

**Stanford City Council
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 3rd, 2019
6:15pm, Historic Stanford L&N Depot**

NOTE: This meeting was video conferenced and all members could be seen and heard at the Historic L&N Depot, 1866 Depot Street. This meeting was open to the public.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Scottie Ernst called to order the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:15pm, Thursday, October 3rd, 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 Mayor Ernst.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Ella Mae Curlis, Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Peggy Hester, and Dalton Miller. A quorum was declared by the Mayor. Dr. Naren James joined the meeting at 7:00pm by video conference. Councilwoman Sara Givens exited the meeting at 8:13pm.

Also present were: Garlan and Jane Vanhook, Randy & Peggy Denham, Sharon Woods, Luzia Foster, Sheila Mullins, Peggy Nunemaker, Marion Cooper, Joann Bright, Jamie Mingo, David Southerland, Eddie Carter; John Hackley, City Attorney (6:36pm); Nancy Leedy, AMNews/IJ; Barry Allen, Police Captain; Scott Maples, Fire Chief; Jeff Knouse, Code Enforcement Officer; and Jon Hester.

III. Public Hearing concerning Municipal Road Aid Funds

Mayor Ernst opened the floor to any questions or comments from the public concerning the use of Municipal Road Aid Funds.

Mayor Ernst shared with those present the streets that are currently scheduled to be paved by McGlone Construction, who submitted the winning bid for the recently advertised street paving project. Paving should start soon. Other streets will be added once the water project is completed.

Jane Vanhook asked that the City check to see how far the street can be paved back to the Icehouse and Visitor Center, when MLK is paved after the water project is complete.

With no other public questions or comments, Mayor Ernst presented a plan from First Southern National Bank to pave the area behind the Presbyterian Church and include 2nd and 3rd Streets. The total presented project is \$131,000 with the requested contribution from the City being \$9,713, which would cover the cost of paving 2nd and 3rd Streets only. The Allen Company has already bid this project as a complete project with the bank, which lowers the overall cost of the project to the City versus bidding the project out as 2nd and 3rd Streets only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) to accept the proposal from First Southern National Bank to pave 2nd and 3rd Street and add those to the list of streets being paved by Municipal Road Aid Funds. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

This ended the public hearing portion of the meeting and Mayor Ernst called the Regular Meeting of the Council to order.

IV. Approval of Minutes

-09/05/2019, Regular Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) to table the acceptance of the minutes until the portion of the audio recording referencing the tourism committee can be heard by council. All in favor, motion carried.

-09/16/2019, Special Council Meeting/Work Session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Citizen's Comments

Jane Vanhook presented a letter to the council as President and on behalf of the Lincoln County Historical Society which includes talking points as to why the Historical Society opposes moving the Stanford City Hall to the Historic Depot. She also stated that she is in complete support of the police department having an entirely new building with state of the art equipment because they have a whole different culture to deal with now. The letter is on file at City Hall as an attachment to the official minutes.

NOTE: (Councilman James joined the meeting by video conference.)

The following citizen's and Historical Society members also voiced their opposition to the move:

Gary Clough – loves the Depot and brings visitors as often as he can.

Irene Snow – feels that it is our duty to preserve all the history that we can and provide a place for tourists to visit.

Luzia Foster – stated that many people have a personal connection to the Depot and it is unique. She feels that the building is not large enough for the growth of our City.

Randy Denham – stated that the average amount spent by tourists to our Depot and Fort is \$220.00/visitor as recorded by the Tourism Economic Study that was recently done. 228 visitors have signed in as visitors so far this year, and that's not including the ones who visit and don't sign.

Sara Givens – shared her memories of being a "railroad track woman" who lived on the track and how she loved to play beside the track, watch the people go by, and get candy that the travelers

would throw out of the train windows. She supports keeping what we have, enjoying what we have and letting the tourists enjoy!

Garlan Vanhook – shared his appreciation to the City for allowing him to work as the architect on the original 1994 project and how much this project meant to him. For it to receive the awards that it did and for Dr. Thomas Clark to speak at the dedication was quite an achievement for this City icon. He believes that this project was the catalyst that began all the good things that started the downtown revitalization that we see today. Dividing the space and turning it into offices will take away from the unique character of the building and its historic preservation and the draw that the current condition of the Depot is to historians, architects and preservationists. He shared that when he speaks at different conferences and events, people across Kentucky know what's happening in Stanford and that is unique for us. We need to have hope in the future of the City and look, as we go forward, to the amazing opportunity we have to continue to grow. He also stated that, as always, he will be happy to offer his advice and help to study options and opportunities for the City.

Mayor Ernst asked if citizens and council members would be willing to form a committee to look in to what options are available for City Hall, a Police Department and the growth of our City facilities. After council discussion and comments from the following citizen's:

- Dawn Clough-take advantage of the great resource you have in your Historical Society,
 - Jamie Mingo-take the time to make an informed decision,
 - Lisa Stone-shared her support of our PD after a new awareness of what they face,
 - Garlan Vanhook-offered, once again, his services as an architect and problem solver. Whether we use him or another individual he feels that a financial officer and architect need to be involved in the planning,
 - Randy Denham-be willing to have a long term vision, and
 - Luzia Foster-take a look at other area police departments and draw ideas from them,
- it was decided that a committee would be formed to look into the available options.

VI. Council Comments

Councilman Deatherage requested that a calendar be passed out at the council meetings or information sent to the council members via email about different events happening in the City. Randy Denham shared with the council and citizen's that they have begun a Stanford-Lincoln County Tourism Facebook page that will be a central location for information on many of the events in the City and County.

Councilwoman Hester asked about the status of the Ordinance Amending the Code of Ethics by Addition in Relation to Absenteeism. There were previously questions concerning some of the content and City Attorney John Hackley will follow-up and bring it back before the council. Councilwoman Hester made a motion (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to have the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance Amending the Code of Ethics by Addition in Relation to Absenteeism at the November 7th, 2019 Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Miller made a motion (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) that we form a committee consisting of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, (3) city council members, Garlan Vanhook as architect, the Mayor and (1) citizen member to study a facility for the Police Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Givens wished to comment on how gorgeous downtown Stanford looked with all the light poles decorated and how much she and her family enjoyed participating. She also pointed out that her church name, Boneyville Baptist, was not included on the original recognition list. The City Clerk will correct this omission and redistribute the list.

Fire Chief Scott Maples shared with the council the following figures: The cost of the addition of a sound system to the depot would be between \$12-15,000.00 and the cost of I-pads through Verizon would be a total of \$3,679 with an \$80.00/month cost for those to be connected to wi-fi. This cost would be for (8) I-pads.

Chief Maples also shared with the council recent events that have occurred due to sharing the Fire department space with the Police Department. Due to no fault of the Police Department, there have been issues when schools are visiting and classes are occurring that have exposed visitors to violent and abusive language by detainees of the Police Department. He understands that they currently have no other option of where to house the people they are questioning. With that said, the Fire Department is seriously considering changing their policy to not allow the public to come into the Fire Department under the current circumstances.

VII. Code Enforcement Board Report (Jon Hester)

Code Enforcement Board Member Jon Hester read a letter from the members of the Code Enforcement Board in support of Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Knouse. The letter is on file at City Hall as an attachment to the official minutes.

VIII. Friends of the Fort Siege Report – Randy & Peggy Denham

Randy Denham presented a financial report along with statistical information concerning the Siege of 1777 4th Annual Reenactment which occurred in May of 2019. There were 182 visitors to the Fort on Friday and Saturday, which does not include children under 12 or the 80 re-enactors who were present. 62 people participated in the T.J. Hill Walk on Thursday before the Siege. He wished to thank Councilwoman Sara Givens for speaking to them about the Parks Home. The report is on file at City Hall with the official copy of the minutes.

Mayor Ernst shared that he has spoken with Ryan Owens at the Water Department and they will be moving the water line tap up closer to the McKinney connection and it will be positioned over the bank so that a hose can be run and water will be available at the Fort.

IX. Logan's Fort Expense Report – Garland Vanhook

Garlan Vanhook presented a proposal on behalf of the Fort Foundation concerning maintenance to the Fort. A proposal was sent out to two different contractors and it is currently estimated that an average of \$20,400 worth of repairs need to be made to the Fort. The Foundation Board is proposing to pay the full amount of these repairs upfront with monies they currently have and then allow the city, over time, to reimburse the foundation for half of this cost. The written proposal is on file at City Hall with the official copy of the minutes.

Councilwoman Hester made a motion (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to accept the proposal from the Fort Foundation as presented. All voted in favor, with Councilman Miller abstaining. Motion carried.

X. 911 Fee Negotiation Update – John Hackley

City Attorney John Hackley reported that he has met with the Lincoln County Judge Executive, Jimbo Adams, Bluegrass 911 Center Director, Russ Clark; and Garrard Judge Executive, John Wilson. He discussed with them the fact that KLC is urging us to seek representation on the 911 Board for the City. Eight members of the Board were originally suggested, but there was concern that a quorum would never be reached. It was then suggested that the County Judge Executives be included as well as the Mayors of the County seats. KLC is also urging that we have an Inter-local agreement with our Mayor as a signatory. The original inter-local agreement did not include the Cities. Judge Adams is going to speak with his magistrates regarding representation. We do currently have City representation (Joe Gilliam sits on the Board), but it is a casual representation with no guarantee as per the agreement. The overall hanging constitutional issue is still there, but by writing our Ordinance, what we are saying is that we do not care what the local court of appeals decision is, we will impose the fee (\$4.00) based upon that decision being reversed, period. And we will look forward and do a new inter-local agreement. Discussions are ongoing and he will continue to update the council.

XI. Resolution Adopting the Amended Zoning Map for the City of Stanford

Motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to accept the Resolution Adopting the Amended Zoning Map for the City of Stanford. All in favor, motion carried. The updated map will be recorded in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office and a copy will be displayed at Stanford City Hall.

XII. Appointment of Jackie Pence to the Architectural Review Board

Mayor Ernst requested that the council approve his appointment of Jackie Pence to the Architectural Review Board. Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) to accept the appointment of Jackie Pence to the Architectural Review Board. All in favor, motion passed. She will be replacing board member Chad Davis, who resigned.

Garlan Vanhook made a request that, when his term is up, he be allowed to function as an ex-facto member of the ARB that could advise citizen's that come to the board instead of functioning as a voting member.

XIII. Mayor's Information to the Council

The Mayor shared the following information, dates and upcoming events with the council:

- Fall City Wide Clean-Up October 7-18th (Flyer included in packet)
- Fort Logan Hospital Bazaar (Flyer included in packet)
- Christmas Awards Dinner (Dec 14th at 6:00pm at the Stanford Baptist CLC)
- Halloween on Main Oct 31 – 6-8, Trick or Treating City Wide 5-8
- Thank you to the Adopt A Pole Participants (List included in packet)
- Update on reducing the speed on 150

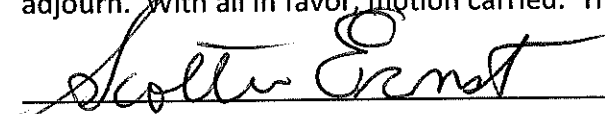
Mayor Ernst contacted David Meade, and is aware that several council members have spoke to him and the Somerset Highway Department as well concerning the reduction of speed on Hwy 150. Captain Allen stated that in years past he has submitted a position paper outlining the need to reduce the speed on 150. Mayor Ernst spoke with Jessica Richardson, she is the Resident Engineer for Lincoln County, she referred him to Amanda Parmley who is the Transportation Engineer Supervisor over the Division of Traffic. Ms Parmley did not give any hope of the speed reduction happening. Captain Allen stated that the previous position paper request was also denied, as well as a request for a traffic control device at the entrance to the high school.

The Transportation Engineer did share that they are looking at the intersection of Forest Hills and the Plaza.

-Mayor Ernst shared a list of all the boards with the council

XIV. Adjourn

With no other business, motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2nd by Councilman Miller) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44pm.

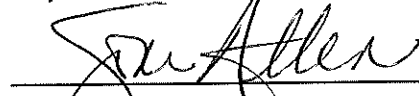


Scottie Ernst, Mayor

Date:



City of Stanford, KY



Jone Allen, City Clerk