

Stanford City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017  
6:30 p.m. Stanford L&N Depot

Council member Ronnie Deatherage opened the meeting with prayer. Mayor Eddie Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

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

Mayor Carter declared a quorum

Others present;

City Attorney Chris Reed

Police Chief Zach Middleton

Fire Chief Scott Maples

Police Officer Jeremy Garrison

Police Officer Greg Hill

Police Officer Eric Taylor

Police Officer John Williams

Abigail Whitehouse

Randy Denham

Peggy Denham

Brent Pike

Marion Cooper

**Approval of minutes:**

Jan. 5, 2017 regular meeting

Mayor Carter asked for approval of the minutes. Council member Dr. James made motion to approve as presented, Council member Ernst 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye in favor, non opposed.

**Police Chief Zach Middleton will recognize Police Officers and Citizens**

Before recognizing police officers Chief Middleton gave an update.

Police Chief Middleton informed the council 2016 was a good year in general compared to 2015. The department has accomplished some of its goals.

- 1.) Department got to stay in its building
- 2.) K-9 unit is up and going, Chief Middleton gave credit to the community for this.
- 3.) More focus is being placed on drug work. This is still not enough.
- 4.) The department is moving closer to long term goal for accreditation. Captain Allen has been working on this for over a year. There are 71 policies with at least 5 to 6 pages each. The policies will be based off KLC policy. This should be done soon.
- 4.) Contacts are up to 12,145 this year. Chief Middleton apologized for not having break down for the year. Chief Middleton explained the reason for this was dispatch changing systems in March. Chief Middleton informed council he researched back to 2010 and 2011. At that time contacts were around 7,000. Contacts for 2012 were over 8,000, contacts for 2016 were 10,000. Chief Middleton attributed the increase to the rise in drugs.

Police Chief Middleton announced on Jan 13, 2017 annual recognition dinner was held. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the following people.

Dana Taylor for all the work she does for the city and particularly the police department. The department does not have its own administrative assistant. She does a good job.

Andrea Miller and the Safe Committee Coalition in appreciation for the work they did raising funds for the K-9.

Amy Lou Stevens for her efforts in fund raising for the K-9 and continued efforts in recovery and fighting drug abuse.

Police Officers given accommodations brought in by the public were;

Officer Greg Hill for going extra mile to help an emotionally distraught citizen.

Officer Eric Taylor for assisting a lost child on Halloween who became separated from his parents. Officer Taylor kept him calm and even took his trick or treating. This was done after he was off the clock.

Police Chief Middleton informed council we implemented Preservation of Life Awards this year. These awards were presented to officers for their life saving efforts demonstrating heroism and skill in the preservation of human life beyond the scope of normal performance. Officer presented awards were John Williams, Preston Middleton and Detective Tim Morris.

The award was also presented to Bridgett Gilliland, a non- department employee. She assisted John on a roadside emergency and helped administer CPR.

Chief Middleton presented Office of the Year award to John Williams. This award is selected by all members of the department with at least one year of more of service. Chief Middleton informed council this was 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row John has won.

Chief Middleton presented Chiefs Distinguished Service Award to Eric Taylor. Chief Middleton explained this award is selected by the Chief after consultation with sergeant and captain and presented to officer of the department who demonstrated over all distinguished service to the city of Stanford based on evaluations in areas of body of work, quality of work, report writing, heroism, investigations, community service, no to minimal complaints and professionalism.

Chief Middleton commented a lot of people don't see what officers do on a daily basis. Everyone goes above and beyond to help someone. We have a very good department.

Mayor Carter informed the council we want to move forward with buying another Durango. A grant is available through Rural Development which pays 55%, the city pays 45%. We need to start the paperwork to get grant by fall. Mayor Carter informed council this will be put into next year's budget.

Council member Deatherage suggested looking the possibility of leasing five vehicles. Mayor Carter asked Council member Deatherage if he would like to make a motion. Council member Deatherage responded he talked to Police Chief Middleton and would like to move forward with maybe leasing five vehicles for the price of one. Chief Middleton informed council he would talk to Clay and see if grant can be used for leasing a vehicle each year. If grant will, this would be the way to go.

Mayor Carter said he understood the grant was for one vehicle. Mayor Carter advised the council this is not the time to get into this. Mayor Carter informed council we should know by next week what we can do with the grant. Mayor asked Council member Deatherage to table his motion until special meeting next week.

### **Planning and Zoning :**

#### **1.) Appointment of Jeff Cain to Planning and Zoning Commission**

Mayor Carter asked that Jeff Cain be appointed. Mayor Carter informed council he made mistake by appointing Mr. Cain to commission earlier.

Council member Deatherage asked how long Mr. Cain has been serving on the commission. Mayor Carter responded it has been awhile. Mayor Carter said he talked to the League and this happens a lot. Mayor Carter informed council he was told by the League this shouldn't be a problem if he hasn't voted on anything that counted. Mayor Carter informed the council laws change and they sometimes don't get this to the cities. Mayor Carter added at one time commissioners did not have to be sworn in but now they do.

Council member Dr. James made motion to approve appointment of Jeff Cain, Council member Sallee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye, non opposed.

### **New Business:**

#### **1.) Friends of Fort Committee request for \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Siege held in May**

Randy Denham introduced Friends of the Fort Committee and updated the council about what was done last year and is planned for this year.

Randy informed the council Mayor Carter came to them and asked if they would continue with activities/events after Megan left.

Randy informed council money is needed to pay for events. Mayor Carter informed the council this year there is an agreement with Irene and they will get proceeds from food sales and we get the rest. Randy requested \$500 for the Siege.

Council member Dr. James asked what the cost would be for the Siege. Randy responded we are up to \$1700.

Mayor Carter informed council Judge Adams said he will help and we will also raise money.

Council member Dr. James made motion to give \$500 to Friends of Fort for the Siege and other events, Council member Deatherage 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye in favor, motion carried.

#### **2.) Resolution to declare 2004 F350 fire department service truck surplus**

Mayor Carter asked council to declare 2004 F350 fire department service truck surplus. Mayor Carter asked Fire Chief Maples to explain why we want to surplus the truck.

Fire Chief Maples explained the truck is not user friendly due to new engine equipment. This truck was purchased under State Fire Commission. We want to get a smaller truck that is more user friendly. Fire Chief Maples informed council state aid from State Fire Commission pays for the entire purchaser, there will be no cost to the city. Chief Maples informed council money from surplus will be used on purchase of new fire truck. Chief Maples said the new truck should be paid for in less than 2 years.

Council member Deatherage asked how much has been collected on the insurance for wrecks. Mayor Carter responded we have collected between \$3500 (thirty five hundred and \$4000 (four thousand) so far. The next payment should be more than this. Council member Ernst asked Fire Chief Maples how this was working. Fire Chief responded it is working well. Mayor Carter added this is free money to help pay for this fire truck.

Council member Ernst asked what month did we receive a payment. Mayor Carter responded December.

City Attorney Reed proposed a motion to declare 2004 F350 fire department service truck used to carry, hauling and pulling various service for the City of Stanford and is no longer user friendly, cost more to operate, is detrimental. It is in the public interest to dispose of it under KRS 82.0833. It is in the best interest of the City of Stanford to declare it surplus property.

Council member Ernst made motion to accept as stated by City Attorney Reed, Council member Deatherage 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

3.) Approve to move forward buying 2017 Chevy ¾ ton double cab, 4 wheel drive truck to replace surplus 2004 F350

Mayor Carter asked for motion to move ahead buying 2014 Chevy ¾ ton 4 wheel drive truck to replace 2004 F350.

City Attorney Reed proposed a motion for the betterment of the City to move forward with buying 2017 double cab to be used as a service vehicle by the City of Stanford Fire Department.

Council member Dr. James made motion to approve as stated by Attorney Reed to move ahead with the purchase, Council member Sallee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Council member Dr. James asked what the cost for vehicle will be. Fire Chief Maples responded the cost is approximately \$38,000. Mayor Carter informed the council this truck is exactly what is needed.

#### **Council member business:**

1.) City Attorney Reed advised council the city needs ordinance to bid on contract negotiation to be discussed in executive session. Mayor Carter informed council this will start process for Atmos Energy contract that is up for renewal in the spring.

Attorney Reed read 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Carter informed council 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be done at next week's meeting.

Council member Deatherage asked why parts of the city do not have gas. Fire Chief Maples responded this is decided by the developer. Council member Deatherage asked if this is something we can ask about. Mayor Carter replied he will have someone at next week's meeting to answer questions.

2.) Council member Deatherage asked if there is someone who can talk to us about Lancaster Street. Mayor Carter responded he talked to state and he will talk to them again. Council member Deatherage asked if the problem was caused by a water leak or wet weather spring. Mayor Carter responded it is a wet weather spring.

3.) Council member Deatherage said he likes the monthly recognition.

4.) Council member Deatherage asked about street lights on Westwood.

Mayor Carter responded he delayed this to check on going with solar lights. He informed council he talked to other towns about solar lighting but doesn't think solar panels with LED lights will work here due to lack of average sunlight year around. Mayor Carter explained easements for guide wires are needed.

Council member Dr. James asked if we have an ordinance for time frame for street lights. Mayor responded this should be done in couple of weeks.

5.) Council member Deatherage asked if Ted Defosset went to the ambulance board. Mayor Carter responded he resigned from ARB and went to the ambulance board. Mayor Carter informed council he may have someone to appoint to Board of Adjustments at next meeting.

6.) Council member Deatherage reminded Mayor that Jerry attended December meeting and voted in the meeting. Mayor Carter responded he attended December and voted on things that did not amount to much. Mayor Carter informed council he talked to Chris Johnson at the League of Cities about this and was told there shouldn't be a problem if he hadn't voted on anything important. Mayor Carter said he looked at the rule wrong and is willing to pay back what was paid to Jerry. Mayor informed council things changed. Appointees at one time did not have to be sworn in but now do.

Council member Ernst responded Jerry was appointed by the Mayor but did not get council approval.

7.) Council member Deatherage informed Mayor Carter he received a call about trimmed tree limbs on Frontier Blvd laying in the medium for two weeks. Mayor Carter responded I thought we got all of them. We will go back and get the rest.

8.) Council member Deatherage reported trash has accumulated by the car wash on Metker Trail.

9.) Council member Deatherage asked Mayor Carter to consider hiring another person to help Aaron. Council member Deatherage informed council it took Aaron five months to trim trees on Frontier Blvd. Mayor Carter responded this is something we can look and think at in the next budget.

10.) Council member Deatherage addressed dirt and grass growing on sidewalks on Whitley Avenue. Mayor Carter responded we will be opening a can of worms if we start helping one person with their sidewalk. Council member Deatheage responded he was talking about getting the dirt off the sidewalks not re-doing them. Mayor Carter responded Aaron has done a good job the last 2 years. He works good with the inmates.

11.) Council member Deatherage said he like getting council member documents on line but he would like paper copy of the packet delivered to him a couple of days before the meeting. Mayor Carter responded we will try to get it out by Tuesday if we can.

12.) Council member Dr. James asked if Aaron was full or part-time and the total cost for his position. Mayor Carter responded he is full time and makes around \$30000.

Council member Deatherage asked Fire Chief Maples how code enforcement was going.

Fire Chief Maples responded Jeff Knouse is now doing this. Mayor Carter added Jeff is doing a good job.

Mayor Carter informed council van on Pettus Court has been moved. He thanked Council member Givens for helping to get van moved. Mayor Carter informed council he will take van and have it scrapped. We should be able to get our money back for hauling the van there. Mayor informed council he has receipts for the cost.

Fire Chief Maples explained to the council the City of Stanford has not enforced nuisance codes and there is problem. There are a lot of properties that have issues. Fire Chief Maples explained if no other nuisance issues come up it will take at least two years to get what is out there now.

Mayor Carter responded this did not happen overnight will not be cured overnight.

Council member Deatherage asked Fire Chief Maples if this was too much for him to do with other things he has to do. Fire Chief Maples responded to be done right yes it is.

Council member Ernst asked why it will take two years. Fire Chief Maples responded there is a process to go through following the ordinances. Council member Ernst said Scott has a lot on his plate. He asked should we not hire Jeff full time to do nuisances.

Council member Dr. James asked if there would be revenue generated from the effort. Fire Chief Maples responded if combined with Planning and Zoning and business license there is a chance to generate revenue.

Mayor Carter reported to the council a lot of properties have been cleanup up.

Council member Deatherage asked if complaints;

1.) Can they be put in the newspaper?

2.) Can names be put on report?

Fire Chief responded it is up to the council whether names are on the report. Mayor Carter asked Attorney Reed if the name on the report would cause problems. Attorney Reed responded is up to the council. Mayor Carter asked Attorney Reed for his opinion. Attorney Reed responded he did not think name should be on these. The only identifying feature will be the address.

Mayor Carter suggested if it's alright with Attorney Reed we will start putting names on report.

Council member Ernst asked if there was a way to keep comments off the cities facebook page.

Attorney Reed advised making it a billboard or banner site and not allowing comments.

Council member Ernst suggested doing this if not take it down.

Council member Ernst asked City Clerk about privilege licenses. City Clerk responded 141 licenses have been collected for 2017. Council member Ernst asked if there are businesses in town who do not buy business license. This is money we need to collect. City Clerk responded reminders are mailed in December and then again in January.

Mayor Carter presented certificates for Durham's Grocery and Ella Mae Curtis for council members to sign. There was discussion whether to present certificates at a meeting or take to them.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **City of Stanford Strategic Plan discussion**

Mayor Carter said he thinks everyone is on board with majority of goals. Mayor informed council he has things he wants to bring to next month's meeting that may happen.

1.) The possibility of spending \$100,000 to build four cabins at Fort.

2.) Developing park at the Fort.

3.) Developing the trail

4.) Pizza store is coming this summer

5.) Major water project this fall

7.) Four lane highway from Lancaster to town. Mayor Carter asked everyone to talk to their representative and Senators to make this happen.

Mayor Carter informed council these are major things that will help the community.

Mayor Carter said he appreciated Council member Deatherage for his discussion of the strategic plan for our city.

Mayor asked council members to present ideas for a brand or slogan for the city to promote our town.

Mayor added he may include students.

#### **Citizen Comments:**

Brent Pike from Post 123 Danville a non for profit organization consisting mainly of veterans came before the council to ask for a corner to do a fund raiser the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March, weather permitting.

Brent informed the council the event would be held from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Brent asked for a fire truck with lights to assist. After some discussion about location Mayor Carter suggested the corner of

Lancaster Street and Main Street. Mayor Carter asked Brent to call city hall for Police Chiefs number and to work through him on this.

**Executive Session:**

Council member Dr. James made motion to go into executive session to discuss pending legal matter and contract negotiations, Council member Givens 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

- 1.) Discussion of pending legal matter
- 2.) Contract negotiation

Motion was made by Council member Dr. James made motion to come out of executive session, Council member Givens 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Time: 8:40 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business Council member Dr. James made motion to adjourn, Council member Givens 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted in favor.

Time: 8:41 p.m.