

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

Council member Dr. Naren James opened with prayer. Mayor Eddie Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Other present; City Attorney Chris Reed, City Clerk Dana Taylor, Police Chief Zach Middleton, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Knouse, Jim Jarrett Planning and Zoning member, Joe Gilliland, Jane VanHook, Jack Withrow, Wanda Withrow, Tim Estes

Mayor Carter declared a quorum

Approval of minutes;

September 7, 2017 regular meeting

Discussion;

Mayor Carter informed council we are going to try to condense the minutes down and just get the highlights in the future. Mayor Carter informed council we will have tape they can go to if they want.

Council member Hester asked if this will serve the community. Mayor responded it says in the book you can have votes, will have tape if council wants we can add or delete anything you want. Council member Hester said they are on the website and gets real positive reaction from people that read those.

Council member Ernst said he didn't mind them being this length word for word, if we start condensing we will have to delete wordage which will take away the meaning. Council member Ernst added It will be at Dana's discretion as to how she perceives discussion. Council member Ernst and Council member Deatherage said they would rather it be word for word. Mayor Carter responded this puts a lot of extra hours on her but we will continue on.

There being no other discussion Council member Ernst moved to accept minutes for Sept., 7, 2017 meeting as presented, Council member Sallee 2nd. All voted aye in favor

September 19, 2017 special called meeting;

Discussion;

Council member Deatherage asked if we replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day. Mayor Carter responded absolutely not. Council member Deatherage responded the letter to editor in today's paper made it sound like we did. Mayor Carter asked who wrote the letter. Council member Deatherage responded Ms. Arnett. Mayor Carter said it is in the Proclamation. Council member Hester said it is in the Proclamation what we did she presented that in the paper. Mayor Carter said the Proclamation was what we read. Council member Deatherage

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Mayor Carter asked Jim Jarrett Planning and Zoning member if he had anything to added. Mr. Jarrett responded nothing other than swimming pool ordinance was talked about at last meeting.

Old Business;

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Council member Ernst said with Chris doing this he needed more money.

Attorney Reed responded he preferred they use the \$1500 to do the City's Comprehensive Plan. Attorney Reed informed council money is in their account. Council member Hester asked do we need to decide how money is spent. Attorney Reed responded they will use it for comprehensive plan update.

Halloween

Mayor Carter asked council where they were with this. Council member Hester responded the three of us talked and we aren't going to do this. Council member Hester said we are into the first part of October and haven't had time. Maybe next year we can pull it together.

Council member Ernst said he spoke to Andrea with the Chamber of Commerce and was told it had run its course and the cost of candy for small businesses makes its cost prohibitive for them. Council member Ernst said Andrea said she will help any way possible.

Council member asked if motion was needed. Mayor responded probably since we aren't going to be involved. Council member Ernst asked if the \$300 could be given to the Bourbon Chase. Council member Ernst made motion to rescind the \$300 for Halloween Festival that is not going to happen and give to Bourbon Chase, Council member Dr. James 2nd. All voted aye in favor.

NEW BUSINESS;

Appointment of City Council Member To Logan's Fort Building Committee

Mayor Carter said Council member Hester had brought up at annual Logan's Fort Foundation meeting another person from the council is needed on Logan's Fort Building Committee. Mayor said Council member Sallee came to a lot of the re-enactments. Mayor informed council he would like to appoint him to be on the committee.

Council member Dr. James made motion for Council member Sallee to be on Logan's Fort Building Committee, Council member Givens 2nd. Council member Sallee abstained from voting. All others voted aye in favor.

Council member Hester said she asked at last meeting for a report from Irene for at least one year of how money has come in and gone out. Council member Hester said we have never gotten a report on their yearly activity. Council member Hester said Irene said she would get that to us by this meeting. Council member Hester asked this be in the minutes that she is asking again. Council member Hester said this is a non-profit organization and that is the law that be available for anyone that request them.

Mayor Carter responded he will try to talk to Irene about coming to next meeting. Council member Hester said I'm not asking for 20 years, a year will be fine.

Council member Ernst asked are we asking just for expenses. Council member Hester said there is a lot more money coming in from different individuals, council has right to know how it's coming in and going out. We have never got a report, we got one from Friend of the Fort. Council member Hester said she would like to see how Fort Foundation is using this.

Discuss annexation;

Attorney Reed brought to council for discussion of annexation of 14 properties, 7 of which are residences. Mayor said annexation will stop at EMS Building. Council member Hester asked why not go to Ready Mix. Mayor responded Chris tried to keep this simple so it would pass, we can always do more later.

Attorney Reed informed council this is only a proposed plan that was an option if the 4% compensating rate on property taxes was declined by the council.

Council member Hester asked if the neighborhood would have to be canvased and told what the plan is. Attorney Reed responded letters will be mailed, if no one objected they will be in the city.

Attorney Reed informed council Stanford EMS approached him about being in the city.

Attorney Reed gave council option of adding more properties.

Council member Ernst said they will have city water but not sewer. Council member Ernst asked why we weren't taking in the subdivision. Mayor responded they have better chance of voting it down but have a pretty good chance of getting these in. Mayor informed council sewer is not there and they will be hollering for sewer.

Mayor Carter asked council to study and come back at next meeting with what they want to do.

1st reading of ordinance amending code enforcement officer duties;

Attorney Reed informed council ordinance amended to allow him to do civil penalties.

Attorney Reed explained Planning and Zoning at last meeting wanted him to start doing more.

Attorney Reed informed council we received a lot of positive feedback about what he is doing.

Attorney Reed informed council we will need to amend what he is allowed to do. Attorney

Reed said under this ordinance we will be allowed to do conditional use permits.

Attorney Reed read 1st reading of summary for ordinance.

2nd reading will be done at next meeting.

Council member Ernst asked Code Enforcement Officer if he has taken in money last month.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Knouse responded he worked on follow-ups and abatement.

Council member Hester asked about sign permits. She said she talked to Jeff about this and \$25 sign fee applies to not only outside historic district but also historic district. Mayor Carter asked

if all ordinances had been reviewed to see what it said. Fire Chief Maples said it is in main

ordinance. Code Enforcement Knouse added it has to be approved by ARB. Council member

Hester asked if the wordage has to be approved by ARB. Council member Hester said is the

wordage there for a \$25 fee I have not found that. Mayor responded I think everybody in the city pays this.

Ordinance Establishing Civil Penalty for Zoning Violations

Attorney Reed informed council Jeff is not allowed to enforce criminal penalties, ordinance had to be amended to change criminal penalties to civil penalties.

Attorney Reed read ordinance

Council approval to begin lien foreclosure

Attorney Reed informed council we have 13 liens to be filed. Attorney Reed suggested starting with Youngs' Grocery first. Attorney Reed informed council this will not be easy process.

Attorney Reed asked council permission as this is next step in HB422.

Mayor Carter informed council this will start ball rolling to sell at commissioners' sale on courthouse steps.

Attorney Reed informed council this is the first we will do then come back next month and see how process is going so we can start recouping some of the money we have invested for doing this and for attorney fees.

Council member Ernst made motion to move forward with lien on Youngs Grocery to move forward in court system to sell at commissioners' sale, Council member Hester 2nd. All voted aye in favor.

Council member Business;

Council member Hester asked how we were doing on our streets. Mayor Carter responded he is supposed to start Monday. Mayor said he talked to him first of the week maybe Wednesday or Thursday of next week if it rains.

Council member Ernst asked what was the decision on Sherwood off Lee Drive. Mayor responded he looked at that. Mayor said there is one spot we may go in and do something smooth out so it won't drag. Mayor Carter informed council if patched we are in good shape.

Council member Ernst asked if drainage had been looked at. Mayor responded no I haven't but will. Mayor Carter informed council everything is go on streets, hope to start next week.

Mayor Carter update council on work done;

1 Great job done on the garage roof. Perfect weather for it and we got good paint. I think they did good job.

2. Gutter work has been fixed

3. Working on a banner to cover spot on awning as you go inside

4. Tuck point done on the building brick but not all

5. We did the caboose, yellow car will be done.

6. Mums and banners have been put out for fall festival

7. Jason McKinley trimmed all the trees along the creek. Mayor said it looks a lot better.

8. Mirror is up at Colemans

9 Three buildings downtown are being restored. Once this is fixed we will have a pretty nice downtown.

Council member Ernst informed Mayor the light behind the garage on Mill Street is out. Mayor responded okay.

There were no other council member comments

Citizen Mr. Jim Jarrett spoke at length with numerous complaints concerning Mayor Eddie Carter, some of which he maintained were illegalities. He called upon the Mayor to resign.

Three 361 had

Attorney Reed said it was his understanding the church is willing to give us an easement. If it is alright we will close the street. This is what will be talked about on agenda in executive session. Tim Estes asked if citizens needed to stay after executive session. Mayor responded he didn't think any action will be taken after executive session.

There being no other comments Council member Scottie Ernst made motion to go into executive session, Council member Dr. James 2nd.

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Items discussed in executive session;

1 Contract for condemnation per KRS 62.810(1)(g)

2 Discuss possible ligation on 911 collections of fees from the City of Stanford Water Company per KRS61.810(1)(c)

3 Discuss the buying and selling of property per KRS 61.810(1)(b)

4 Atmos Gas Energy Franchise per KRS 61.810(1)(g)

Council member Hester made motion to come out of executive session, Council member Dr. James 2nd.

Time 8:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened after executive session

Discussion related to buying and selling of property per KRS 61.810(1)(b)

Council member Hester made motion to move forward with closing street, Council member Givens 2nd. All voted aye in favor.

ATMOS Gas Energy Franchise per KRS 61.810(1)(g)

Council member Deatherage made motion to move forward with negotiating contract, 2nd by Council member Dr. James. All voted aye in favor.

Discuss possible ligation on 911 collection of fees from City of Stanford Water Company per KRS.61.810(1)(c).

Council member Deatherage made motion to give City Attorney Reed authorization to negotiate with county on Inter Local Agreement, Council member Givens 2nd.

All voted aye in favor.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion Council member Hester made motion to adjourn, Council member Dr. James 2nd.

Time: 8:40 p.m.

Eddie Carter, Mayor