

Stanford City Council
Special Called Council Meeting
6:30pm VIA Zoom
February 10th, 2022

NOTE: This meeting will be teleconferenced through Zoom and facilitated by BGADD. It will also be livestreamed on the City of Stanford, KY Facebook Page.

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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, February 10th, 2022. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilman Ronnie Deatherage.

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; Brian Jenkins, Assistant Fire Chief and Craig Butler, Kerbaugh, Rodes and Butler.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Hignite) to accept the minutes from the January 13th, 2022 Special Called City Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Herman Vickers asked when the city begins accepting requests for streets to be repaved/resurfaced. He asked that Sherwood Avenue be placed on the list for the coming year. Mayor Miller shared that he does not have a date of when the street was paved last time. A repaving schedule is being compiled. Sherwood was only chip and seal with a top coat and has not been paved. It is being looked at as well as Cherokee and Turkeyfoot.

Pamela Adams Lamb asked if the water issue in her backyard will be addressed. Councilman Deatherage shared that he and the Mayor rode together earlier in the week and looked specifically at storm water run-off issues. The Mayor stated that after looking at several properties he spoke to engineers who have now opened a job bid looking at contours, piping and easements and are researching the area to try and determine where the water is coming from. Mayor Miller stated that as soon as any information is available he will follow up with Ms. Lamb.

IV. Council Comments

Councilman Carter asked about the status on the Foster Lane project. Mayor Miller stated that there are no new updates.

V. Budget vs. Actual by Craig Butler, Kerbaugh, Rodes and Butler

Craig Butler reported that an overview of the city's financial position through December 2021 is positive. We show a great net variance above what was expected at 6 months into the year. As always, Craig expressed his appreciation to the City for being one of the oldest clients he has.

VI. Request from Asst Chief Brian Jenkins concerning the Nepotism Ordinance

Assistant Chief Brian Jenkins shared with the council how the past two years have been very difficult on the fire service when it comes to workforce availability. Since the part time program was launched in 2019, it has been outstanding for the department to be able to protect the City. Since that time, the part time program has seen a lot of turnover as individuals move on to other full time positions. He presented a request from the Stanford Fire Department to the council to grant an exception to the Nepotism Ordinance 120.7A as stated in Section 2, Paragraph E, concerning two applicants for the position of part time firefighter.

The City Fire Department has been accepting applications since November of 2021 and have received six applications to fill six open positions. Of those six applications, four were qualified and were hired. Asst Chief Jenkins stated that there are currently two qualified candidates in their department to fill the other two positions, but would require an exception be made to the Nepotism Ordinance.

Those candidates are Connor Maples, whose father is Chief Maples, and Jonathan McCoy whose father is Captain McCoy. Connor started as a Jr. Firefighter in 2016 and is now 400 HR Certified. In 2020 he left the Jr. Program and became a firefighter. He is currently enrolled in the Lincoln County EMS EMT Program and is also working toward his National Accredited Firefighter I. Joshua has been with the station since 2018, is 400 HR Certified, and is working towards his National Accredited Firefighter I and is currently enrolled in the Lincoln County EMS EMT Program.

Asst. Chief Jenkins explained that protocols are in place that would keep these men from being directly supervised by their fathers unless an emergency situation would happen for call in's. Asst Chief Jenkins explained that the chain of command rank structure employs levels that these candidates would be supervised by and answer too. He also pointed out that the fire department is a family oriented community. Family members are a part of fire stations across the nation. That is what keeps a lot of our stations in smaller communities going, next generations following in their peer's footsteps. Under the current Nepotism Ordinance, unless an exception is granted, these candidates are not eligible for hire. Asst Chief Jenkins is requested that the Council grant the exception.

A motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to grant the exception to the Nepotism Ordinance and allow the hiring of Connor Maples and Joshua McCoy by the Stanford Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

Asst. Chief Jenkins expressed his appreciation to the council for granting the exception. Councilman Miracle expressed his appreciation to Asst Chief Jenkins and the entire Fire Department for their level of dedication and the work that they do. Asst Chief Jenkins shared that the department is a team effort, from Chief Maples, to Major Chris Siler who handles all the scheduling, to the Captains who make sure that coverage is complete. Members of the Fire Department will be at the Job Fair on February 28, accepting applications for the next pool of (6) part time employees.

VII. Pride Proclamation (April)

By proclamation, the Mayor has declared the month of April, 2022 as Pride month. The City of Stanford is participating in the PRIDE Spring Cleanup by organizing cleanup events and recruiting volunteers. Jane Vanhook is the PRIDE Coordinator for our area. This year’s PRIDE Spring Cleanup Day will be a Saturday morning in April. There is a job available for everyone.

VIII. Mayor’s Information to Council

Mayor Miller presented a request to the council from the Wilderness Road Jeep Club. They are sponsoring a Jeep Siege at Logan’s Fort on April 29 and 30, 2022 to benefit Habitat for Humanity. They are asking for help in promoting this event.

A motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to donate \$500 to the Wilderness Road Jeep Club for the purpose of radio and newspaper advertising to promote the Jeep Siege Event, with any remaining funds being donated directly to Habitat for Humanity. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Miller reported the following items to council:

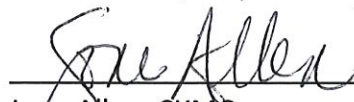
- a building lot has been donated to Habitat for Humanity along with the survey. Also, an individual has donated his time and equipment to backfill once the house is done, and another potential donation of the dirt and topsoil.
- Body armor has been purchased for the Police Department with an \$850 grant from Walmart.
- A Safety Equipment Grant of \$1,000 has been awarded by Walmart for the purchase of rechargeable flashlights for the Street and Police Departments.
- A \$1,000 Grant has been received from Walmart for the construction of an informational Kiosk at Logan’s Fort.
- Officer Andy Ferguson has attended training in Grant Writing to further assist the City in obtaining grants.
- Grants we are looking at include an AARP Grant that may assist with sidewalk repair in Shea Villa and Star Avenue.
- Mayor Miller continues to follow up with the State on discretionary grant funds that we applied for to repair sidewalks on Whitley Avenue.
- There has been a committee established of citizen’s who are looking at putting together a New Year’s Bash on Main Street.

IX. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.


Dalton Miller, Mayor

3-11-2022
Date:


Jane Allen, CKMC

3/11/2022
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