

**Stanford City Council
Special Council Meeting
July 23rd, 2020
6:30pm, Lincoln County Public Library**

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I. Designation by Council of Person to Preside at Meetings per KRS 83A.130(10)

Nominations were taken for a Councilperson to preside at the meeting. Both Councilman Miller and Councilman Deatherage were nominated with a split vote for each member. A coin toss performed by City Attorney John Hackley was done with Councilman Miller deferring to Councilman Deatherage to make the call. Councilman Deatherage won the coin toss and was named chair for the July 23rd, 2020 meeting.

II. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Councilman Deatherage called to order the Special Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm, Thursday, July 23rd, 2020. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilman Dalton Miller.

III. 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. Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney; Chris Johnson, KLC Municipal Law Attorney; Zach Middleton, Police Chief; Scott Maples, Fire Chief.

IV. 2nd Reading of the City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to have the 2nd Reading of the City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

City Attorney John Hackley made the 2nd Reading of the City of Stanford Amended Budget Ordinance 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the Ordinance as read. All in favor, motion carried.

V. 2nd Reading of the City of Stanford 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilman Miller) to have the 2nd Reading of the City of Stanford 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

City Attorney John Hackley made the 2nd Reading of the City of Stanford 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) to accept the Ordinance as read. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. Discussion of Mayoral Vacancy and Possible Appointment

The floor was opened for discussion and City Attorney John Hackley asked that the floor be given to KLC Municipal Law Attorney Chris Johnson to go over the proper procedure in naming an interim replacement for the Mayoral vacancy.

Mr. Johnson expressed his heartfelt condolences in the loss of Mayor Ernst from both he and his wife and the entire KLC family. He stated that Mayor Ernst was one of his favorites, along with Stanford and that he and his wife referred fondly to "cookie town".

He referenced a handout that was given to the council that addresses the general guidelines as covered by KRS83A.040. He stated that the council has 30 days from the time of the vacancy to fill the position, past that, it defers to the governor's office for placement of the vacant seat. The qualifications for a person to be appointed for the mayor's position are: they must be 21 years of age and a qualified voter of the city, but they do not have to meet the one year residency requirement. Anyone who meets these requirements is eligible.

If it is someone on council that is appointed, then there would be a vacancy on the council. From the moment that person is sworn in, there would be 30 days to fill the council seat. The requirement for filling that office would be someone who is 18 years of age or older and a qualified voter. Beyond that, the manner of selection is entirely silent. The only provision is that it has to be subject to a public vote, no secret ballots can be used.

He also added that with a mayor-council form of government, a council member is prohibited from voting for themselves.

Councilman Miller asked Mr. Johnson, if council thought it was too soon, could a motion be made not to vote or make a nomination tonight and give the council members time to talk to the public. Mr. Johnson stated that there is no requirement that any action be taken tonight. The only clock that is running is the 30 days which started on the day of the accident

Councilman James said that he feels it would be wise to wait and seek public input. Councilwoman Curlis pointed out that there is another regular meeting before the August 14th deadline.

Attorney Johnson pointed out that per KRS 83A.165 (C) the filing deadline for the vacancy will be August 11, 2020 and the interim person will only serve through the certification of the November election results.

Councilman James made a motion (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to call a special meeting for Thursday, July 30th, 2020 at 6:30pm to fill the vacancy in the Mayoral seat. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Adjourn

With no other business, motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2nd by Councilman James) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Lonnie Scott Maples 8/14/2020
Lonnie Scott Maples, Acting Mayor Date:
City of Stanford, KY

Jerry G. Wilkinson 8-14-2020
Jerry G. Wilkinson, Mayor Date:
City of Stanford, KY

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Jone Allen, City Clerk