

**Stanford City Council**  
**Public Hearing Special Called Council Meeting**  
**6:30pm VIA Zoom**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**NOTE:** This meeting was teleconferenced through Zoom and facilitated by BGADD. It was livestreamed on the City of Stanford, KY Facebook page. There was also a room available at City Hall where the public could view and hear the meeting via laptop.

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**I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer**

Mayor Miller called to order the Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilwoman Sara Givens.

**II. Roll Call**

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Eddie Carter, Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Jason Hignite, Bill Miracle and Joe Tackett. A quorum was declared by the Mayor. Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney and Fire Chief Scott Maples.

**III. Public Hearing Concerning Setting the 2021 City of Stanford Personal and Tangible Property Tax Rate**

A discussion was had among council members concerning the future needs of the city and the long haul picture of the city's budget needs. Both the compensating rate and the 4% rate were discussed. Both rates lower the rate from the 2020 tax year. This was the year for the PVA office to reassess the value of property within the City limits and those values increased considerably for most property owners. The consensus was that taking the 4% rate makes it less likely to have to increase payroll tax. Abigail Roberts asked what the current rate and 4% rates are. The current rate is .138 and the 4% rate is .124. This is a decrease of .014.

**IV. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance T2021 Ordinance Setting 2021 City of Stanford Tax Rates on Real and Personal Property ~~Compensating or 4%~~**

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance T2021 Ordinance Setting the 2021 City of Stanford Tax Rates on Real and Personal Property taking the 4% rate. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Miller made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance T2021 Ordinance Setting the 2021 City of Stanford Tax Rates on Real and Personal Property taking the 4% rate. All in favor, motion carried.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Deatherage) to accept the minutes from the August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Called City Council Meeting as written. All approved, motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to accept the minutes from the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Special Called City Council meeting as written. All approved, motion carried.

#### **VI. Citizen's Comments**

Debbie Ernst asked if there was anything that could be done about the stray cat population in the McKinney Court area. The Humane Society is not currently accepting cats. They are feral and her grandchildren are trying to pet them and she is concerned. Comments were also received about the stray cat population from Ella Mae Curlis concerning Upland Drive, Vickie Yates Fletcher concerning Southwood Drive and Anderson Heights and from Gail Walls concerning Lancaster Street and Pettus Court.

Mayor Miller shared that there is a new spay and neuter clinic in Crab Orchard. If the citizen's have a cat that they would like to have fixed, they do have a number of free slots available. The dog warden has stated that it is nearly impossible to catch them. At this time there doesn't seem to be a solution to the problem.

Betsy Wesley asked if there are plans to add a sidewalk to Herndon Avenue. Mayor Miller responded that there is only one small section of Herndon Avenue that has a sidewalk. At this time we are looking to have that section repaired. We do know that there are grants for walking trails and storm water coming available in the future and that is definitely something we could consider.

Teresa Ison asked why there is no ordinance that prohibits cars from parking in front yards, also leash laws for dogs. The council concurred that there is currently a leash law for dogs that was adopted county wide, but there is no ordinance against parking in a yard, unless that car is not operational. If the car is not operational and has become a nuisance then it can be reported to Code Enforcement at City Hall at (606)365-4500. Dogs without leashes can be reported to the County Dog Warden.

#### **IV. Council Comments**

Councilman Carter asked about an update on the Foster Lane Sidewalk Project. Mayor Miller stated that he has emailed all his contacts and there are no current updates.

Councilwoman Givens reported that the house on MLK Street is being torn down.

#### **V. Presentation of the 2020 Audit by Kerbaugh, Rodes & Butler – Craig Butler & Chad Robinson**

Chad Robinson reported on the 2020 Audit. He stated that we received a clear opinion and all our financial statements were materially correct and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the US. He did a quick rundown of the financial statements which are included in the audit report. The bottom line shows an unrestricted deficit of \$1,503,025 which is directly related to the pension and overhead liability which has to be put on the books due to government standards. The change in net position for the year was a positive \$288,705. The increase in the fund balance was \$352,390 to the positive and was primarily driven by the COVID relief funding. The city exceeded their budget on revenues by \$291,000 and came in under on expenses by \$9,000. Both are positives for the year. All things considering with COVID, it was a very good year.

Craig Butler shared his continued appreciation to the City for using their firm for close to 30 years for our financial accounting needs.

**VI. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2021-0610A Amended City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2021/2022 Fiscal Year**

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2021-0610A Amended City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. All in favor, motion carried. The Ordinance was read by City Clerk, Jone Allen.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. All in favor, motion carried.

**VII. Discussion of Replacement of Phil Sebastian on Stanford Planning & Zoning Commission**

Planning & Zoning member Phil Sebastian has tendered his resignation effective immediately, and Tim Estes was nominated by Mayor Miller to complete the remaining few months of the open position, through December 2021.

Motion was made by Councilman Carter (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the nomination of Tim Estes to the Planning and Zoning Commission to complete Phil Sebastian's term through December 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

**VIII. Mayor's Information to Council**

Mayor Miller reported the following items to council:

-9/11 Parade will start lining up at 5:00pm and the parade will start at 6:00pm. The parade route has been extended to Whitley Avenue to extend the area and promote social distancing. This parade is being held to honor all our first responders and veterans.

-City Wide Cleanup starts Oct 11 and runs through Oct 22. People are encouraged to call City Hall to schedule their pickup.

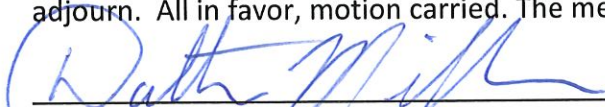
-The 2021 Relay for Life Tractor Ride is Sept 25 and will begin at Veteran's Park.

-Playground funding needed is down to \$27,245. He continues to work on getting sponsors to meet this goal.

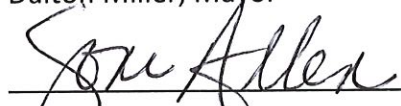
-Councilman Carter shared that the State Garage is taking old tires this weekend (Fri and Sat) until noon.

**IX. Adjourn**

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Carter) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

  
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Dalton Miller, Mayor

10-15-2021  
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Jone Allen, CKMC

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