

**Stanford City Council
Special Called Council Meeting
Thursday, February 11th, 2021
6:30pm, Zoom Meeting**

NOTE: This meeting was facilitated by BGADD through Zoom, due to technical difficulties caused by the ice storm, we were unable to stream live on the City of Stanford Kentucky Facebook Page.

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Special Called Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:41pm, Thursday, February 11th, 2021. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilwoman Sara Givens.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Eddie Carter (6:47pm), Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Bill Miracle and Joe Tackett. Absent: Dr. Naren James. A quorum was declared by the Mayor. Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney; Craig Butler, Kerbaugh, Rodes and Butler, CPA; and Police Chief Zach Middleton.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the minutes from the January 14th, 2021 Special Called Council Meeting as written. All approved, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Ellen Everett asked about an update on the Sherwood Drive project. Mayor Miller stated that he is currently waiting on approval of a land owner where the ditch makes a sharp curve behind Mr. Duck's home. Once that approval is received the City will begin digging a straight line ditch across to begin the recovery of the land that has eroded. They are also waiting on the area to become dry enough to get a piece of equipment in to work.

Herman Vickers asked if AGE has been contacted and have bids been requested for the concrete work. Mayor Miller stated that nothing can be put out for bids yet until the season begins. The concrete work is quite costly, and the city is going to do a large portion of the excavation work to try and reduce that cost. Pictures of the original placement of the fence on the property from approximately 1999 have been located to assist with the recovery effort. The permanent fix will begin as soon as the weather is dry enough.

IV. Council Comments

Councilman Carter would like to express his thanks to the Street Department for the great job they are doing on the city streets during the ice and snowstorm.

Councilman Deatherage asked if this spring when the black topping begins, could the Mayor please come out and take a look at the water runoff that runs into his yard. Mayor Miller stated that we are currently looking at acquiring some grants concerning storm water runoff issues throughout the City.

V. 2020-2021 Budget vs Actual Review, Craig Butler, CPA; Kerbaugh, Rodes and Butler

Craig Butler shared with the council the 2020-2021 1st Quarter Budget vs Actual Report. He noted that, considering the fact that we are in a pandemic, the payroll tax income looks really good for the year to date. Overall, the revenues are exceeding the budget six months into the fiscal year.

The ABC Department is new, and all the actual vs budgeted expenses for the other departments for the year are well under or on target for the year. The Street Department is the only department currently over for this time of the year due to the fact that most paving is done early in the budget year.

Mayor Miller pointed out that some monies have been used from the \$50,000 contingency fund to pay retirement for a former police officer that was found to be eligible due to the number of hours worked. This was \$22,000 that was not previously budgeted.

Mr. Butler expressed his thanks to the City and Council for the years that we have trusted his firm to manage our accounts.

VI. Introduction and Possible First Reading of Ordinance 220.29 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANFORD, KENTUCKY RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AVAILABLE TO NEW OR EXISTING BUSINESSES

Councilman Miracle asked Mayor Miller to explain how this ordinance was developed. Mayor Miller shared that he researched ordinances from three other cities that were comparable in size to our City and compiled options from each of those that he felt would best serve the needs of our City. This is an ordinance not only to invite new business into our city, but also to reward the current businesses that we have and give them incentive to grow here instead of looking to move elsewhere. The County is also interested in adopting a similar ordinance to work together with the City.

Motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to have the first reading of Ordinance 220.29 Ordinance of the City of Stanford, Kentucky relating to Economic Development Incentives Available to New or Existing Businesses. Mayor Miller made the 1st reading of the ordinance.

VII. Introduction and Possible First Reading of Ordinance 620-901A ARROWHEAD TRAIL[S] STREET ACCEPTANCE AMENDMENT

After some discussion concerning the water drainage, retention pond area and the installation of streetlights (2), motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to have the first reading of Ordinance 620-901A Arrowhead Trail Street Acceptance Amendment. Mayor Miller made the 1st reading of the ordinance.

VIII. Municipal Order Adopting the 2021 Edition of the City of Stanford Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook

Due to several updates throughout the years concerning department of labor laws, the pregnant workers act and changes to City policy, namely the addition of a sick leave sharing policy, a new edition of the City of Stanford Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook has been created.

Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miracle) made a motion to adopt Municipal Order Adopting the 2021 Edition of the City of Stanford Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Presentation of Letter of Resignation

Mayor Miller shared with the council a letter of resignation from Councilman Naren James. The resignation will be effective as of the date of this meeting. Appreciation was voiced for Councilman James 6+ years of service on the council and the many projects throughout our city that he has played an instrumental roll in through out the years. Namely the Lincoln County Public Library and Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital.

A motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Carter) to nominate Jason Hignite to fill the vacancy on the council created by Councilman James resignation. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, motion carried. It was noted that Jason Hignite was the other name on the ballot and was within three votes of the last winning vote count during the November 2020 city council election.

X. Mayor’s Information to Council

The new Legal Handbooks published by KLC are available at City Hall for all the council members to pick up who have not already received them. There are several updates included for the new year.

Snow and ice removal is well under way. The street department, Aaron Miracle and Jamie Doolin, as well as Jeff Knouse, Code Enforcement Officer and the Mayor. We currently have 6.5 tons of salt in storage at the county. We have ordered an additional 25 ton of salt, and the County has offered to let us use what they have in storage if needed until ours comes in. Mayor Miller stated the county road department is working very well with us and we sincerely appreciate their and Judge Executive Adams help.

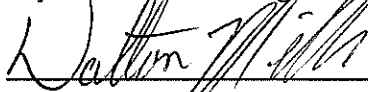
The Mayor and City Attorney are currently researching and gathering information on Industrial Revenue Bonds and will be sending an email in a few weeks to everyone.

Bids were received on the sidewalks that were advertised. We have approximately \$11,000 in budgeted funds for sidewalk repair/replacement. 4 Phases were bid, and Phase 1 is the one that we can currently begin starting at Standing Fort and running to Spurlin Funeral Home possibly to 304 West Main Street based on the amount of concrete that would be used. We are waiting to open the bids to allow any that were mailed to have a chance to come in.

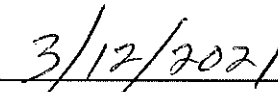
Mayor Miller also shared a concern with the utility bill at the Depot. It is currently costing approximately \$8,700 a year. He contacted Thermal Heating and Equipment and they have done a study on the building and we are awaiting the results. It is a major expense at this time. He has also contacted a company to do a lighting study to look at replacing the lights themselves with LED bulbs. This would be done at no cost to the city, but we would then pay a percentage of our savings to this company.

XI. Adjourn


With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.



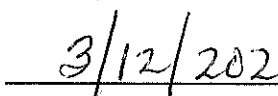
Dalton Miller, Mayor



Date:



Jon Allen, CKMC



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