

**Stanford City Council
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, June 11th, 2020
6:30pm, Teleconferenced Meeting**

NOTE: This meeting was teleconferenced and was facilitated by BGADD through Zoom.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Scottie Ernst called to order the Special Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm, Thursday, June 11th, 2020, via Zoom. 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: Ella Mae Curlis, Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Dalton Miller and Dr. Naren James. Members not present: Peggy Hester. A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney; Ryan Owens, Stanford Water Department Director.

III. Approval of Minutes

-05/14/2020, Special Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman James) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Council Comments

Councilwoman Curlis (for Councilwoman Hester in her absence) presented the following concerns:

- A complaint from Brian Singleton concerning several properties within the city limits that were not being mowed. He is questioning why he is receiving violations for his approximately 5 acre lot that backs up to Cash Creek, when these other properties seemed to be in violation as well. After some discussion concerning the use of the properties in question (Agricultural or Residential) and whether the land has been used for a non-conforming use, the matter will be referred to Code Enforcement for clarification.

- A request from city business owner, Joe Crain, to allow business owners within the city to vote in local elections. City Attorney Hackley shared that state law determines this and currently states that an official residence must be established. One man equals one vote in the place of his official residence.

Councilwoman Curlis asked how the new city hall will be paid for. Mayor Ernst shared the monies that have been set aside are the proceeds from the sale of the parking garage and the monies received by donation from Enbridge which brings the total to \$92,600 which will be used toward the purchase. The rest of the purchase price will be paid for through the general fund, so the property will be paid for in full. Mayor Ernst stated that this is being made possible through COVID-19 Relief funds that will be reimbursed to the city for the police and fire payroll hours, the purchase of the council ipads, and the cost of being able to telecommute during the pandemic. The City has been awarded \$265,047 in funds.

Councilwoman Curlis asked that the trees at the end of Upland and Danville Avenue be trimmed to help with visibility.

Councilwoman Givens wished to express her thanks to First Southern National Bank for the beautiful lights that have been added to the Somerset Street Bridge.

V. Presentation and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Water Department Budget

Ryan Owens, Director of the City of Stanford Water Department, presented for 1st reading the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Water Department Budget Ordinance. He stated that it is fairly straight forward with the only real changes being in insurance and retirement. Chemicals have also gone up.

Councilman James asked where we stand as a City as compared to other cities in our ability to replace older water lines. Ryan stated that the project that we are currently doing right now is replacing 15-20 miles of lines that have been in place from 1920-30. The State Division of Water is very happy with the project. They have put in 35-36 new hydrants. Ryan stated that he would put our city within the top 25% of cities our size. Several lines have also been upsized to accommodate industrial growth.

Councilman Miller asked if residents will be informed if there will be a drastic change in water pressure to their homes. Ryan stated that most of the time they are not aware of which homes will have drastic changes. He does recommend that pressure reducing apparatuses be installed so that customers can control their rate. A lot of dead end lines have been looped during this project that will improve water quality and equalize pressure. Currently coming in to town we are at approximately 120PSI.

Councilman James asked where we stand in meeting regulatory requirements concerning water quality. Ryan shared that a new carbon (referred to as "Magic Juice") is being used that is bringing us well above requirements.

Councilman James asked about the cost of the ongoing litigation not being included in the new year budget. Ryan stated that they feel this will be resolved before the end of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman Miller) to have the 1st reading of the City of Stanford Water Department 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance. With all in favor, the motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the first reading.

Mayor Ernst asked that Ryan touch on the issue of the swimming pool adjustment. Ryan stated that the policies written years ago left loopholes concerning adjustments. Ryan and City Water Attorney Jonathan Baker looked into the policies and what other cities were doing. With the large project that is currently being undertaken and the monies being provided by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, the department was told that they needed to find a way to shire up the leaks that they currently have in the sewer funds. What they found was presented to the water board. The department was losing between \$30 and 40,000 a year in pool adjustments. They also had factories and schools asking them to waive sewer charges. To stay standard with everyone the board decided to only allow an adjustment underground between the meter and the house.

Mayor Ernst also shared that the water department is considering building a new storage facility behind their building. At some point the old storage building will come available. Discussion was had about the suitability of this facility to be used for the street/police and fire department as equipment storage. Ryan shared that Rural Development requires that any funds that are obtained from them (which was what built the storage facility) would have to be recouped and put back into the water funds. The Water Department was also looking to use the money from the projected sale as monies to be used to build the new storage building. It also is not feasible for any large vehicle to pull into the facility once the new road is in place. Water Attorney Baker is in discussion with the state about them possibly purchasing the property because it will be rendered useless after the road goes through.

Mayor Ernst asked that if anyone has any constituents who have issues or concerns about the repair of their yard or property to please let the water department know now while Cumberland Pipeline is here and can address them.

VI. Resolution of the City of Stanford Authorizing Application to the Department of Local Government for CoronaVirus Relief Funds

Mayor Ernst shared with the council that, as discussed previously, this Resolution allows the City to apply for the \$265,047 that has been awarded to the city for CoronaVirus Relief Aid.

A motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilman Miller) to accept the Resolution of the City of Stanford Authorizing Application to the Department of Local Government for CoronaVirus Relief Funds. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Resolution of the City of Stanford Approving an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Bluegrass and Central Kentucky Unified Police Protection System (BACKUPPS) and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Relevant Documents

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to accept the Resolution of the City of Stanford Approving an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Bluegrass and Central Kentucky Unified Police Protection System (BACKUPPS) and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Relevant Documents. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. 2nd Reading of Ordinance Establishing General Licensing Provisions

A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman James) to have the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance Establishing General Licensing Provisions. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney Hackley did a 2nd reading of the changes made.

A motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to accept the Ordinance Establishing General Licensing Provisions as read. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. 2nd Reading of Ordinance Fixing and Establishing the Annual Salary and Compensation for the Elected Office of Mayor of the City of Stanford and for the Elected Office of Councilperson of the City of Stanford, KY for the Term of Office Beginning in January 2021

A motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to have the 2nd Reading of Ordinance Fixing and Establishing the Annual Salary and Compensation for the Elected Office of

Mayor of the City of Stanford and for the Elected Office of Councilperson of the City of Stanford, KY for the Term of Office Beginning in January 2021. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney Hackley made the 2nd reading.

A motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the Ordinance Fixing and Establishing the Annual Salary and Compensation for the Elected Office of Mayor of the City of Stanford and for the Elected Office of Councilperson of the City of Stanford, KY for the Term of Office Beginning in January 2021. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

X. Re-appointment of Susan Miller and William Pence to the Ethics Board

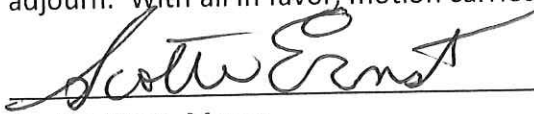
Motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to re-appoint Susan Miller and William Pence to the Ethics Board.

XI. Mayor's Information to Council

- The Shred Event was a huge success. We ended up with 10,200 pounds of paper shredded.
- The Spring Clean-Up has been a huge undertaking over the past few weeks. Two additional contract laborers were hired to help with this project. Seven full dumpsters have already been emptied.
- Jamie Doolin has been hired to assist Aaron in the Street Department. He is doing a great job.
- There is hand sanitizer still available at City Hall if anyone needs it.
- Only July 4, 2020 at 9:00am we will be having an Inaugural Reading of the Declaration of Independence in front of the courthouse. It will be about a 30 minute program.
- The budget is being worked on and will be presented as soon as all the numbers are in. It was the consensus of the council that presenting the budget numbers in July will be acceptable.
- Mayor Ernst asked the council's thoughts on opening the bids for garbage collection for the coming year. We have the option to extend the Republic Services contract for two more years at the current rate, or we can open the bidding to Rumpke and have Republic rebid if they desire. After some discussion, the council expressed their desire to open the bidding.
- We will be closing on the new city hall property within the next 10 days.
- 2nd notices on property taxes will be mailed by the end of the month and all unpaid bills will be published in the paper after July 15th.

XII. Adjourn

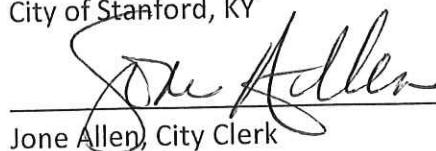
With no other business, motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.



Scottie Ernst, Mayor
City of Stanford, KY

Date:

July 13, 2020



Jone Allen, City Clerk