

Stanford City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 1, 2017  
6:30 p.m. Stanford L&N Depot

Council member Sara Givens opened meeting with prayer. Mayor Eddie Carter led the pledge

**Roll Call:**

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

Mayor Carter declared quorum

Others present; City Attorney Chris Reed, Bob Casher with Bluegrass Area Development, Police Chief Zach Middleton, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Police Officer Joe Gilliland, Jeff Knouse, Jim Jarrett P&Z commissioner, Abigail Whitehouse, Donna Turpin, Jamie Mingo, Dennis Counts

**Approval of minutes:**

May 4, 2017 regular meeting

Mayor Carter asked if there were no corrections, additions or modifications the minutes be approved. Council member Hester made motion to accept as written, Council member Dr. James 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All voted aye in favor.

May 15, 2017 Special Meeting

Council member Ernst moved to accept, Council member Givens 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All voted aye in favor.

May 23, 2017 Special Meeting to appoint 2 members to code enforcement board.

Council member Givens moved to accept, Council member Sallee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted in favor

May 23, 2017 Water Department Special Meeting

Council member Deatherage moved to accept, Council member Ernst 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye in favor

May 30, 2017 Budget Workshop

Mayor Carter asked for approval. Council member Hester moved to accept, Council member Givens 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Council member Hester said we have a question. Mayor Carter asked Council member Givens to take back 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Council member Deatherage questioned cost of fire hydrant being between \$65,000 and \$68,000. Clerk responded this is what she understood was said.

Mayor Carter asked Council member Deatherage if he wanted amended amount to be \$6,500 to \$6,800.

Mayor asked remaining council members if this was okay with them.

Council member Hester moved to accept motion with amendment to the amount of money spent on each fire hydrant being between \$6,500 and \$6,800, Council member Givens accepted the motion. All voted aye in favor.

**Citizens Comments:**

Donna Turpin who lives at 115 Arrowhead Trail addressed council about the street needing blacktopping. Donna said if the owner of subdivision controls the street he needs to blacktop it. Mayor Carter responded the contractor is still building there. Mayor Carter informed Ms. Turpin we will look at

this to see if contractor has done what he is suppose to. Joe Gilliland with Planning and Zoning informed the council the contactor was suppose to blacktop the street but only chipped and sealed it. Joe informed council Planning and Zoning stopped him from building because he was not building the way he was suppose to.

Ms. Turpin addressed council about house on the street not having a garage. Ms. Turpin said all houses on this street are suppose to have a garage.

Mr. Turpin informed council street sign for Arrowhead is missing. Mayor Carter responded sign was ordered and should be in today.

There being no further comments from Ms. Turpin Council member Dr. James and Mayor Carter thanked Donna for attending meeting.

### **Old Business;**

#### **1.) Discussion of City Budget for 2017-2018**

Mayor Carter gave overview of the budget.

#### **Police Department**

1. One part-time officer was added to help with drug situation

Mayor Carter informed council Ryan Kirkpatrick will be hired as part-time police officer. Mayor said he is top notch drug officer and will be great addition to police force. Council member Hester asked if Ryan is willing to take part-time. Mayor responded yes. Police Chief Middleton said he has agreed to take part-time but ultimately he wants full time.

2. \$10,000 added to update computers in police cars

3. Police department applied for grant to buy vest. If grant doesn't happen vest will have to be purchased.

#### **Fire Department**

Mayor Carter informed council fire department was up to date on major items

#### **Pay Raises**

Mayor Carter informed council a 1% raise will be given to everyone employed by the city, this includes volunteer firefighters.

#### **Street Department**

Mayor Carter informed council money for a new snow plow and another truck is in the budget. Mayor Carter added the trucks we have are approximately 20 years old.

Mayor Carter informed council the only change made in the budget was the addition of \$6,000 for part-time street worker. Mayor informed council \$6,000 was taken out of contingency fund for this. Mayor added we may not need this if inmate labor is available. Council member Hester asked if this is not used will it go back into the contingency fund. Mayor Carter responded yes.

Mayor Carter informed council Bob Casher helped him with the budget. Mayor Carter added he is expert with many years of experience doing budgets. Mayor Carter informed council he and Bob met with department heads and worked on budget for many hours. Mayor Carter said he thought this is pretty good budget.

Mayor Carter asked council for questions

Council member Hester asked what was in the budget for Logan's Fort Project. Mayor Carter responded we haven't gotten into that. We just today came up with contract to build a cabin for \$35,000. Mayor

Carter asked Bob if the \$35,000 expense needs to be put in budget. Bob responded yes the \$35,000 will be a donation for Logan's Fort, money in money out.

Attorney Reed will make change at 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to reflect change.

Council member Ernst asked if we are paying only for mowing at the Fort. Mayor Carter responded we are paying for mowing and some upkeep. Mayor informed council doors on fort were stolen we had to use money to put them back. Mayor said mowing is the main thing we are doing.

Mayor Carter informed council cabin may start this summer. Council member Ernst asked about the other three cabins. Mayor Carter responded we have agreement for one cabin at a time. Council member Hester asked if we are committed to the other three cabins. Mayor Carter responded no we want to wait and see how this works. Council member Hester asked if money for cabins is private donations. Mayor Carter responded yes all of it is, city isn't out any money.

Council member Hester asked who will maintain the fort once it's completed. Mayor responded it will fall back on the city to do maintenance and mowing. Mayor Carter informed council Friends of The Fort will only hold events there and they will be responsible for raising their own money. Council member Hester asked if we have oversight over the money. Mayor Carter responded no.

Mayor Carter gave update on the Siege. The event went well there not as many spectators this year but there were twice as many re-enactors. Mayor Carter said next year there may be two re-enactments on Saturday and none on Sunday.

Council member Ernst asked where the \$35,000 is for the cabin. Mayor responded part of this is in donor's hands. Mayor Carter informed council there is \$10,000 in city account to start cabin.

Council member Deatherage asked if the money comes through the city to pay for the cabins. Mayor Carter responded yes, the city is responsible for the project. Mayor added if anything happens it will come back on the city. Mayor Carter added no money was sent until we felt comfortable. Council member Hester asked for the name of the company building the cabin. Mayor Carter responded the company is Village Restoration in Pennsylvania.

Council member Dr. James asked if we have insurance on the property. Mayor Carter responded we have insurance on what is built.

Council member Deatherage asked when cabin will start. Mayor Carter responded maybe next month. Mayor Carter informed council updates were done at the Ice House. Electrical outlets were put in the backroom, new 26,000 BTU window air conditioner was put in, LED lights will be used. Mayor Carter added the restrooms and showers are usable.

Council member Ernst asked if the fort is in the budget. Mayor Carter responded no but will be at next reading.

Mayor Carter informed council Park and Recreation in the budget includes money to build a blacktopped half court for basketball. Mayor said roof on the gazebo will also be taken care of.

#### **Code Enforcement Officer discussion;**

Council member Ernst asked are we still going with part-time code enforcement officer. Mayor Carter yes, Jeff Knouse has offered to do part-time. Council member Ernst asked if Jeff wanted full time. Jeff responded he wanted full time but was offered part-time. Mayor Carter responded we were looking at other people. Mayor Carter said Jeff came to him and said he was willing to do part-time.

Council member Hester asked where code enforcement is located. Mayor responded it is in administration.

Council member Ernst said he would like code enforcement to have its own entity in the budget like the police and fire departments so we can see how much money we are spending. Council member Ernst asked what was included in the \$20,000. Mayor Carter responded position is part-time with no health insurance, retirement or vacation benefits. Council member Hester asked if car is included. Mayor responded yes.

Council member Deatherage asked how many hours is part-time. Mayor Carter responded up to 100 hours a month is part-time.

Council member Ernst said coded enforcement office needs a phone. Council member Hester added the number needs to be made public. Bob Casher informed council there is enough money under utilities to cover a phone. Bob informed council code enforcement will be separated in the budget for next reading. Council member Deatherage asked if he needs his own computer. Mayor Carter responded we should be able to get him a laptop.

Council member Ernst said code enforcement needs his own equipment.

Council member Deatherage asked Jeff if there is anything else he needed.

Council member Hester asked about getting him code enforcement shirts. Mayor Carter responded we can get him a shirt.

Council member Ernst said he wanted it understood he did not want position to be nicked and dimed. He stressed this is very important to people in town, they want it, they want stuff cleaned up. Council member Ernst said he wanted position to be full time and with that I will vote no on the budget.

Council member Hester asked Jeff if he accepted part-time position. Council member Ernst responded he was made to take part-time or he doesn't get position. Mayor Carter responded if council wants it to be part-time position, if not we will go in another direction.

Mayor Carter responded I really strongly believe this needs to be part-time for what money we have in the city. Mayor said we have spent a lot of money still owe a lot of debt with approximately \$1.5 million still owed.

Council member Ernst asked about paperwork involved in position. Mayor Carter responded there will be work involved but it is not rocket science.

Council member Hester asked Jeff to give his opinion if doing part-time could he do the job the way it is suppose to be done. Jeff responded starting out it needs to be full time with what's going on. Jeff informed council Mayor Carter offered him part-time. Jeff said he would do best he can with part-time.

Council member Ernst asked Fire Chief Maples, since he had been doing code enforcement, his opinion on whether it should be part-time or full-time. Fire Chief responded it is his opinion initially it should be full-time because there is so much to do. Council member Givens asked Jeff if he had another job. Mayor responded he is a volunteer fighter at the fire department. Council member Ernst questioned going full time and then revisiting in six months.

Mayor Carter responded he talked to a lot of people in town about the position and most say it needs to be part time. Mayor Carter informed council he believed part-time is plenty, a lot of citations can be written in 100 hours a month. Mayor Carter added at \$250 each this will get peoples' attention.

Council member Ernst asked Mayor Carter why he had been against this the whole time and now decided to do this. Mayor Carter responded we waited to see how other cities our size were doing this.

Council member Ernst said he did not want more paperwork put on Police Chief and Fire Chief if he goes part-time. Mayor Carter responded I will hire someone to help him a little if he gets behind on paperwork.

Mayor Carter again said he strongly believed the position should be part-time.

Council member Dr. James suggested this be revisited in six months. Mayor Carter agreed.

Mayor Carter asked for motion for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2017-2018 as presented.

Council member Dr. James made motion, Council member Sallee 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Mayor Carter called for roll call vote for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the budget as presented.

Council member Sallee Yes

Council member Givens Yes

Council member Dr. James Yes

Council member Ernst No

Council member Hester No

Council member Deatherage No

Mayor Carter broke tie with yes vote.

Council members Deatherage, Hester and Ernst asked that it be on record they think code enforcement officer should be full-time.

Council member Hester asked where sidewalk for Miller Street is located. Bob Casher responded this is under repairs and maintenance in street department. Council member Hester asked how much is allotted. Mayor Carter responded \$12,000. Council member Hester asked when will this start. Mayor Carter said he is going to bid out and get started. Council member Deatherage asked how much can be done with \$12,000. Mayor responded this will take care of section between Shea Villa and Valero.

## 2. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance of ordinance to adopt city budget for 2017-2018

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

## 3. Discussion of water-sewer budget for 2017-2018

Mayor Carter asked for discussion.

Council member Deatherage asked if council decides the water department is responsible for fire hydrant maintenance do they need to revise their budget. Mayor Carter responded probably.

There being no further discussion Mayor Carter asked Attorney Reed to meet with Jonathon Baker to come up with something before 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

## 4. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance for Water-Sewer Budget for 2017-2018

Attorney Reed read 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

## 5. Discussion of \$ 4.1 million dollar water project

Mayor Carter gave update

Mayor Carter said this project included a 2 million dollar grant. The remaining amount is a loan at .25% interest. Twenty five new water lines will be installed. There will be a 12 inch line installed from water plant to town and 8 inch line from Rowland.

Mayor Carter said project may start this fall and will probably take up to a year to complete. Mayor Carter added there is a good chance we may go to a 2 ISO rating once project is done. Council member Hester commented this speaks well of our Fire Chiefs management skills. Fire Chief Maples responded he has good people working under him.

Mayor Carter explained water and sewer rates have to be raised. Mayor Carter said water rates will go from \$12.24 to \$13.08 for first 2000 gallons with rates going up a little at 8,000 gallons. Sewer rates will increase from \$11.64 to \$14.31 which is an increase of approximately \$2.80.

Mayor Carter added the project will not move forward unless we show the ability to pay back the \$2.1 million. Mayor said we will probably never have this offer again.

There being no further discussion Mayor Carter asked Attorney Reed to read the ordinance.

**6. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of water rate increase**

Attorney Reed read the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance

Council member Dr. James moved to accept, Council member Givens 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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.

**7. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of sewer rate increase for 2017-2018**

Attorney Reed read 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance

Council member Hester made motion to accept, Council member Ernst 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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 passed

**8. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of ordinance amending zoning map change at 627 Danville Avenue from R-1 to B-2**

Attorney Reed read 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance

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 passed

**9. Appointment of Greg Padgett to Stanford Housing Authority Board**

Mayor Carter informed council Lucy Embry with Stanford Housing Authority asked him to appoint Greg to the Stanford Housing Authority Board.

Council member Ernst made motion to accept, Council member Deatherage 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye in favor.

**Planning and Zoning :**

None

**New Business:**

1. Mayor Carter invited all members of Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustments to attend training to be held July 26, 2017 in Lexington. Council member Hester asked if this is open for council members to attend. Mayor responded yes.

2. Mayor Carter informed council Ethics Board met. Mayor said all elected officials will need to update their financial statements. William Pence, Chair Person on Ethics Board will be sending form to them. Council member Hester asked if they are up to date with their training. Mayor Carter responded I will try to get them into training as soon as possible. Council member Hester asked if they are still legal under old system. Mayor Carter responded yes. Mayor Carter informed council the other two members of the Ethics Board are Susan Miller and David Horseman.

3. Mayor Carter said flowers in hanging baskets are a lot bigger this year .

4. Mayor Carter informed council Steve Bullock built cow planters for CowBell Days.

5. Council member Ernst asked if we should go ahead and appoint 3<sup>rd</sup> person to Code Enforcement Board. Council member Hester asked about code enforcement report for May since we did not have anyone sworn in. Council member Hester asked if Scott is still the acting code enforcement. Mayor Carter responded no Jeff is. Mayor Carter responded he was doing this under the old way. Mayor Carter informed council he was going to wait until budget is passed before appointing Jeff.

6. Mayor Carter nominated Billy Hastie to be 3<sup>rd</sup> member of Code Enforcement Board. Mayor Carter said he grew up here, will be excellent person to serve. There being no discussion Council member Deatherage made motion to accept, Council member Hester 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion Council member Givens made motion to adjourn, Council member Sallee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor

Time: 8:15 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk