalton Miller, Mayor

9-8-2025
Date:


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