

**Stanford City Council**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**6:30pm, Historic Stanford L&N Depot**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Scottie Ernst called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm, Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Councilman Ronnie Deatherage.

**II. Roll Call**

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Ella Mae Curlis, Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Peggy Hester, Naren James and Dalton Miller (6:50pm). A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney (7:14pm); Nancy Leedy, AMNews/IJ; Zach Middleton, Police Chief; Scott Maples, Fire Chief; Pauline Bradshaw, Jane Vanhook, Peggy and Randy Denham, Sheila Mullins, Jamie Mingo, Peggy Nunemaker, Larry Nunemaker and Russ Clark, Bluegrass 911 Director.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

-09/05/2019, Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting. The audio recording of the section of the minutes in question from last month's meeting was reviewed. Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman James) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

-10/03/2019, Regular Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

**IV. Presentation of Awards**

Mayor Ernst presented plaques to Council members Deatherage, Givens and Hester from the Kentucky League of Cities Training Center for achieving education Level I. This level is earned by accumulating 29 hours of training in any approved courses and 1 hour of ethics training.

**V. Citizen's Comments**

Randy Denham addressed the council concerning the Tourism Group. When Megan Funk left four years ago the Friends of the Fort stepped in and attempted to share events with the community. They have recently been encouraged by Mayor Ernst and several members of the community as

well as downtown businesses to continue those efforts. There are many very interested members who are very excited and enthusiastic about doing this Tourism Group. He asked for everyone to please support this group. It is a joint venture with the County and has Judge Adams full support. He shared the Christmas on the Wilderness Road brochure that was put together by the group that highlights many of the upcoming events.

He also shared that some of the members of the group are going to visit Natural Tunnel State Park in Virginia. The Cumberland Gap National Park Service is spearheading an effort to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Road in 2025. The members will be attending the first meeting while in Virginia.

Dr. James asked if the group could benefit from having someone administratively who could help with the coordination and sharing of information. This is an idea that could be explored.

Larry Nunemaker shared his visit to Camp Dick Robinson for Veteran's Appreciation Day. He wanted to remind everyone that Monday, November 11, 2019 is Veteran's Day. The schedule of events for all the area elementary, middle and high school appreciation programs was read. Mayor Ernst also reminded everyone of the opportunity to serve lunch to the Veteran's at the Danville Armory on Monday.

Jane Vanhook shared about the brochure that was included in the council packet. It was put out by the Kentucky Tourism Department. They did still include us even though we were not a part of the Bluegrass Regional Tourism Group. She was invited over by the group and quickly realized that we were missing out on a lot. Peggy Denham is now our representative in that group and was appointed by Judge Adams. The county is paying the assessment that is required to be an active member of this group.

There is a picture of the L&N Historic Depot on the back of the brochure. Unfortunately, due to us not having a representative in the group, the brochure was printed incorrectly, with the location of Logan's Fort not accurately placed. She also stated that Danville/Boyle County is very eager to partner with us in our efforts to promote area tourism.

Jane also shared that she is a member of Tourism/History/Arts and Recreation, THAR, through Bluegrass ADD and has been working with them for the past three years. She also realized while attending these meetings that we are missing out on a lot by not being networked with other area tourism groups.

Mayor Ernst also asked that she share about a walking tour app that is being looked at that will be a valuable tool to our downtown tourism.

## **VI. Council Comments**

Councilwoman Curlis stated that she would like to see money allocated in next year's budget that would be used towards the work of the Tourism Group.

Councilwoman Curlis expressed her concern about the previous month's council meeting not being covered by the Interior Journal until the day of the next month's council meeting. She stated that

she does appreciate the meetings being covered but questioned the timing of the article. Nancy Leedy with the Interior Journal responded that the previous coverage with 6-7 staff members was different but now the staff at the local newspaper has been drastically cut and she is the only one providing coverage for our area.

Jamie Mingo asked why the meetings were not being streamed as previously voted upon. Mayor Ernst stated that the Depot is not currently wifi capable. It has been requested that Spectrum install the service, but the work order has not been completed yet. Spectrum is continuing to look at the current contract they have with the city to determine if they are required to provide service at no charge to city facilities.

Councilman Deatherage requested that the curb by the Depot, where the drainage pipe is, be repaired. He also asked about the status of the sidewalk in front of the fire department. Mayor Ernst stated that we are waiting on bids to be turned in from two different contractors to get several of our sidewalks repaired. The sidewalk in front of the fire station is complete except for the tactile blocks being set. The contractor has not been paid yet and is aware that it needs to be completed.

Councilman Deatherage asked about setting up a program for recognizing outstanding achievements by citizens of Stanford. Different ideas were discussed such as presenting a certificate, inviting the person/persons to a council meeting to be recognized, and/or mailing a card of congratulations from the Council. Mayor Ernst asked that if anyone knows of someone who needs to be recognized, please contact City Hall.

Councilman Deatherage shared that he has been in contact with Amanda Parmley, the Department of Transportation Engineer in Somerset. She advised that the intersection of Lincoln Plaza and Forest Hills has been moved up to one of the top five intersections in the district to be worked on. They are going to extend the turn lane almost all the way back to Indian Trails to turn left into Forest Hills. They are also going to extend the turn lane in to McDonalds from the hospital side, install some flashing yellow lights to alert drivers of the approaching intersection, install reflective back plates on the signal heads and increase the signs to 4'. You can go on to [transportation.ky.gov](http://transportation.ky.gov) and see the proposal and the pending completion of July 31, 2020. They are not going to complete a speed study, as it would only be a 5 mile reduction. She also asked that we call her once construction is complete on the project currently being done behind First Southern Bank.

Councilwoman Hester asked that we look at repairing a dip on Herndon Avenue in front of one of the houses coming down the hill from Danville Avenue.

Councilman Miller asked that the leave that can be accumulated by City employees be looked at. He suggested increasing the total number of hours (both sick time and vacation time) to 12 weeks. He offered the example of the birth or adoption of a child, extended family or personal illness, etc.

Since the City does not currently employ over 50 people, we are not eligible for FMLA. Councilman James suggested that the benefit packages of other neighboring cities be reviewed.

**VII. Russ Clark, Bluegrass 911 – Address Change**

Russ Clark, Director of Bluegrass 911 shared with those present that the County received a grant last spring from the State to correct our current addresses to geospatial addressing. This would potentially assign an address every 5.28 feet and make addresses more easily locatable by GPS. The City has the option to be included in the change now at no cost, or make the change at a later date, which would not be covered by the grant. One of the things to consider is the issues that could arise with properties being annexed in the future. Not updating the addresses now has the potential to create huge gaps in addresses within the City. The address update is already being conducted in the County. If the City chooses to update the addresses, it would take approximately 60 days to implement and would begin around February 1, 2019. Bluegrass 911 would mail letters to all the residents notifying them of the change, as well as supplying the post office and utility companies with crossover lists. He foresees no changes to the street names within the City limits. The City of Crab Orchard and Hustonville have already been completed. There would be no charge at the Clerk's office to update driver's licenses.

Chief Middleton stated that it will be a challenge, but he can also definitely see advantages of the change. This would allow neighboring agencies who were not familiar with our town to be able to provide backup at an accurate location. Chief Maples stressed the importance of the City having a plan to enforce the correct addresses being posted on houses, mailboxes and businesses.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman James) to implement the geospatial readdressing as presented by Mr. Clark and to have included in the citizen's letter a copy of the City Ordinance pertaining to display of house numbering. All in favor, motion carried.

**VIII. Introduction of Ordinance Concerning Animal Control and Possible First Reading**

After reviewing the current Ordinances on the books, speaking with the dog warden and the Police Chief, City Attorney John Hackley advised that no changes or updates need to be made. The County's Ordinance does not contain a leash law, and allows animals to be taken to the shelter only. The City's Ordinance does require a leash and owner's can be cited to court. Both seem to be working well together, and no update is required.

**IX. Introduction of Ordinance Updating HB422/Planning and Zoning Nuisance First Reading**

City Attorney John Hackley introduced a Resolution to the council that will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board. This Resolution would be adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board asking that the City update the current Planning and Zoning Ordinance to remove any overlap in enforcement and bring the Planning and Zoning Ordinance into line with the City of Stanford's HB422 Ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilman James (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Curlis) to present the Resolution to Amend the Text of the City of Stanford Zoning Ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission for acceptance. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

**X. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance Amending the Code of Ethics by Addition in Relation to Absenteeism**

After some discussion, council chose to set aside this Ordinance until further discussion at the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 work session.

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

A proclamation was issued to the Lincoln County Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lady Eagles Basketball Team for winning the State Championship.

The road paving project that was bid has been completed.

Pamphlets were distributed to the council concerning Christmas on Wilderness Road.

Bonnie Kolasa has been hired as the new Assistant City Clerk due to Cassandre Rosenbum returning to a job at the Cancer Center.

A public thank you was expressed to Justin Carter and the Stanford Baptist Church for organizing Halloween on Main. It was a huge success. Also thank you to all the other churches, civic groups and businesses that participated.

A new blade and salt spreader have been purchased for the F550 Street Department Truck. The cost of the new equipment was \$13,000 and was included in the budget for this fiscal year. Mayor Ernst invited the council and any citizen's who would like to come down to City Hall to see the new equipment.


The new City website, [Stanford.ky.gov](http://Stanford.ky.gov) will be coming online soon. This is a website built by [ky.gov](http://ky.gov) at no charge to the City. This site will be completely ADA compliant per government standards. We will also have the ability to accept debit and credit card payments once the new equipment is installed. There would be no fee to the city, but a transaction fee would be passed on to the card user.

The committee that was formed at the last council meeting to look into a new building or location for the Police Department met last week. Several options for moving City Hall and relocating the Police Department to the current City Hall building were looked at. A few ideas that the Mayor shared were moving City Hall to the old hospital building or the Holton House. Both of the properties have the potential to be restored and then the Police Department could be moved to

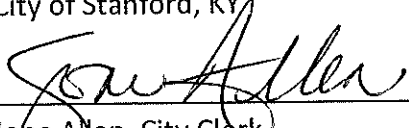
the current City Hall building. Another option is to build a new facility which would entail purchasing land as well as building.

**XII. Adjourn**

With no other business, motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Hester) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

  
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Scottie Ernst, Mayor

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Jone Allen, City Clerk