

**Stanford City Council  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, May 23rd, 2019  
6:30pm, Historic Stanford L&N Depot**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Scottie Ernst called to order the Special Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:00pm, Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at the Historic Stanford L&N Depot.

**II. Roll Call**

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

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney; Nancy Leedy, AMNews/IJ; Zach Middleton, Police Chief; Scott Maples, Fire Chief; Craig Butler, Kerbaugh, Rodes and Butler

**III. Presentation of 2018-2019 Audit Report – Craig Butler, Kerbaugh, Rodes and Butler**

Craig Butler presented the 2018-2019 audit report to the council and opened the floor for any questions that they may have. Technically, it is a violation of KRS to have the budget overrun that the City had for the 2018-2019 year, but it is a common occurrence for cities to not take the time to amend the budget throughout the year. Last year the City spent just a tad less than 1% over their revenue with their spending for the year. Going forward his recommendation is that the budget is monitored closely so that each departmental grouping is not over budget. Overall it was a very stable financial year.

Motion was made by Councilman Miller (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Curlis) to accept the 2018-2019 Audit Report as written and presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**IV. John & Mindy Stevens, Logan Avenue Sewer Line**

John & Mindy Stevens came before the council asking for help in rectifying a problem they have with their sewer connection at their home on 404 Logan Avenue. After discussion it was determined that Mr. & Mrs. Stevens have not exhausted their recourse with the water board on the water and sewer issue. A motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Hester) that the Mayor contact the Water Board and ask that, as soon as possible, they set up a special meeting, in the afternoon, to meet with the Mr. & Mrs. Stevens so that their problem may be presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

**V. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Water Sewer Budget Ordinance 2019-2020**

Ryan Owens, Water Department Director, presented the 2019-2020 Water/Sewer Department Budget for first reading to the council. Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman James) to have the first reading of the Water Sewer Budget Ordinance for 2019-2020. The council reviewed the Ordinance and all voted in favor, motion carried.

**VI. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Amended Ordinance 2018-0625.01 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2018/2019**  
Motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Curlis) to entertain the first reading of Amended Ordinance 2018-0625.01 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2018/2019. The Ordinance was reviewed by council, and after discussion of the detail of the adjustments, all voted in favor, motion carried.

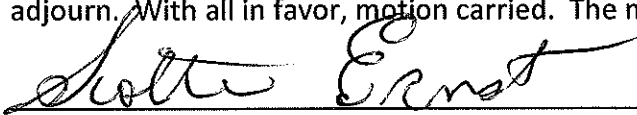
**VII. 2019-2020 Budget Work Session**

Council was presented with a spreadsheet detailing all department expenses and revenue proposed for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Recommendations were made by Craig Butler to adjust the expected revenue for the year based on the Profit and Loss Statement he prepared for the city detailing a history of income from July 2014 to present. Mr. Butler also stated that it is a misconception that the budget revenue and expense totals should balance perfectly. You never want to balance a budget so that you have nothing left. This would show a wash each year of spending all the money that the City brought in, and therefore, not building a reserve (cash on hand) as he has recommended in the past.

After discussion among the department heads, council members, the City Attorney and Mr. Butler, changes were made to the proposed budget so that a 2019-2020 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance can be presented for reading at the June 6, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

**VIII. Adjourn**

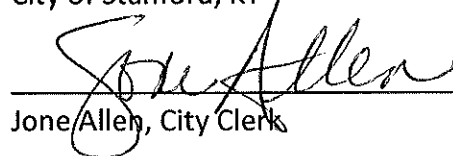
With no other business, motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.



Scottie Ernst, Mayor  
City of Stanford, KY

JUNE 7, 2019

Date:



Jone Allen, City Clerk