

Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30pm, January 12th, 2023

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:31pm on Thursday, January 12th, 2023. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Ronnie Deatherage led in prayer.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Eddie Carter, Ronnie Deatherage, Jason Hignite, Joe Tackett and Jerry Wilkinson. Absent was Bill Miracle. A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to accept the minutes from the December 8th, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

IV. Council Comments

Councilman Carter asked about the replacement of the traffic mirror at the alley behind Coleman's Deli. Captain Kirkpatrick shared that the mirror has shipped and was scheduled to be delivered today. It will be installed as soon as it is received.

V. Presentation and Possible First Reading of Training Incentive Ordinance

Mayor Miller shared that in 2011 the general assembly adopted an incentive program for City Officials and he feels this is something the City should consider implementing not only for the City Officials, but also for the Street Department, Code Enforcement and the Clerks. This offers an incentive program for officials and employees to obtain training. If all training hours are met each year they can receive up to \$500. The Police Department and the Fire Department currently receive training incentive through KLEFPF and the State Fire Commission.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to entertain the First Reading of Training Incentive Ordinance 230.8, An Ordinance Establishing an Incentive Program for City Officials/Employees to Obtain Training Related to City Government. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk Allen made the first reading.

VI. Presentation and Possible First Reading of Ordinance Adopting the 2018 NFPA Fire Prevention Code

At the request of Chief Maples this ordinance was created to adopt the most current version of the Fire Prevention Code as accepted by the State Fire Marshall. Mayor Miller shared that this ordinance has been

crafted to allow for the perpetual adoption of the most recently accepted code so that a new ordinance will not have to be adopted each time there is a change.

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to entertain the First Reading of Ordinance 310.05, Ordinance of the City of Stanford, Kentucky Adopting the National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention Code as Currently Accepted by the Kentucky State Fire Marshall. All in favor, motion carried. Chief Maples made the first reading.

Chief Maples also shared with the council that January 3, 2023 was the 10 year anniversary since he and Assistant Chief Brian Jenkins were hired. There have been several changes that have occurred in those years and his council report included with these minutes outlines several of those. One of the challenges they are facing right now is staffing. They are working to get consistent coverage and response times.

Mayor Miller addressed the county's request to hire Chief Maples as the assistant emergency management director. It is not a sworn position, it is an appointed position. The Mayor shared that he has request a job description from new EMA director Ashley Powell and will present it to the council when it is received. Although the position has been approved on the County side, it has not been approved through the City.

VII. Mid Year Budget Review

Mayor Miller stated that included in the council packet was a mid-year budget review for informational purposes. He pointed out that there have been additional revenue items already this year, such as the money paid for shooting the film at the Fort. We have also collected 97.96% of the budgeted property tax collection already. All the departments are on par, there are a few deficiencies in the grant department, but those are grants that have not been received yet.

Captain Kirkpatrick shared that the body cameras have been received and, per Motorola, will be rolled out on the street in March of this year.

We have also received our first round payments of the Opioid Settlement. The Chief is currently writing some policy surrounding that money for a drug take back program. We have already received an ASAP Grant and purchased an incinerator to destroy prescription medications and illegal drugs. The County gave us a trailer to haul the incinerator on to travel out into the County, so this has become a great partner project. These funds also allow funding for transport to drug treatment programs.

Mayor Miller shared that he has been searching for a suitable truck for the street department for some time and has not found anything that he feels would meet their needs at an acceptable price point. He has prepared an advertisement for bid, which was read to the council, and is requesting a motion to publish the ad in the paper and requests bids to be received before the February 2023 Council meeting. He stated that there may not be a truck available but it's worth a try.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to advertise for bids as requested. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Stanford Housing Authority Representative Appointment

Mayor Miller explained that although we did appoint a representative to the Stanford Housing Authority at the December meeting, that appointment had to be rescinded due to a HUD Rule. The rule requires equal representation of both the democratic and republic party, and the current vacancy is for a democratic appointment. Therefore, Mayor Miller is presenting Sara Givens, who has agreed to serve, as the recommended representative for the City.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to appoint Sara Givens to the Stanford Housing Authority as a representative for the City. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Fort Logan Foundation Council Representative Appointment

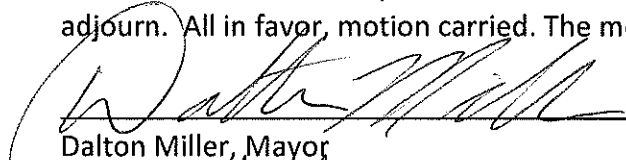
Mayor Miller shared that Councilman Jerry Wilkinson has agreed to be the new representative to replace former Councilwoman Sara Givens as the City representative on the Fort Logan Foundation Council.

X. Mayor’s Information to Council

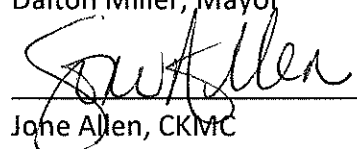
- As of January 6, the City of Stanford is no longer in debt. We have \$0 debt and are halfway through the budget cycle in great shape.
- Budget planning has begun and salaries for the City will need to be addressed. The City salaries still remain at the 27% and below bracket. Emergency Management salaries in neighboring communities have increased considerably and we need to work on getting our salaries in line to be able retain the talent that we have in a way that we can maintain over the long haul.
- Mayor Miller has been invited to the White House to meet with the Drug Czar on January 26, 2023. Everyone is aware of what we are doing locally with the incinerator, with Volunteers of American and the work we are doing with the Opioid Settlement Funds.
- Annual City Training and Awards Banquet will be Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 6:00pm.

XI. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.


Dalton Miller, Mayor

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