Stanford City Council Special Called Council Meeting Thursday, December 10th, 2020 6:30pm, Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer I.

Mayor Miller called to order the Special Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm, Thursday, December 10th, 2020. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilwoman Ella Mae Curlis.

Roll Call H.

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Ella Mae Curlis, Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, and Bill Miracle. Absent were: Councilwoman Peggy Hester and Councilman Naren James. A quorum was declared.

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney, Police Chief Zach Middleton and Fire Chief Scott Maples.

Approval of Minutes III.

11/12/2020 - Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to accept the minutes from the November 12, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

11/16/2020 – Motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to accept the minutes from the November 16, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

12/01/2020 – Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Herman Vickers and Ellen Everett inquired about the status of the drainage project on Sherwood Drive. No new information has been received from AGE Engineering. It was questioned if they will know anything before Spring. Mayor Miller stated that yes, all affected will be notified as soon as the new proposal is received from AGE Engineering and we are able to put the job out for pricing and bids.

V. Council Comments

After some discussion concerning the stipulations and exceptions of elected council members not receiving payment if regular monthly meetings are not attended, Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman Miracle) made a motion to amend the pay ordinance for incoming council members to state that they would only receive payment for the regular monthly council meetings that they attended. An excused absence would be granted for the exception of a death or hospitalization of a relative of the 1st or 2nd degree. With all in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Deatherage asked about the costs of signs recently purchased. Mayor Miller shared that the City currently has another "Welcome to Stanford" sign that we are considering the best placement for. Permission will have to be granted by the State Highway Department once a location is decided upon.

Councilwoman Givens asked if there will be any activities are being planned for the Christmas season. Mayor Miller stated that we would not know anything until after December 13th when the Governor announces what restrictions will be lifted. The Christmas Parade that is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce each year has been cancelled. The City does still plan to have a Christmas/Appreciation Dinner, but that may not be able to be scheduled until later in to January of 2021.

Councilwoman Curlis wished to express her appreciation for being able to work with all the members of the council over that past two years. Led by Councilman Miracle, all members expressed their appreciation to her as well for her service and commitment to the City.

VI. Discussion of Demolition of Street Department Building (Garlan Vanhook)

A letter was included in the Council packet from Vanhook Architectural outlining the structural issues with the building attached to the old city jail which is currently being used by the street department for storage. The cost of repair is more than the value of the building. Mayor Miller has spoken to two contractors that would be able to demolish the building. One has refused to give a bid due to the fact that his new operator is too inexperienced to work in that closed of quarters. The other quote is \$3,500, to tear down the building and haul off all the debris as long as the roof is removed prior to demolition. We have someone who is willing to sign a waiver of liability who will remove the roof at no cost to the city in exchange for the scrap material. The wall against the jail will be preserved. The adjacent parking lot owner has agreed to having the area restricted for 3-4 days during demolition and a load of gravel may need to be placed if the parking lot is damaged during removal of debris.

A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to proceed with demolition. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Presentation of Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

A letter was included in the council packet from Chief Zach Middleton, requesting to donate the surplus police cruiser to the City of Perryville. The cruiser is a 2009 Crown Victoria.

A motion was made to accept the Resolution to Declare Surplus Property by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman Miracle). All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to donate the surplus cruiser to the City of Perryville. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Mayor's Information to Council

Free Orientation class for all City Officials information has been sent out. Please contact City Hall ASAP to get signed up to attend.

The City Officials Academy for 2021 will be entirely online. The dates are Jan 19-21st. Please contact City Hall to be enrolled.

Emergency Management Director, Donnie Gilliam has strongly encouraged all City Council members and City employees to have an official ID made. There will be no cost for these ID's.

All of our street department trucks are now equipped for snow. We now have 3 plows and 2 salt boxes. Code Enforcement has also agreed to assist with plowing if needed.

We have an informal hearing scheduled with OSHA on 12/14/2020 concerning the investigation of the July accident. We will notify council on the final decision when one is received.

City Attorney John Hackley addressed the council on the time crunch we are facing concerning the adoption of an Ordinance concerning ABC. The City will be using the example of the City of Danville's Ordinance. The City will officially be wet 60 days after the certification of the vote. We are in a crunch for time and will need two readings before the official date.

A special called meeting was set for Thursday, December 17, 2020 to have the 1^{st} reading of the ABC Ordinance.

Mayor Miller expressed his appreciation to Ella Mae Curlis and Peggy Hester, outgoing council members, for their service to the City.

IX. Adjourn

With no further items on the agenda, motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilman Curlis) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Dalton Miller, Mayo

Attest: Jone Allen, CKMC