

Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room
6:30pm, July 13th, 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, July 13th, 2023. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Joe Tackett opened the meeting in prayer.

II. Roll Call

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

Also present were: City Attorney John Hackley, Police Chief Zach Middleton and Chief Scott Maples.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Carter) to approve the minutes from the June 8th, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Citizen's Linda Durham and Linda Spaw expressed their appreciation to the Mayor, Council and the Stanford Police Department for quickly addressing their concerns that were presented at the June 2023 council meeting concerning dogs running at large in their neighborhood.

Mayor Miller thanked the citizen's for providing information that the officers did not previously have that assisted in them being able to alleviate the issue.

V. Council Comments

Councilman Wilkinson shared that he has received a request from the LCHS Alumni Committee concerning obtaining a historical marker commemorating the black high school before integration in 1964. He stated that the initial request was for the City to donate the placard, but he has since contacted Jane VanHook who is going to go through the historical society to see if there are some cost offsets. He is going to bring it back before the council once he finds out what the cost is going to be.

Councilman Wilkinson also shared that he was contacted by a family member concerning the current ordinance of the City that prohibits riding bicycles on City sidewalks. He asked that it be reviewed and potentially amended to allow for certain age children to be able to ride on the sidewalk with their parent's supervision versus them riding on the road.

Mayor Miller stated that we will print the ordinance and review it before next month's council meeting and look at alternatives for the safety of our children.

Councilman Deatherage thanked everyone involved in the July 4th event. He shared his appreciation for Officer Sayre and others who were there making sure that everyone was safe and watched over. It was a wonderful event and is attended more and more each year that it is presented. He also shared the idea of getting a bell for the courthouse lawn as a collaboration between the county, city and possibly the veteran's group.

Councilman Carter voiced his appreciation for the program as well. Mayor Miller shared that the goal is to keep the program under an hour to encourage attendance. Appreciation was also expressed for the wonderful job Andrea Pettus did as the vocalist for this year's program.

City Attorney John Hackley expressed thanks from the City of Hustonville for the assistance that Stanford City Clerk Jone Allen has been to their newly appointed Hustonville City Clerk.

VI. Planning and Zoning Recommendation for Approval Danville Avenue Zone Change

A request was made for the Gabriel property on Danville Ave for zone changes from R-1 to B-2 and R-1 to R-4. There was a public hearing held on June 8th, 2023 at the Stanford Fire Department and it is being recommended by Planning and Zoning that the changes go through.

Councilman Carter made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Stanford Planning and Zoning Committee (2nd by Councilman Deatherage). All in favor, motion carried.

Dan Barnett and Doug Gooch were available to answer any questions concerning the zone change request and expressed their appreciation to all involved in assisting them with the project.

Doug Gooch also thanked the ladies who came to the council meeting for taking time out to come and be positive and share their appreciation.

VII. Possible 1st Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 2022-0512A City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

Mayor Miller shared that only a few departments were over budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, but the city was not over budget as a whole. Increased cost of maintenance drove the Police Department over budget by just over 1% and the opportunity to pay off the debt to the county for the street department building and the purchase of a new truck resulted in the street department coming in over budget.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson to have the 1st reading of Amendment to Ordinance 2022-0512A City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (2nd by Councilman Carter). All in favor, motion carried. 1st reading was made by City Clerk Jone Allen.

VIII. Recommendation for Appointment of Bob Swett to the Code Enforcement Board (Penman Resignation letter in packet)

Mayor Miller presented a recommendation for the appointment of Bob Swett to the Code Enforcement Board to replace George Penman, who presented his resignation due to moving from the City limits.

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

Appreciation was expressed for Mr. Penman's years of service on the Code Enforcement Board and an open invitation was extended to serve if he ever chooses to move back to the City.

IX. Mayor's Information to Council

-Request to publish past due property taxes on the City website and Facebook page.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to approve publication of the City's delinquent property tax roll on Facebook and the City website. All in favor, motion carried.

-The City was awarded a grant to pour concrete and set (6) picnic tables at the L&N Depot playground.

