

**Stanford City Council  
Special Council Meeting  
July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:30pm, Lincoln County Public Library**

**NOTE: This meeting was live streamed on the City of Stanford, Kentucky Official Facebook page.**

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

A motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Curlis) to appoint Councilman Miller to preside at the meeting. A roll call vote was taken, resulting in a split 3/3 vote. All council member's names were then placed in a hat to choose the person who would reside at the meeting. KLC Director of Municipal Law, Morgain Patterson drew out Councilman Deatherage's name.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilman James.

**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; Morgain Patterson, KLC Director of Municipal Law; Zach Middleton, Police Chief; Scott Maples, Fire Chief.

**IV. Citizen's Comments**

City Attorney John Hackley read a letter addressed to the council from Debbie Ernst. A copy was given to all council members and is attached for reference. In the letter Mrs. Ernst outlines her desire to see an outside citizen placed into the office of Mayor for the interim period while the City is still healing. She feels that this will cause the least disruption and allow the City to continue to run smoothly under the direction of the current department heads until the citizens have a chance to decide who will finish out Scottie's term.

**V. Discussion of Mayoral Vacancy and Possible Appointment**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) to take nominations from anyone on council as to who they would like to see fill the position and to have discussion on each individual and take a vote tonight as to who they want to be Interim Mayor. A roll call vote was taken with Councilwoman Curlis, Councilman James and Councilman Miller voting no; Councilman Deatherage, Councilwoman Givens and Councilwoman Hester voting yes. Motion failed.

City Attorney John Hackley pointed out that it is understood that any citizen who accepts the position of Interim Mayor would have to step down from any position they currently held that was considered an "incompatible position" by KRS. This would include City Council, Police or Fire, or any board appointment. It was also pointed out by KLC Municipal Law Director, Morgain Patterson that it is not incompatible for a Police Officer to serve on Planning and Zoning.

A motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Curlis) to appoint Joe Lynn Gilliland to the position of Interim Mayor. A roll call vote was taken with Councilwoman Curlis, Councilman James and Councilman Miller voting yes; Councilman Deatherage, Councilwoman Givens and Councilwoman Hester voting no. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) to appoint Ronnie Deatherage to the position of Interim Mayor. A roll call vote was taken with Councilwoman Curlis, Councilman James, and Councilman Miller voting no; Councilwoman Givens and Councilwoman Hester voting yes. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miller) to appoint Ella Mae Curlis to the position of Interim Mayor. A roll call vote was taken with Councilman Deatherage, Councilwoman Givens, Councilwoman Hester, and Councilman Miller voting no; Councilman James voting yes. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) that states anyone who wishes to be considered for the position of Interim Mayor must appear at the next regularly scheduled meeting before the council to speak on their own behalf. A roll call vote was taken with Councilwoman Curlis, Councilman James and Councilman Miller voting no; Councilman Deatherage, Councilwoman Givens and Councilwoman Hester voting yes. Motion failed.

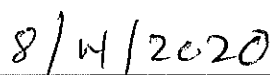
A motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Curlis) to invite any person interested in the Interim Mayor position to appear before the council to speak on their account at the next regular scheduled meeting. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion passed.

## VI. Adjourn

With no other business, motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.



Lonnie Scott Maples, Acting Mayor  
City of Stanford, KY



Date:

*Jerry G. Wilkinson*

Jerry G. Wilkinson, Mayor  
City of Stanford, KY

*8-14-2020*

Date:

*Jone Allen*

Jone Allen, City Clerk