

**Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, July 9th, 2020
6:30pm, Lincoln County Public Library**

NOTE: This meeting was live streamed via Facebook on Mayor Scottie Ernst's, Public Official Page.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Scottie Ernst called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm, Thursday, July 9th, 2020. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilman Dalton Miller.

II. Roll Call

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

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney; Zach Middleton, Police Chief; Scott Maples, Fire Chief; Greg Butler, Republic Services.

III. Approval of Minutes

-06/11/2020, Special Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizens Comments

Resident Bennie Duck, 107 Sherwood presented a request to council to have the drainage issue behind his property looked at. There is stagnant water, and sink holes are developing due to the amount of run-off and rain water that accumulates. The drainage ditch behind his house that was once about 3' wide is now up to 8' wide in some sections. Mr. Herman Vickers of 105 Sherwood Drive voiced the same concerns. After discussion it was determined that Mayor Ernst would contact the state highway engineers, Doug Gooch and Planning and Zoning to determine where the drainage is developing from and to implement a plan to correct it. Contact information was received from the home owners and they will be updated with progress made.

V. Council Comments

Councilwoman Curlis asked if all board secretaries were paid extra. Only Planning and Zoning have established in their guidelines additional pay for the person who prepares their meeting minutes and agendas.

Councilwoman Givens asked about information concerning a break-in at City Hall. After some discussion and under the advisement of the City Attorney and KSP, it was determined that all questions should be directed to Detective Frank Thornberry with the Kentucky State Police Post 7 who is handling the investigation. City Attorney Hackley advised that Detective Thornberry

determined that releasing any information concerning the case could prejudice the investigation. It was noted that there was a memo sent to City Council members from the Mayor on May 6, 2020 concerning this matter. The investigation is ongoing and Chief Middleton will provide any new updates that may come available.

Councilwoman Hester asked about the status of placing the City Ordinances online. Clerk Allen reported that the index is almost 95% complete. All new ordinances from 2005 forward will then be scanned and sent to American Legal. We will receive a timeline and complete quote from them when they have the total volume of records to review. They will update our ordinances against State and Federal laws and Kentucky Revised Statutes and prepare them in a codification that can be indexed in searchable form and placed on the City website.

Councilwoman Curlis asked that an itemized statement be presented to Council on what has been spent to complete the Holton House when renovations are finished.

VI. Republic Services, Greg Butler Presentation

Greg Butler, representative with Republic Services, made a presentation to council concerning their long standing (20+ year) relationship with the City and the services they provide. He noted that the final 2 year extension on the present contract between the City and Republic will be due for renewal at the end of this year. That renewal will be due by October 2020.

Some services that he highlighted are: back door pickup, (1) large item pickup per month, engagement in community clean-up events, negotiated land-fill rate, free pick up to government offices, 10+ dumpsters provided to the City during Clean-up weeks.

Several ongoing pickup and cart issues were addressed by City Council members. Mr. Butler asked for contact information and pledged to call each member individually to try to help resolve them. The City is currently considering bidding out service for the new year. Mr. Butler requested that a meeting be set up in the next several weeks between the Mayor and Republic to discuss contract options in more detail.

VII. Stanford Sewer Rehabilitation – Phase I Project Resolution

A motion was made to accept the Stanford Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1 Project Resolution 2020-0709 by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis). A roll call vote was placed with all in favor, motion carried.

VIII. 1st Reading of the City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2nd by Councilman James) to have the 1st Reading of the City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the first reading of the City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

IX. Presentation and 1st Reading of the City of Stanford 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance

Mayor Ernst presented the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance to Council for consideration. He stated that on the revenue side we played it very safe with projection of income for the new fiscal year due to the uncertainty of the COVID impact.

There was discussion with the Mayor and Department heads concerning the outright purchase of the new City Hall, 2 new cars in the last fiscal year. Renovations of the fire department and new police department along with new equipment projected for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year (specifically a discussion of the purchase of body cameras, which Chief Middleton looks to be mandated in the near future. At that point he expects funding to be grant driven for smaller communities. He is currently in negotiations with a supplier.) were also discussed. The carry over funds from each year (\$500,000 from the 2019-2020 Fiscal year) as well as the contingency fund of \$50,000 set aside each year for unplanned spending, and the impact of the COVID-19 relief fund of \$265,047 were topics discussed as well.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to have the 1st Reading of the City of Stanford 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the first Reading of the City of Stanford 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance.

*A special called meeting was set for July 14, 2020 at 5:30pm to have the 2nd Reading of the Amended 2019-2020 Budget and the City of Stanford 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance.

X. 2nd Reading of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Water Department Budget Ordinance

Motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to have the 2nd Reading of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Water Department Budget Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the 2nd Reading of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Water Department Budget Ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Water Department Budget Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

XI. Mayor's Information to Council

Mayor Ernst presented to the council a list of streets that are being proposed to be blacktopped. These will be put out for bid next month and a public hearing will be held for citizen input. The bid also includes the First Street parking lot connecting the old and new city hall parking lot. Mayor Ernst asked that Council members drive around and see the conditions of the streets listed.

He also presented a Sidewalk Plan that covers updating the sidewalks in the City over the next several years. The schedule for replacement is based on foot traffic.

Along with the sidewalk replacement plan, he presented a contract he has signed with Precision Concrete for correcting the mismatched and "toe stumper" issues. We will be receiving a \$3,000 grant from KLC towards this contract, due to having our liability insurance with them.

Councilwoman Curlis shared that she is being asked questions about improvements throughout the rest of the city, namely the drainage ditches, trees and dead weeds located by Stanford Elementary

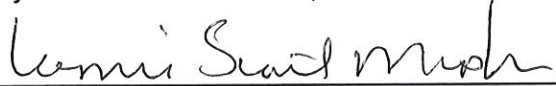
and PBK Bank. Mayor Ernst is going to discuss what can be done with the Street Department and speak with PBK management to see what they would like to have done. It was noted that the rock cannot be removed due to it being hooked in to the drainage system in that area. Mayor Ernst also pointed out that we are cutting the weeds at intersections, filling potholes, putting up new speed limit and stop signs and blacktopping streets all over the city. Councilwoman Hester stated that possibly some of the responsibility for beautifying our community could rest with the homeowners and businesses. Updates cannot be done in a day, but progress is being made.

Councilwoman Curlis expressed thanks from the citizens for the trees being trimmed at the end of Upland and Danville Street intersection.

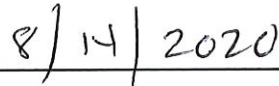
Councilwoman Hester presented a request from a homeowner in Harmon Heights for a No Parking sign to be placed in front of their home.

XII. Adjourn

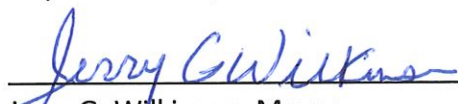
With no other business, motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilman James) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.




Lonnie Scott Maples, Acting Mayor
City of Stanford, KY



Date:



Jerry G. Wilkinson, Mayor
City of Stanford, KY



Date:



Jone Allen, City Clerk