

Stanford City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 1st, 2019
6:30pm, Historic Stanford L&N Depot

I. Call to Order

Mayor Scottie Ernst called to order the Regular Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:30pm, Thursday, August 1st, 2019 at the Historic Stanford L&N Depot. He asked that we remember the families, friends, workers and everyone affected by the gas pipeline explosion that occurred early this morning. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag, after which the opening prayer was led by Councilwoman Sara Givens.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Ella Mae Curlis, Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Peggy Hester, and Dalton Miller. Dr. Naren James was absent. A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

Also present were: John Hackley, City Attorney, Chief Zach Middleton and Assistant Chief Brian Jenkins.

III. Approval of Minutes

-07/11/2019, Regular Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman Miller) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

-07/15/2019, Special Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Larry Nunemaker asked about the progress of the council in going over the Ordinances of the City of Stanford. The council responded that monthly meetings were being held to look at each chapter of the Ordinances. Each chapter is going to be assigned to be reviewed by the committee or department responsible for enforcing those Ordinances. Once the review is completed the Ordinances will be amended as needed.

V. Council Comments

Councilman Deatherage stated that the dip going down to the car wash at Cash Creek looks much better, but there is still one small tree that needs cut back. Mayor Ernst will let the street department know.

VI. Russ Clark – Bluegrass 911 Presentation

Mr. Clark was unable to attend. Mayor Ernst asked that Police Chief Zach Middleton briefly share what he knew about this project. Chief Middleton shared that this is an initiative that the county has already adopted, and the city will be required to soon. It is a system that will determine addresses by GPS pinpointing. This system should make it much easier for emergency services to locate specific addresses.

VII. Presentation of USDA Paperwork for Police Department (Zach Middleton)

Chief Middleton shared that we were once again awarded the USDA grant for the purchase of a Dodge Durango. The grant is a 45/55 split. The City's portion of the money has already been budgeted and put aside for this purchase. Chief Middleton passed the grant package around to each council member, the Mayor and the City Attorney for review. A motion to adopt all documents in the grant package as presented was requested. Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miller). With all in favor, motion carried.

VIII. 1st Reading of an Ordinance Regulating the Number, Length and Conditions of a Yard Sale (220.19)

Mayor Ernst shared that the change to this Ordinance is the date setting the City Wide Yard Sale. Councilman Deatherage asked that Section 6 be looked at concerning advertising. There was some discussion concerning the placement of yard sale signs on street signs, utility poles and private property. The yard sale permit states that no signs are to be placed on any road signs, stop signs, or telephone poles or on private property. Section 4 and Section 6 were revised to state these conditions. Section 5 also outlines the penalty for violating this Ordinance. The majority of the council chose to leave this fine as read, with Councilwoman Givens and Hester stating that they felt a \$10 fine was sufficient. The fine was left at \$10 for the first occurrence and \$25 for each subsequent occurrence. After discussion concerning when the best date for the City Wide Yard Sale would be, the Thursday, Friday and Saturday immediately following the 127 Yard Sale was decided upon. During this time, no yard sale permit will be required.

Councilman Miller made a motion (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to have the 1st Reading of an Ordinance Regulating the Number, Length, and Conditions of a Yard Sale with the changes discussed. A roll call vote was taken and with all in favor, motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the first reading with discussed changes.

IX. 1st Reading of Smoke Detectors Ordinance (#310.02)

Assistant Fire Chief Brian Jenkins was present to answer any questions concerning this Ordinance. Several questions were discussed about who is responsible for maintaining the operation of the smoke detectors once placed by a landlord. Asst. Chief Jenkins stated the responsibility to maintain batteries of the smoke detector is the tenants, although regard should be given if the tenant is elderly or unable to change or maintain the detectors. Councilman Miller stated that the fire department is also available to call if a resident cannot properly service their detectors. Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilwoman Hester) to have the 1st Reading of Smoke Detectors Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, the motion carried. Assistant Chief Jenkins made the first reading of the Smoke Detector Ordinance.

X. 1st Reading of Fireworks Ordinance (#310.03)

Assistant Fire Chief Brian Jenkins was available to answer any questions concerning this Ordinance. Mayor Ernst pointed out that in the prior Ordinance the dates when fireworks were permitted to be used in the City were not defined. There was also a fire code change. After some discussion concerning the time change, the ending time on the 4th of July was changed to 12:30am. The following line was also added after "New Year's Eve/Day of any year,": and within (2) hours of any major Kentucky State University winning a national championship, and excluding local outdoor school sports activities.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Curlis (2nd by Councilman Miller) to have the 1st Reading of the Fireworks Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, the motion carried. City Attorney John Hackley made the first reading of the Fireworks Ordinance with discussed changes.

XI. 1st Reading of Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #2012-0628 Emergency Ordinance Banning Fireworks

XII. Assistant Fire Chief Brian Jenkins was available to answer any questions concerning this Ordinance. Mayor Ernst shared that when the original ordinance was passed the City was under drought conditions, but this ban was never lifted. Motion was made by Councilman Deatherage (2nd by Councilman Miller) to have the 1st Reading of Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #2012-0628 Emergency Ordinance Banning Fireworks. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried. Councilman Miller made the first reading of the Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #2012-0628 Emergency Ordinance Banning Fireworks.

XIII. 1st Reading of the Ordinance Changing the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location and Date (#211.1)

Mayor Ernst shared at the last meeting that there was some discussion about changing the meeting location to the library. Mayor Ernst contacted the library to check on available meeting dates. The first Thursday of the month was already spoken for, but the second Thursday is available beginning in October 2019. This also gets us away from the first of the month meetings that makes some reports unavailable. There was some discussion concerning moving the police department or city hall to the depot if it is no longer being used. Councilwoman Hester made a motion (2nd by Councilwoman Givens) to have the 1st Reading of the Ordinance Changing the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location and Date. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried. City Clerk Jone Allen made the first reading of the Ordinance Changing the City of Stanford's Regular Meeting Location and Date.

XIV. 1st Reading of the Ordinance Setting Real and Personal Property Rates for 2019 (T2019)

After some discussion concerning last year's rates a motion was made by Councilman Miller (2nd by Councilwoman Curlis) to have the 1st Reading of the Ordinance Setting Real and Personal Property Rates for 2019. This Ordinance sets a public hearing for 6:00pm September 5th to inform the public. A roll call vote was done, with all members voting in favor, motion carried. City Clerk Jone Allen made the first reading of the Ordinance Setting Real and Personal Property Rates for 2019.

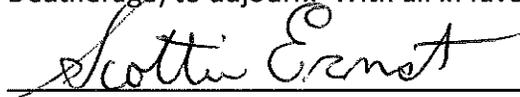
XIV. Mayor's Information to the Council

Before the meeting adjourned Councilman Miller asked for a follow-up from Chief Middleton about the speeders on Metker Trail. Chief Middleton reported that after many hours of patrol at both Metker Trail and in the Arrowhead Trail neighborhood, 4 tickets and 2 warnings were issued. Councilwoman Hester asked if a new street department laborer had been hired yet. Mayor Ernst responded that no, applications were still being accepted, and no one has been chosen yet.

Larry Nunemaker asked if he could speak once again before the meeting was adjourned. He wished to give kudos to both the Mayor and the maintenance crew for the work that was done on Logan Avenue. He also was asked to share, by Mrs. Barthenia Brown, that Martin Luther King looks much better but it still needs to be cleaned up some.

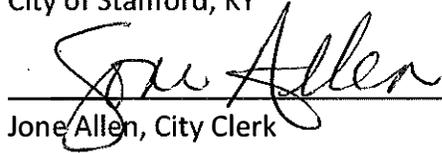
XV. Adjourn

With no other business, motion was made by Councilwoman Hester (2nd by Councilman Deatherage) to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.



Scottie Ernst, Mayor
City of Stanford, KY

Date: SEPT 6, 2019



Jone Allen, City Clerk