

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30pm, June 8th, 2023**

I. 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, June 8th, 2023. Councilman Ronnie Deatherage led in prayer after which all recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag.

II. Roll Call

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

Also present were: City Attorney John Hackley, Police Chief Zach Middleton, Captain Ryan Kirkpatrick and Water Department Director Ryan Owens.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to accept the minutes from the May 11th, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Linda Bryant, Linda Denham and Ruth Spaw addressed the council concerning a problem they are having with dogs running loose on Eastwood Drive in Forest Hills. The ladies shared how their property is being destroyed and garbage is being strewn in their yards. They also stated that they are afraid to be in their yards because of the aggressive nature of one of the dogs in particular. Their grandchildren have also been knocked down. Talking to the owners has produced no result. The dog warden has been called and the animals picked up, but the homeowners retrieve the animals from the shelter and they continue to allow them to roam freely.

Chief Middleton stated that extra patrol will be done in the area and Mayor Miller asked the residents to call police when the dogs are out.

V. Council Comments

Councilman Carter asked about the status of the Foster Lane Project. Mayor Miller stated that he has emailed to ask what the holdup is and received no response. He spoke with AGE who stated there was an issue with the bidding. The next step will be to send the check to the judge executive who will write the check for the city's portion. The City's portion will be about \$40,000.

VI. Police Chief's Update to the Council

Chief Zach Middleton updated the council on the overall activity in the department (letter is attached). He was awaiting word from the Lincoln County School Board concerning the SRO contract for the 2023-2024 school year and that will impact the number of positions that will be open. The board voted at their meeting tonight to hire one additional officer to assist in covering the elementary schools. He also highlighted some position changes and the loss of Officer Oney to another department. He expressed his and the department's appreciation for the pay increase and hopes that this will aid in officer retention.

Captain Kirkpatrick presented a request to the Council to partner with the county in upgrading the county's radio communications system (letter is attached). The City Department continues to work with

the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office outside of the city limits of Stanford and provides School Resource Officers to the schools in the outlying portions of Lincoln County. The cost of the \$43,288 upgrade would be split four ways between the County, Hustonville, Crab Orchard and Stanford. The City's portion would be \$16,644. With the council member's approval, this amount will be added to the 2023-2024 budget.

VII. Fire Chief's Update to the Council

Chief Scott Maples updated the council on the current state of the Fire Department and their accomplishments and activity level over the past fiscal year (letter is attached). He stated the only concern at this time is staffing and the increase in pay and the addition of two new positions should help to improve this. He also shared that one upcoming issue for the next year is the 23 year old ladder truck which will need to be refurbished.

VIII. Possible 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-0511 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
Motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Carter) to entertain the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-0511 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. All in favor, motion carried. The 2nd reading was made by City Attorney Hackley.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to accept the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-0511 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. All in favor, motion carried. Ordinance is accepted and will be published in the June 15th Interior Journal.

IX. Possible 2nd Reading of 2023-2024 City of Stanford Water/Sewer Budget

City Water Department Director Ryan Owens was available to answer any questions concerning the budget.

Motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to have the 2nd Reading of 2023-2024 City of Stanford Water/Sewer Budget Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. City Clerk Jone Allen made the 2nd Reading of 2023-2024 City of Stanford Water/Sewer Budget.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to accept the 2nd Reading of 2023-2024 City of Stanford Water/Sewer Budget Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. Ordinance is accepted and will be published by the City of Stanford Water Department.

X. Resolution 2023-0608 Cost Overrun Resolution (Utilities CDBG)

Mayor Miller presented the above titled Resolution and read same to council.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to approve the Resolution 2023-0608 Cost Overrun Resolution (Utilities CDBG). All in favor, motion carried.

XI. Presentation of Board Appointments

Mayor Miller presented candidates Doug Gooch and Bruce Edgington to be reappointed for another four year term to the Stanford Lincoln County Industrial Development Board.

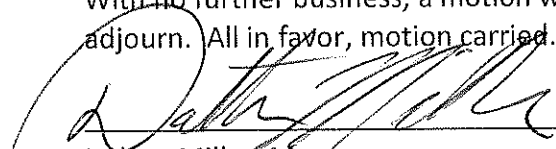

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Wilkinson) to accept the appointments as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

XII. Mayor's Information to Council

- Mayor Miller thanked Judge Executive Woods Adams for attending tonight's meeting. Judge Adams expressed his appreciation to the Mayor, Police & Fire Department and the City for their cooperation in working together to make a better community for everyone involved.
- Mayor Miller thanked City Clerk Jone Allen for her work on the budget.
- Congratulations to Germani Crosby for winning the state shot put championship for the second year in a row.
- Planning & Zoning Meeting on 6/29/2023 at the Fire Department concerning a proposed zone change on Danville Avenue.

XIII. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

 Dalton Miller, Mayor	7-13-2023 Date:
 Jone Allen, CKMC	7-13-2023 Date: