

Stanford City Council
Minutes of Special Meeting
L&N Depot
May 15, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Council member Sara Givens led the prayer. Mayor Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present:

Ronnie Deatherage, Peggy Hester, Scottie Ernst, John Sallee, Sara Givens.

Council member Dr. Naren James was absent

Mayor Carter declared quorum

Others present

Attorney Chris Reed, Jeff Knouse, Amy Hazlett Stevens, Ms. Nancy Hill, Rosemary Hazlett, Carol Hill, Abigail Whitehouse.

Purpose of special meeting

1.) 2ND reading of ordinance to update fire code for State of Kentucky

Attorney Reed read 2nd reading of ordinance to update fire code for State of Kentucky

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 Absent

All voted aye in favor, motion carried

2.) 2nd reading of ordinance to adopt HB422 and penalties

Attorney Reed presented council with updates for business licenses in the ordinance.

Business license will be due January 1st each year, a 10% penalty per amount. If bought after March 1st a 40% penalty will apply and possible loss of license.

Mayor Carter informed council the City of Lancaster has theirs this way.

Council member Ernst asked should it not be past due until March 1st. Mayor Carter responded he thinks 60 days would be fair.

Mayor Carter asked if council wanted due date the 1st of the year with payments after March 1st a 40% penalty will apply. Mayor Carter informed council if license is not bought they pay a \$250 fine.

Council member Ernst asked if once in effect can code enforcement officer check on license for this year.

Council member Hester asked if the wording is exactly the same as the state ordinance. Attorney Reed responded this is combination of the two.

Council member Hester asked if this eliminates county attorney. Attorney Reed responded this takes him out of city enforcement.

Council member Hester asked about unpaid taxes. Mayor Carter reminded Council member Hester this is only for business license.

Council member Deatherage said he thought code enforcement officer would be able to go and collect taxes.

Council member Ernst asked if HB422 has guidelines for city code enforcement officer. Attorney Reed responded ordinance establishes his responsibilities.

Mayor Carter informed council once ordinance is published we will appoint a board and then code enforcement officer.

Council member Hester asked at what point if code enforcement officer sworn in. Mayor Carter responded once board is in place.

There being no further discussion Mayor Carter asked Attorney Reed to read 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 Absent

3. 2nd reading of ordinance amending penalties for business license

Council member Deatherage asked if fine is set at \$250 is on this on top of the original \$50. Attorney Reed responded this is in addition to.

Attorney Reed advised council we are only allowed to talk about what is on the agenda.

Mayor Carter asked Attorney Reed to read 2nd reading of ordinance amending penalties for business license.

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 Absent

4. 2nd reading of ordinance creating Code Enforcement Officer

Attorney Reed read 2nd reading of ordinance creating Code Enforcement Officer.

Council member Hester stated she found contradictions in HB422. She said ordinance says code enforcement officer needs to be either public safety or other law enforcement officer with the authority to issue citations. Council member Hester went on to say however, it also states a member of code enforcement board shall not be employee of the city. Council member Hester added it is my understanding from seminar code enforcement officer could not be an employee of the city. Attorney Reed advised council elected city officials cannot serve on the board.

Council member Hester said she understands board is unpaid and only money will be paid to officer.

Mayor Carter responded officer and officer expenses will be paid.

Council member Deatherage asked if a job description for officer is needed. Attorney Reed responded management will do this. Attorney Reed advised council what he did was to create position and hours. Attorney Reed informed council code enforcement officer duties are only what is in the ordinance. Attorney Reed added he cannot be asked to do what is not in the ordinance.

Council member Ernst said he wanted code enforcement to be separate entry in the budget and not under the fire or police department. Mayor Carter responded we will get into this in the budget. Mayor Carter reminded council code enforcement officer is under the Mayor and that's the way it is. Attorney Reed again reminded council we are only allowed to talk about what is on the agenda. There being no further discussion Mayor Carter asked Attorney to reading 2nd reading of ordinance creating code enforcement officer.

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 Absent

5. 1st reading or ordinance amending zoning map change at 627 Danville Ave from R-1 to B-2

Attorney Reed read 1st reading of the ordinance.

Council member Hester made motion to approve zone change, Council member Givens 2nd the motion. All voted aye in favor.

6.) Ms Nancy Hill will address council about Main Street parking and outdoor eating area

Mayor Carter informed council Ms. Hill is here to respond to proposed outdoor café and loss parking. Ms. Hill started discussion by saying we are the only city in Kentucky with street on the Wilderness Road Trail. Ms. Hill asked what we are getting in return for loss of 6 parking spaces. She asked how many days will we not be able to use café area due to weather. Ms Hill asked if we give them the right to do this what to stop Coleman's Drug Store from doing the same.

Ms. Hill said we have too little parking space downtown and handicap parking is at a premium.

Ms. Hill said there are alternatives with area behind building being a delightful place for café and parking.

Ms. Hill asked if Heritage Council had been contacted about this. Mayor Carter responded not that he knows of. Ms. Hill said she has not found anyone who is in favor of this. Ms. Hill said Stanford is a beautiful town and I want to keep it that way. Ms. Hill questioned the use of umbrellas believing these will block driving view on Depot Street. Ms. Hill finished by saying we have an asset we want to protect.

Mayor Carter asked Ms. Hill if she would like to have a meeting with him and the Corrells' to talk about this. Amy Hazlett Stevens and Rosemary Hazlett raised objections to meeting not including public.

Attorney Reed responded the only thing we did was to give them permission to apply.

Council member Hester suggested having a town meeting to discuss this.

Council member Ernst asked Mayor Carter if he could ask workers at the site not to park their personal vehicles on Main Street.

Mayor Carter asked if there was any further discussion.

There being no further discussion Council member Ernst made motion to adjourn, Council member Hester 2nd the motion. All voted aye in favor.
Time: 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk