

**Stanford City Council**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room**  
**6:30 pm, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which Councilman Ronnie Deatherage opened the meeting with prayer.

**II. Roll Call**

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Eddie Carter, Ronnie Deatherage, Jason Hignite, Bill Miracle, and Joe Tackett. Absent was Jerry Wilkinson. A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

Also present were: Police Chief Zach Middleton and wife, Leah, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Knouse, City Attorney John Hackley, and citizen's Ann Stickler, Linda Denham and Ruth Spaw.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Councilman Hignite (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to approve the minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**IV. Citizen's Comments**

The ladies present at tonight's meeting inquired about the status of the new medical building, Tractor Supply, and the Laundry mat. Mayor Miller shared that the medical facility had a slight setback with their flooring and should be open in June or July, Tractor Supply has begun work and is hoping for a September completion date and the laundry mat is waiting on a water meter that is on back order.

**V. Council Comments**

There were no council comments.

**VI. CASA Presentation of President's Volunteer Service Awards**

CASA Executive Director Melynda Jamison along with Director of Communications Ben Kleppinger, and Lincoln County Volunteer Manager Jennifer Lamb were in attendance to present 2023 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards to six volunteers who earned PVSAs in Lincoln County. Those in attendance to receive awards were CASA Volunteer Priscilla Miller and Judy Papania and Friend of CASA, Cassie Bottoms. The awards are based on cumulative service hours with 100+ hours receiving Bronze, 250+ Silver, and 500+ receiving Gold. Those earning awards were Priscilla Miller (Gold, 1<sup>st</sup> ever Gold PVSA for Lincoln County CASA), Judy Papania (Silver), and Ruth Putnam, Ava Crow, Anne Flynn, and Cassie Bottoms (1<sup>st</sup> ever Friend of CASA PVSA recipient) all receiving Bronze Awards. There were 134 new victims reported in Lincoln County, we have (5) active volunteers and (12) children currently in the program. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**VII. Department Reports**

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Knouse shared that May will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of when HB422 was adopted by the City of Stanford. As of today, there have been 1,511 paper violations, 60 citations, and innumerable calls, emails, and phone calls. The longer we continue to work the more contacts are made and the smoother the work becomes. To date there have been 26 homes taken down as a result of HB422 being adopted by the city. In the past three years the planning and zoning side of the work has increased

dramatically as the city grows and develops. There have been 34 building permits issued (brand new construction homes) and 3 remodels and currently we have 3 more that will be issued in the next few weeks. He continues to talk with new developers on a regular basis.

Police Chief Zach Middleton shared that he continues to work on the budget and updating our insurance coverage for the coming year. There are some wish list items, such as a simulator, that would add significantly to their training potential. Computers also need to be updated. This is also an even year, so it is a budget year for a two-vehicle fleet purchase. The new CAD system is up and running and working well. It is a game changer on data analysis and reporting. He is still waiting on our KLC risk and safety score, which should lower our insurance rates. They are also planning some community outreach events this summer. The department is currently at 18 officers and are authorized for up to 21. The recruit will start academy soon and will graduate in October. With the jail closure it has become almost mandatory that there are always two officers on shift. Recruiting will ramp up once the new 2024/2025 budget is in place in hopes of filling the vacancies.

Fire Chief Scott Maples shared that the new ladder truck has been purchased and is in Shepherdsville having the graphics removed from the old department and our new graphics applied. He is working on the budget as well. They will be receiving \$5,700 this month from TC Energy to purchase air monitoring devices. They also received a fire commission grant for around \$11,000 for PPE, helmets, gloves, etc.

Chief Maples shared that we have recently lost (3) firefighters. We do have some applicants that do not currently conform to our policies as employees, and he asked the council to consider making an exception to the nepotism policy and allow the hire of Firefighter Thomas McCoy who is qualified to fill one of those spots. His father is Captain Josh McCoy. He will not be under the direct supervision of his father. Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miracle) to approve the exception to the nepotism policy and hire Thomas McCoy as a firefighter. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **VIII. Municipal Order Adopting Social Security Numbers and Privacy Protection Appendix B**

PER KRS an appendix is required to be added to the city personnel policy manual that outlines the handling of social security numbers and privacy protection.

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hignite) to enact MO 2024-0208. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **IX. Announcement of Proclamation**

Mayor Miller announced that he is proclaiming April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to recognize the work of the Bluegrass 911 Central Communications Center as well as neighboring agencies who offer this critical service to our citizen's and first responders.

#### **X. Mayor Information to Council**

-Contract to pave Main Street has been awarded after being bid (5) times. Allen Company was awarded the contract from Main St to Cash Hill.

-Due to some upcoming medical procedures the council may need to vote to have someone lead the council meeting in his absence.

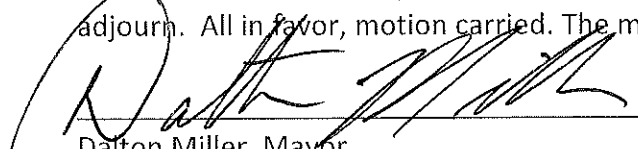
-Foster Lane has been awarded, and work is beginning to have the new sidewalk installed.

-Bluegrass Green Source Main Street Litter pickup event is this Saturday.

-The Tourism Calendar is included in the packet with lots of events planned for our community.

**XI. Adjourn**

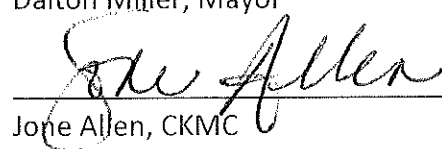
With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miracle (2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tackett) to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.



Dalton Miller, Mayor

5-10-2024

Date:



Jone Allen, CKMC

5-10-2024

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