

Stanford City Council
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 5th, 2019
6:00pm, Historic Stanford L&N Depot

I. Call to Order

Mayor Scottie Ernst called to order the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:00pm, Thursday, September 5th, 2019 at the Historic Stanford L&N Depot. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag, after which the opening prayer was led by Councilwoman Ella Mae Curlis. Before doing the roll call, Mayor Ernst introduced Cassandre Rosenbum, the new Assistant City Clerk, to the council and those in attendance.

II. Roll Call

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

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney; Nancy Leedy, AMNews/IJ; Zach Middleton; Police Chief; Scott Maples, Fire Chief; Jim Jarrett, Larry Nunemaker, Sheila Mullins, Jamie Mingo, Barthenia Brown and Greg Butler, Republic Services.

III. Public Hearing Pertaining to Tax Rate Reflecting a 4% Increase in Anticipated Revenue

Mayor Ernst opened the floor to any questions or comments from the public concerning the tax increase.

Councilman Deatherage asked what constituted real and personal property and questioned whether tangible personal property included cars, boats, motorcycles, etc. It was explained that real property tax covers homes and land and additional structures such as garages based on the assessed value from the PVA. Tangible personal property tax is assessed on anything that is used in the operation of a business. This amount is based on a tangible property return that is filed yearly with the PVA. Taxes on motor vehicles, boats, etc. are collected through the County Clerk's office, not on the City tax bill.

After council discussion concerning the increase, a motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilman James) to have the second reading and accept the Ordinance Setting Real and Personal Property Rates for 2019. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried. The Clerk read a summary of the Ordinance Setting Real and Personal Property Rates for 2019.

IV. Approval of Minutes

-08/01/2019, Regular Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman Miller) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

-08/19/2019, Special Called Council Meeting/Work Session. Motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Greg Butler, Republic Services Representative

Greg Butler presented a report to the council outlining the number of calls that were being received by their call center. He stated that less than 90 addresses remain unidentified and they are working to resolve those. He also shared that Republic is now utilizing a new truck with a different arm and pickup system. He realizes that there have been some interruptions to service due to the larger size of this truck, areas have been identified in the city that were inaccessible and have since been cleared to allow for pickup. He was also questioned about the carts not being replaced properly (being left in the road or overturned). He stated that he is hoping these issues will be resolved once the driver is more familiar with the operation of the new truck.

Mr. Butler also addressed questions from council members concerning billing and collections and stated that Republic would be willing to work with those who were unable to pay the large bills that were received due to billing being so delayed.

VI. Reappoint George Penman to the City of Stanford Code Enforcement Board for 3 Year Term

After discussion concerning the appointment and swearing in dates, the council determined that this appointment was past the 60 day limitation for mayoral appointment and referred the reappointment to the Code Enforcement Board. City Attorney John Hackley advised that the appointment date can be used as the beginning of the term, but the swearing in should be done concurrently with the appointment, or as soon as possible following.

VII. Council Comments

Councilwoman Curlis asked that when the county files for Municipal Road Aid, do they file together with the city or is it separate? Each entity files separately. Also, the question was asked if the funds are based on the miles of blacktop road in the city and if the new annexed area has been included. Municipal Road Aid is determined by the population reported in the most recent census.

A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) that the Code Enforcement Officer's vehicle be left at city hall. A roll call vote was taken: Councilwoman Curlis, Councilman James and Councilman Miller voting no; Councilman Deatherage, Councilwoman Hester and Councilwoman Givens voting yes. Mayor Ernst cast the tie breaking vote with a no. Motion failed.

Councilman James asked City Attorney John Hackley to speak concerning the legality of the previous motion. He asked if it is within the ability of the council to make such a motion. City Attorney Hackley advised that if the previous motion had been passed it would have been invalid. Making such a decision is a personnel/management function which falls under the Executive Office of the City.

Councilman Deatherage shared with the council that the pastor of Stanford Baptist is looking at doing a Halloween event downtown. After some discussion concerning the event, Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) made a motion to designate \$500 to help with the Halloween Festival. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Deatherage asked if there is anyway the speed limit on the 150 Bypass can be lowered. After some discussion Councilman Deatherage made a motion (2nd by Councilman Miller) that we ask the Mayor, Police Chief and Fire Chief to determine if the speed limit can be lowered from the entrance to People's Bank to the Veteran's Park/Stockyard area, essentially covering city limit to city limit along US Hwy 150. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Ernst shared with the council the details concerning the Fall Adopt-A-Pole campaign along Main Street. There are 35 poles along Main Street that area businesses, individuals, clubs and churches have signed up to decorate. The City has had excellent participation with only 3 poles remaining to be adopted. Councilwoman Givens asked how the poles can be decorated and reserved a pole for her church.

Mayor Ernst also shared that a Tourism Committee has been formed with members of area city and county businesses, citizen's and community leaders. This is in response to Councilman James's motion to look into a joint city/county tourism group. They are meeting regularly to develop a community wide calendar of events.

The Mayor also attended a Telecommunications Conference in Lexington concerning broadband and telecommunications. He also shared the dates for the KLC Conference in Covington, KY and shared the deadline for reservations.

VIII. Presentation and Award of Bid for Road Resurfacing

Mayor Ernst opened bids that were received from The Allen Company, McGlone Construction and Harmon Paving for the road resurfacing project (detail attached). After review of the proposals by the council, Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miller) made a motion that the bid received from McGlone Construction be accepted. (Copies of bids are attached) A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed. McGlone Construction will also be repaving the parking lot at the sheriff's and fire department.

IX. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Regulating the Number, Length, and Conditions of a Yard Sale Within the City Limits of Stanford, KY (Updated) 220.19

Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to have the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Regulating the Number, Length, and Conditions of a Yard Sale Within the City Limits of Stanford, KY (Updated) 220.19. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the second reading.

Motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to pass the Ordinance Regulating the Number, Length, and Conditions of a Yard Sale Within the City Limits of Stanford, KY (Updated) 220.19 as read. All in favor, motion carried. The council requested the police department issue warnings only for the first year.

X. 2nd Reading of Smoke Detector Ordinance

Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miller) to have the 2nd Reading of the Smoke Detector Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the second reading.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman James) to pass the Smoke Detector Ordinance as read. All in favor, motion carried.

XI. 2nd Reading of Fireworks Ordinance

Motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to have the 2nd Reading of the Fireworks Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. City Clerk, Jone Allen, made the second reading.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to pass the Fireworks Ordinance as read. All in favor, motion carried.

XII. 2nd Reading Repealing Ordinance #2012-0628 Emergency Ordinance Banning Fireworks

Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman James) to have the 2nd Reading Repealing Ordinance #2012-0826 Emergency Ordinance Banning Fireworks. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Miller, made the second reading.

Motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to pass Repealing Ordinance #2012-0628 Emergency Ordinance Banning Fireworks as read. All in favor, motion carried.

XIII. 2nd Reading of the Ordinance Changing the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location and Date 211.1

Motion was made by Councilman James (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to have the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance Changing the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location and Date 211.1. A roll call vote was taken with all voting no. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miller) for a study to be conducted to move city hall to the Depot and convert the current City Hall into the Police Department, allowing 45 days to do a cost estimate/feasibility study. This study is to be completed by Chief Maples and Chief Middleton. All in favor, motion carried.


XIV. Mayors Information to Council

An update was given concerning the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. David Snyder, County Dog Warden, can only enforce the \$10 per day boarding fee charged by the shelter. They do accept cats, but will not pick them up. If you surrender your own animal (dog or cat) the fee is \$10. If you bring a stray or strays (dog or cat) to the animal shelter, there is no charge. Dogs are kept for seven days, cats do not have a time limit to be kept. Chief Middleton shared that a vicious dog can be impounded and kept until a hearing is held.

✓ Zackary Phillips has been hired as a full time Street Department employee.

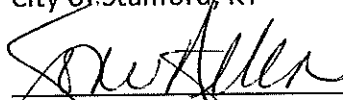
XIV. Adjourn

With no other business, motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miller) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59pm.



Scottie Ernst, Mayor
City of Stanford, KY

Nov. 8, 2019
Date:


Jone Allen, City Clerk