

Stanford City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017
6:30 p.m. Stanford L&N Depot

Council member Sara Givens opened meeting with prayer, Mayor Eddie Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Council members present; Ronnie Deatherage, Peggy Hester, Scottie Ernst, John Sallee, Sara Givens, Dr. Naren James.

Mayor Carter declared a quorum.

Others present; City Attorney Chris Reed, Police Chief Zach Middleton, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Abigail Whitehouse

Mayor Carter announced he would present list of goals for next year at next months' meeting.

Approval of minutes:

December 1, 2016 regular meeting

Mayor Carter asked if there were no deletions, additions or corrections the minutes be approved.

Council member Dr. James made motion to approve as presented, Council member Ernst 2nd the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Council member Deatherage asked if we would get a refund for overpayment of approximately \$15.00 a ton on garbage pickup. Mayor Carter responded he didn't think so, but he would check on it.

Planning and Zoning:

1.) Appointment of Jerry Gooch to Planning and Zoning Commission:

Mayor Carter introduced Mr. Gooch.

Mr. Gooch informed council he is interested in serving on Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Gooch said he has lived here all his life. He is now retired and would like give something back to the city. Mr. Gooch said he thinks he is well qualified for the position. He has no agenda for getting on Planning and Zoning. Mr. Gooch said he would be an asset to Planning and Zoning and will be able to work well with all Planning and Zoning members. He looks forward to going to Planning and Zoning training meetings. Mayor Carter asked the council if they had questions for Mr. Gooch.

Council member Dr. James asked Mr. Gooch if he believed there are any P&Z issues that could to be improved. Mr. Gooch responded rules are there for a reason and should be stuck by. Planning and Zoning needs to assert it authority and enforce regulations that need to be enforced. He is a guy that goes by the rules.

Mayor Carter asked Mr. Gooch if he will be doing any building. Mr. Gooch responded no he would not.

2.) Appointment of Jim Jarrett to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Carter asked City Attorney Reed if court action Mr. Jarrett is pursuing will have affect him serving on Planning and Zoning Board. Attorney Reed responded Mr. Jarrett would abstain from a decision.

Council member Hester asked why Mr. Jarrett was not at the meeting. Council member Deatherage responded Mr. Jarrett had knee surgery.

Council member Hester said she would like to hear from anyone who is interested in the position. She asked if this could be tabled.

Council member Hester made motion to table until Mr. Jarrett could be heard. Council member Dr. James 2nd the motion.

Mayor Carter asked for council discussion. Council member Hester withdrew her motion.

Mayor Carter asked for motion to appoint Mr. Gooch to Planning and Zoning. Council member Sallee made motion. Motion died due to lack of 2nd. Mayor Carter stated we have two good people that will serve on Planning and Zoning Board and he will appoint Jim Jarrett to the Board.

Council member Deatherage made motion to appointment Jim Jarrett to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Council member Dr. James 2nd the motion

Mayor Carter asked roll call vote in favor of Jim Jarrett

Council member Deatherage YES

Council member Hester YES

Council member Ernst YES

Council member Sallee NO

Council member Givens NO

Council member Dr. James YES

Motion carried 4 to 2 for Mr. Jarrett's appointment to Planning and Zoning.

Before Council member Ernst cast his vote he commended Mr. Jarrett for his knowledge of Planning and Zoning.

3.) Appointment of Danny Lynn to Board of Adjustments

Mayor Carter recommended Danny Lynn for appointment. Council member Dr. James made motion to move to appoint Danny Lynn to Board of Adjustments, Council member Deatherage 2nd the motion. All voted aye in favor. Motion carried

Old Business:

2nd reading of Ordinance update in Historic District

2nd reading of Ordinance update in Residential Zones

2nd reading of Ordinance update in Neighborhood Business Zones

2nd reading of Ordinance update Federal Scenic Highway Zones

Attorney Reed read 2nd reading of summaries to amend banning of LED signs.

Council member Deatherage made motion to approve, Council member Dr. James 2nd the motion.

Mayor Carter called for roll call vote.

Council member Deatherage YES

Council member Hester YES

Council member Ernst YES

Council member Sallee YES

Council member Givens YES

Council member Dr. James YES

Motion carried.

New Business:

1.) Resolution Adopting, Ratifying and Reaffirming actions in obtaining a loan from the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation

Attorney Reed read the resolution to lower bond rates.

Council member Ernst made motion to approve, Council member Hester 2nd the motion. All voted aye in favor of.

2.) Appointment of Ted Defosset to the Lincoln County Ambulance Board.

Mayor Carter informed council Ted Defosset has served on the board for approximately four months.

Council member Hester asked if Ted was allowed to be on the Board of Adjustments and Ambulance Board at the same time. Council member Hester asked if he would be will to give up position on the Board of Adjustments. Council member Ernst also questioned if there would be a problem with Ted being on both boards. Mayor Carter responded he did not know of any reason he cannot serve on both boards.

Mayor Carter asked for motion to appoint Mr. Defosset to the ambulance if he will resign from Board of Adjustments. Council member Hester made motion to appoint Ted to ambulance board if he will resign from Board of Adjustments. Council member Givens 2nd the motion, all voted aye in favor of. Motion carried.

3.) Appointment of Dr. Naren James to the Lincoln County Ambulance Board

Mayor Carter recommended the appointment of Dr. Naren James to the board.

Council member Ernst asked if it was a conflict of interest serving on the Council and Ambulance Board. Mayor Carter responded this was checked on by the League and is alright.

Council member Givens made motion to approve appointment of Dr. Naren James to the ambulance board, Council member Sallee 2nd the motion. Council member Dr. James abstained from voting.

All other council members voted for, motion carried.

4.) Resolution to support health board initiative for needle exchange program

Council member Dr. James spoke about the resolution to support the health board needle exchange program. Council member Dr. James informed the council the health department has to have support of the city council before moving forward. Council member Dr. James said those taking part in the program will be offered counseling. Council member Hester asked if there a way we can make this mandatory.

Attorney Reed explained the benefits of the program;

1.) The exchange takes dirty needles off the streets.

2.) Attorney Reed informed the council the average cost for treatment for hepatitis C is \$86,000.

3.) Attorney Reed informed the council there are eleven counties in the state that have the exchange program.

4.) Attorney Reed informed the council Kentucky is the worst state in the union for needle born drugs.

Council member Hester asked who funds the program. Council member Dr. James responded there are grants available for the program, there will be no cost to the city.

Attorney Reed read the resolution to support health board needle exchange program. Council member Dr. James made motion to accept resolution as presented, Council member Hester 2nd the motion, all voted aye in favor. Motion carried.

5.) Hadden Owens discussed City of Stanford Facebook page

Hadden gave council an update. Hadden said the website will go along with the city website. The website can be found at www.facebook.com/stanfordcity. After some discussion about allowing comments Hadden informed council site can be setup to only share information from the city. Council member Ernst asked would be the administrator. Hadden responded all council members can be administrators. Council member Ernst asked what Haddens cost would be.

Attorney Reed recommended the site be a community billboard with information only.

Mayor Carter suggested trying for a month and then reviewing next month.

6.) Appointment of Jordan Dick to Economic Development Board

Mayor Carter provided information about his appointment to the Economic Development Board. Mayor Carter said Jordan works at LMI. He will do an outstanding job.

Council member Hester asked is Jordan lived in the county. Mayor Carter responded he was not sure if he lives in Lincoln County.

Council member Deatherage commented he thought you have to live in the district you represent.

Council member Ernst said he believes if the appointment is made by the Mayor it should be somebody who lives in the city. Mayor Carter said he didn't think this was so but he will check on this.

Council member Deatherage said he appreciated Mayor Carter for bringing this before the council for discussion even though it was Mayors appointment.

Mayor Carter asked Police Chief Middleton what LMI does to support the police department. Police Chief Middleton explained LMI has supported both the police and fire departments. Police Middleton informed council LMI purchased tasers used by the police department.

Council member business:

1.) Council member Dr. James announced Get Healthy class will be offered Jan. 10, 2017 starting at 6 p.m. at the Fire/ Police Dept. building. Mayor Carter said he would like council to attend.

2.) City of Stanford Strategic Plan discussion

Mayor Carter asked council to look at copy of plan done in 2010. He asked they go through the plan and plan submitted by Council member Deatherage and come up with a plan next month.

Council member Deatherage explained he would like something that everybody will read. He asked that the plan not be big and cumbersome. Council member Deatherage stressed his is a skeleton plan to be looked at. Council member Deatherage said the plan should be one that drives our budget.

Council member Deatherage brought up discussion about fire department calling shut-ins in the city.

Mayor Carter responded this is a borderline situation. Mayor Carter added they have a lot on their plate with the drug situation. Mayor Carter said he would rather he and some of the council members call the shut-ins. Council member Deatherage responded he did not look at there being more than two or three shut-ins. Mayor Carter responded we are all our brothers' keepers. Churches and social workers should be involved. Council member Deatherage responded his plan includes working with faith based services.

Council member Dr. James thanked Council member Deatherage for taking the initiative for a plan.

Council member Deatherage said he was glad we are having this discussion.

3.) Discussion about citizen recognition.

Council member Hester suggested recognizing and presenting awards to citizens in the city for their accomplishments. Mayor Carter responded certificates with all council signatures should be presented.

Mayor Carter asked Council member Hester to work on this.

4.) Car Cruise In

Mayor Carter informed the council he wants to let other organizations, church and Christian groups, host the cruise-in. Mayor Carter said he would like for the organizations to be able to sell food and keep all proceeds. Mayor Carter asked if this would be okay with the council. Mayor Carter informed council he would coordinate the events.

5.) Council member Deatherage asked if we could get someone from the State Road Department to talk about Lancaster Street/ Herndon Ave.

Mayor Carter responding the county is working on getting a Sidewalk grant that would fix the problem. Mayor Carter said he will talk to Judge again.

Council member Deatherage advised Mayor Carter a utility pole located there is leaning. Mayor Carter responded he will look into.

6.) Council member Ernst asked about the Sign Ordinances for big signs. Mayor Carter responded we have ten billboard signs in the city. He asked if we would want to ban these. Mayor Carter asked council to decide how many of big signs do they want.

7.) Council member Ernst asked how we were doing on nuisance property violations. Fire Chief Maples responded there are still a lot. We can do twenty per day for a year. The process takes time. Mayor Carter added this is a continuing deal.

Citizen Comments:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion Council member Dr. James made motion to adjourn, Council member Givens 2nd the motion. All voted aye in favor.

Time: 8:05 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk