

Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 pm, June 13th, 2024

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 13th, 2024. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Eddie Carter opened the meeting with prayer.

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: Police Chief Zach Middleton, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Detective Joe Gilliland, City Attorney John Hackley, Water Department Director Ryan Owens, and Jane Vanhook.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Hignite) to approve the minutes from the May 9th, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Jane Vanhook shared with the council her concern about shooting that is occurring in the city limits. She is concerned that the bullets are crossing over her and other landowners' property. The activity is making it unsafe to walk, mow or simply enjoy their land. After some discussion, it was agreed that City Attorney John Hackley would look into drawing up an ordinance to restrict unlawful discharge of firearms in the city limits. Citizens were urged to call while the activity is occurring so that the incidents can be recorded.

Mrs. Vanhook also shared about the plans for our 250th Anniversary. The volunteers are learning from Harrodsburg's recent events and working with members of their committee to get ideas about what worked well, and what did not. She had a meeting with The Wilderness Trace Community Endowment and will put in for funding from them. She stated that we truly need an events coordinator who could handle the particulars of events, parades, concerts, etc. Also, someone who specializes in social media that could promote our City in that avenue. The Mayor asked Ms. Vanhook if she could find figures on the cost of an event coordinator and whether that person is contracted.

She is also helping to coordinate an event that focuses on proper flag retirement and where they can be turned in. The event is scheduled for Friday, June 14th at Logan's Fort from 4-5:00pm. It is being coordinated with Lynn Young and the Boy Scouts (who will be demonstrating how to fold the flag and how to fly the flag properly). Bring your own lawn chair if you plan to attend.

V. Council Comments

Councilman Carter stated that he thought the contractors did a fabulous job on Foster Lane.

Councilman Deatherage asked about ringing a bell for the 4th of July program. The Mayor said he would speak with Stanford Baptist Church to see if their bell could be rung for the celebration.

Councilman Tackett shared that he would like the council to consider increasing the salary for the Mayor's position. The current salary is set at \$30,000/year. He would like to see the salary moved to at least \$40,000 per year. He stated that as we keep growing we need to set our salary accordingly to attract competent leadership. After some discussion it was decided that Councilman Tackett will request the range of salaries in comparably sized cities as well as the makeup of leadership from KLC and use this as a tool to help determine the new proposed amount. He will also look at economic development numbers from comparable cities.

VI. Possible 1st Reading of Water Sewer Budget Ordinance 2024/2025

Ryan Owens presented the 2024/2025 Water Department budget to the council. There were not many major changes. Retirement and repairs and maintenance went down from last years budget. Retirement rates went down, and several major parts were replaced last year which should not need replaced again any time soon.

He also shared that they are waiting on Rural Development for the next phase of funding on the sewer project upgrade. Some of the major lines going into the sewer plant need to be upgraded and upsized to handle the growth in the City.

A motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Hignite) to entertain the 1st Reading of Water Sewer Budget Ordinance 2024/2025. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney Hackley made the first reading.

VII. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-0509 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2024/2025 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to entertain the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-0509 City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2024/2025 Fiscal Year. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the second reading.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to enact Ordinance 2024-0509. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

VIII. ARB Board Appointments

Two positions are coming up for renewal on the Architectural Review Board. Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Carter) to accept the reappointment of Jacqueline Pence and Garlan Vanhook to the Architectural Review Board for another term. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Mayor Information to Council

-July 4th Reading of the Constitution at 9:00 am on the Courthouse Front Steps. This year will highlight women in our history and will be led by women.

-There are two build ready pads being placed out by Pitman Creek. 10,000 sq ft sites that will be ready by fall. About \$1,000,000 worth of work is being done through a grant to accommodate new businesses for the future.

-Foster Lane sidewalks are complete except the cleanup and a little drainage work.

-New businesses in the community include Blackberry Hills Vendors Barn, Fireworks Stands, Medical Clinic (opening July 1 and are hiring), and Yurezz Mobile and Modular Home Park on 150E past Taco Bell, are among a few.

-Working on developing a relocation and welcome package with the library

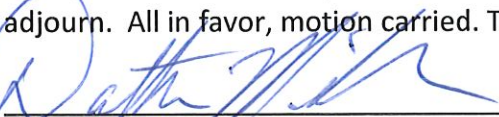
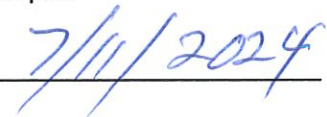

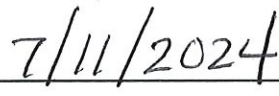
-Shared a thank you to the community for the overwhelming outpouring of love he has received.

-Thanked the members of the council for being willing to run again and working so well together.

- Requested the approval of D&D Cleaning Services (owned by the clerk's daughter, Dustin & Destiny Price) to clean city hall and the depot. There was no opposition. This was the only application we received.
- Priority Projects for the City and the County through Senator Storm, reworking 3rd Street, Adams Court, & Winterhawk.
- He is meeting with a representative from our congressman's office to discuss a permanent location for a Veterans Outpost Project in Stanford . Our local director, Carla, went to DC for a week to receive an award for the best vet center in the US.

X. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

	
Dalton Miller, Mayor	Date:
	
Jone Allen, CKMC	Date: