

**Stanford City Council**  
**Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting**  
**Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room**  
**6:15pm, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**I. Call to Order Public Hearing**

Mayor Miller called to order the CDBG-CV Utility Assistance Hearing on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:15pm and turned the meeting over to Karyn Leveranz with the Bluegrass Area Development District.

**II. Public Hearing Closing out the CDBG-CV Utility Assistance Project**

Karyn shared that this hearing is part of the required process for closing out the CDBG program. These were emergency funds that were allocated to communities to be put toward utility assistance. These covered water, sewer, gas (including propane) and electric assistance. The City contracted with BGADD and Bluegrass Community Action program to disperse these funds. Now that the program is closed, they are no longer accepting applications. As of December 31, 2022 they reported expending \$22,190.90 in Stanford to assist homeowners with utilities. Karyn will be tabulating an audit of applications and sending the outcome to the Mayor to detail the households that were assisted. This report will then be presented to the council and the Mayor will sign off on it. That report will be sent to the Department of Local Government along with the minutes of the public hearing and the sign in sheet and then the program will be closed out. 51% of the households that applied for the program had to be low to moderate income families. The additional monies not spent are to be refunded to the City from BGCAP and then returned to DLG after BGCAP and BGADD's admin fees have been deducted. The City of Stanford is one of only five communities who completed the process and implemented the program.

**III. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer**

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Jerry Wilkinson led in prayer.

**IV. Roll Call**

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

Also present were: City Attorney John Hackley, Police Chief Zach Middleton, Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick, and Water Board Member Ella Mae Curlis.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hignite) to accept the minutes from the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **IV. Review of Fireworks Ordinance (Debbie's Request)**

Due to the fact that several council members did not have access to their email after the account's were updated with two-factor authentication, a motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Carter) to table the discussion until next month's meeting.

#### **V. Request from Fire Department (Brian Jenkins)**

Requested to be moved to April 2023 meeting.

#### **VI. Citizen's Comments**

There were no citizen's comments.

#### **VII. Council Comments**

Chief Middleton shared that the PD has rolled out the new body cameras today. They have been working on adjusting camera angles and have conducted some mock traffic stops. He shared a view of the camera with council members to show how clear the resolution is.

Chief Middleton also requested that the council approve advertisement for bids for the odd year vehicle purchase that will be in the 2023-2024 budget. He stated that typically we wait until July to begin the advertisement process and may not get the vehicle equipped and delivered until October. This way if we get the process rolling we would get the vehicle much closer to July.

A motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to approve advertisement for bids for state contract pricing for the 2023-2024 odd year police vehicle (Durango) purchase. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen's Police Academy is tentatively coming up March 21<sup>st</sup>. Applications are currently being accepted. There are eight classes, one night a week. This Academy will be on Tuesday nights.

#### **VIII. Mayor's Information to Council**

Mayor Miller presented a proposal for Air Evac benefits for all the employees of the City. A breakdown of the potential billing is included in the council package. Currently one year of coverage for all employees, council members and all members of their households would be \$3,770.00, a four year term would be \$14,500, and a five year term would cost \$17,400. The five year package would be at \$60 per employee, which is the most cost effective option.

A motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to add the five year package for all city employees, council members and their households. All in favor, motion carried.

-4/15 Clean Sweep Main Street and Drug Take Back (at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) Day, 9am-12pm

-Spring Cleanup is March 13-26, 2023

-Citizen's were encouraged to use their free vouchers to take items to the landfill.

-Presented the idea of putting past due taxes on our website and Facebook in an effort to try and collect.

--Red letters will be going out for all past due property taxes.

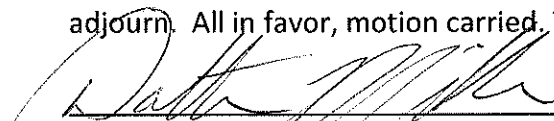
-We have an opportunity to receive some free land in the City to create a Wild Life Observatory. Dr. Matheny does not want the land developed. He requests that it be left in its natural state. His mother used to watch animals and birds there. She documented over 200 species of birds throughout her life who visited the area. The entrance would be off of Newigi or behind the Nazarene Church. The idea is still being discussed.

-We have received an artist's rendering of what the Law Enforcement Memorial would look like in front of the Fire Department. We were given \$5,000 when the parking garage was purchased to move the memorial. A cost estimate will be developed to see what it will take to make the move.

-Thank you to all departments who assisted with the cleanup during the storm to keep all our streets clear.

### IX. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.



Dalton Miller, Mayor

4-13-2023

Date:



Jone Allen, CKMC

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