

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, March 5th, 2020
6:30pm, Historic Stanford L&N Depot**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Scottie Ernst called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm, Thursday, March 5th, 2020, at the Historic Stanford L&N Depot. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag, after which the opening prayer was led by Mayor Scottie Ernst.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Peggy Hester, and Dalton Miller. Councilwoman Curlis and Councilman James were absent. A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney; Chase Marcum, Stanford Police Officer; Kenny Smith, Stanford Fire Department; and citizen's Jamie Mingo, Sheila Mullins, and Peggy & Randy Denham.

III. Approval of Minutes

-02/06/2020, Regular Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilman Miller) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Mayor Ernst opened the floor for any citizen's comments. With none presented he moved on to Council Comments.

V. Council Comments

Councilwoman Hester asked about the dates for the Cruise-In's. They have been scheduled for the months of April through October.

Councilman Miller asked when the meetings for budget planning will begin. The department heads are working to gather figures and should have numbers available to begin presenting in May.

Mayor Ernst asked that City Attorney Hackley share with the council the ability to take a yearly CPI increase. Attorney Hackley shared with the council that each year the Department of Local Government calculates a percentage increase available to the Mayor and City Council. This is not

considered an increase to base pay. This increase can be adopted yearly by ordinance, or can be written as a one time ordinance to cover all subsequent years.

Councilman Deatherage shared with the council a chart of figures outlining base pay for City Council members in other cities in the State. City Hall also shared a chart of figures gathered from other area clerks as well as this year's average pay figures from the KLC 2020 Wage and Salary Survey.

City Attorney Hackley pointed out that this increase would have to be passed by ordinance before the first Monday in May. A special council meeting could be called at 6:00pm for the first reading and then a 2nd reading could be done at the regular 6:30 council meeting.

After some discussion concerning a pay increase for city council as well as a yearly increase for the Mayor and City Council based on the Consumer Price Index, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2nd by Councilman Miller) that this be laid on the table until the April 2020 council meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. 2nd Reading of Ordinance Amending City Ordinance No. 2017-0501, to Align Sectional References and Establish Payment of Members of the Code Enforcement (Nuisance) Board

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to have the 2nd Reading of Ordinance Amending City Ordinance No. 2017-0501, to Align Sectional References and Establish Payment of Members of the Code Enforcement (Nuisance) Board. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the 2nd reading.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2nd by Councilman Miller) to adopt the Ordinance Amending City Ordinance No. 2017-0501, to Align Sectional References and Establish Payment of Members of the Code Enforcement (Nuisance) Board. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. 2nd Reading of Ordinance Setting the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location, Date and Time

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to take the 2nd Reading of Ordinance Setting the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location, Date and Time off the table. All in favor, motion carried.

After council discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to have the 2nd Reading of Ordinance Setting the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location, Date and Time. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the 2nd reading.

A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) to adopt the Ordinance Setting the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location, Date and Time. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Recommendation by Planning and Zoning to appoint Ted Defosset to replace Judy Hester whose term expired on 12/31/2019 for the term 2020-2023.

Councilwoman Hester asked if his term had expired on the ethics board. It has not, but he will resign if his appointment is accepted. After some discussion Councilman Miller pointed out that this appointment had passed the time limit to be a council approved appointment and the board appointment stands as presented.

IX. Recommendation by Planning and Zoning to appoint Bob Swett to replace Larry Nunemaker who resigned from the board effective 02/01/2020 for the term 2019-2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the appointment of Bob Swett to replace Larry Nunemaker for the 2019-2022 term of Planning and Zoning Commissioner. All in favor, motion carried.

X. Mayor's Information to Council

Chief Middleton and Chief Maples are in the process of getting bids for remodeling of the police and fire department.

Chief Middleton is getting bids for the police cruiser purchase that was passed during the last council meeting.

The Street Department has filled the sidewalk on Logan Avenue and Code Enforcement has contacted the homeowner, John Stevens, to complete repair.

Mayor Ernst read a thank you card from the family of Ailene Dabney (Judy Hester's mother) and from the family of Dorothy Hackley (John Hackley's mother) for the sympathy gifts that were sent on behalf of the City. Also, a \$50 gift was sent to the Lincoln County Educational Fund in memory of Elaine Sebastian (wife of Planning and Zoning member, Phil Sebastian). Also, Tim Morris's mother passed away and a sympathy gift was sent to his family as well.

Mayor Ernst presented three areas that he would like to consider for annexation:

1. East 150 with the Industrial Park and the road only, all the way to the dam.
2. N27 to the county line.
3. Goshen Cut-Off

Other options to consider may be Morgan Manor and Dix River Estates. Mayor Ernst stated that he wanted to get councils thoughts before moving forward with having the survey done. All expressed support in moving forward.

Somerset Street will be opened as soon as Atmos has completed their work and the culvert is replaced. Mayor Ernst anticipates that this should be completed within the next three weeks.

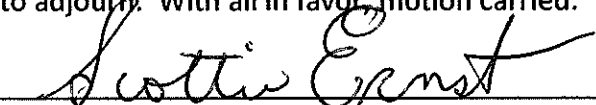
Councilman Deatherage asked about bids for City Hall. Mayor Ernst proposed that the money that is set aside for the police department be used to pay for the expense of updates to the new police department and fire department. Then, whatever money was left over, use that toward the new city hall building. The remaining balance could then be paid off or borrowed.

Mayor Ernst also shared that Garlan Vanhook has received a letter from Roland with Village Restorations stating that in the past he had agreed to build a cabin for \$36,200, but feels that the agreement was only for four cabins and he does not want to do the fifth cabin for the same price. He is withdrawing from his contract for building the fifth cabin. Construction of the fifth cabin will be bid out.

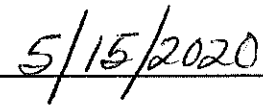
There is also a two- story cabin in Lancaster that the City of Lancaster did not want. They gave the cabin to the Fort Foundation. The only stipulation was that the Foundation had to move it. It is currently being dismantled and will be rebuilt out at the Fort, across from the Welcome Center/Icehouse. It will be the Grist Mill. The move and rebuild cost is \$55,000 and the Foundation will be paying for this.

XI. Adjourn

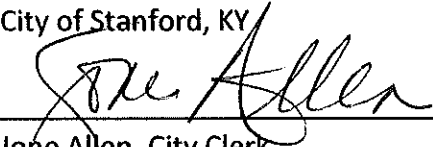
With no other business, motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.



Scottie Ernst, Mayor



Date:



Jone Allen, City Clerk