

**Stanford City Council
Special Called Council Meeting
6:30pm VIA Zoom
November 18th, 2021**

NOTE: This meeting was teleconferenced through Zoom and facilitated by BGADD. It was livestreamed on the City of Stanford, KY Facebook page.

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I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Special Called Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 18th, 2021. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilman Joe Tackett.

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; Police Chief Zach Middleton; Fire Chief Scott Maples; Ryan Owens, General Manager Water Department; and Brandon Hamilton, Kenvirons.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the minutes from the October 14th, 2021 Special Called City Council Meeting as written. All approved, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen comments.

IV. Council Comments

Councilwoman Givens wished to express her thanks to the City for paving Brock Drive. Mayor Miller thanked David Faulkner and the County for their help in the joint project. Councilman Carter also shared that Indian Trails paving looks nice as well.

Councilman Carter asked about the Foster Lane project, Mayor Miller stated that it has not been bid out yet.

V. Presentation by Water Department and Proposed First Reading

Water Department Manager Ryan Owens and Kenvirons representative Brandon Hamilton presented information to the Council concerning the necessity of a new rate study and funding agency requirements. A copy of the presentation is attached. Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) who the water department currently has loans from, mandates that all borrowers generate enough revenue that cash available for debt coverage is 110% (1.1x) of their loan payments. Loan and grant approval for the recently completed project was contingent upon this requirement. This ratio must be maintained for the life of the loan.

The results of the rate analysis along with the proposed rates for water and sewer are attached along with charts showing the competitiveness of rates compared to other similar sized cities and those located close to Stanford. Ryan also pointed out the major increase in costs of parts, chemicals and manpower that have

occurred in the last year as a driving factor as well. There is a large sewer upgrade project on the horizon that the Water Department will also be receiving a \$1,000,000 CDBG Grant to assist with. This is why the sewer projection is a little higher than normal.

The addition of the new automated meters was discussed as well. This has brought about a far more accurate reading of water and sewer usage and saved a considerable amount of man power hours to read meters. Ryan stated that at one time reading meters took about 4.5 weeks. It is now down to about 4.5 days.

Ordinances covering the rate increases were presented to the council. A motion was made by Councilman Carter (2nd by Councilman Miracle) to have the first reading of Ordinance 2021.11.18W Water Rates and Ordinance 2021.11.18S Sewer Rates. All in favor, motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance 2021.11.18W Water Rates was read by Clerk Allen. The first reading of Ordinance 2021.11.18S Sewer Rates was read by Mayor Miller.

After the reading Councilman Deatherage asked how the minimum 2,000 gallon rate was set. Brandon Hamilton explained that there is an association called the American Water Works Association that provides a lot of guidance over time to utilities across the country on how to set rates. He stated that it has been pretty universally accepted that 2,000 gallons is generally the first step in charging customers and is now an industry standard. He explained that this minimum rate has been set to cover what are considered fixed cost: personnel, parts, labor, chemicals, etc. This is a certain amount of money, regardless of whether they produce 1 million gallons or 100 million gallons, that it takes to cover this cost. The minimum rate of 2,000 was a good starting point so that if everyone contributed at least this amount, the utility could continue to operate. Councilman Deatherage asked if the minimum could be increased to 4,000 gallons and still be at the proposed rate of \$15.43, and asked if Mr. Hamilton could bring this new proposal to next month's council meeting. Mr. Hamilton stated that your revenue would go down, but he could calculate it.

The Mayor entertained a vote to approve the first reading. With all in favor, motion carried.

VI. Recognition of the Lady Pats Volleyball 45th District Champion

The Lady Patriots defeated Garrard County 3-0 for the 45th District Volleyball Championship.

Congratulations to them and Lacey Peyton, Tori Wilburn, Dani Story and Tinsley Bastin for making the All-Tournament Team.

VII. Proposed 1st Reading of Ordinance 530.13 Changing the Name of Cut-Off Pike to Rowland Cut-Off

Mayor Miller explained that the fiscal court changed the name of approximately 96% of this road to Rowland Cut-off, this would leave a very small portion located in the City with a different name. This Ordinance is being presented in order to eliminate any confusion. There are no houses on this section of road. The ordinance will be sent to the Secretary of State to update all the maps concerning this street. A motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2nd by Councilman Hignite) to have the first reading of Ordinance 530.13 Changing the Name of Cut-Off Pike to Rowland Cut-Off. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Miller made the first reading.

VIII. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 110.13 Annexing a 224.780 Acre Tract Being the Rowland Industrial Park

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Carter) to have the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 110.13 Annexing a 224.780 Acre Tract Being the Rowland Industrial Park. City Attorney John Hackley read a summary of the Ordinance that he had prepared. With a unanimous yes roll call vote accepting the 2nd reading and approving the annexation of the Rowland Industrial Park, motion carried.

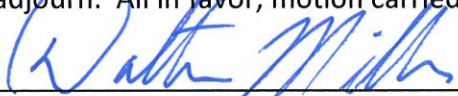
IX. Mayor's Information to Council

Mayor Miller reported the following items to council:

- Utility Assistance – all paperwork by the City of Stanford and by BGADD has been completed and is sitting at DLG’s office and we still are unsure of when the money will be dispersed.
- Wilderness Road Jeep Club will be having a Pack the Jeep Event for the Garrard Food Pantry that recently burned. Drop off will be at City Hall.
- Christmas Parade, December 4, 2021 at 6:00pm. Lineup begins at 5:00pm.
- Logan’s Fort Bridge Dedication, December 4, 2021 at 4:00pm. We received a grant for picnic tables at the new park near the bridge. We received donations so that the final total cost to the City for the bridge was \$133.00.
- Shop with a Cop Applications are being accepted through November 11, 2021. The Shop with a Cop Event will be December 11, 2021.
- The Library will be doing a program beginning on December 4, 2021 called Candyland.
- Congratulations to Charlie Cole, nephew of Ella Mae Curlis and son of Chris and Amber Cole, who bowled a perfect 300 game in a recent competition.
- Congratulations to Lincoln County High School Football players Lee Amon, 1,000 yard rusher, Clayton Davis, leading receiver and point scorer and sophomore Quarterback Sawyer Horton, passing over 1,000 yards.


X. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.



 Dalton Miller, Mayor

Date: 12/10/2021



 Jone Allen, CKMC

Date: 12/10/2021