

**City of Stanford**  
**Regular Council Meeting**

Thursday, December 7, 2017

**I. Call to order**

Mayor Eddie Carter called to order the regular meeting of the City of Stanford Council at 6:35 pm on December 7, 2017 at the Stanford L & N Depot. Councilmember, Naren James, led the opening prayer and Mayor Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Carter asked everyone to keep Ronnie Deatherage and his family in their prayers since the passing of his father.

**II. Roll call**

A roll call was conducted, and the following council members were present: Ronnie Deatherage, Scottie Ernst, Sara Givens, Peggy Hester, Naren James and John Sallee.

**III. Approval of minutes**

a) Council Meeting – October 5, 2017

Mayor Carter explained that the minutes from the October 5, 2017 council meeting should have been approved in November; however, there was a delay due to the change of the City Clerk position. Mayor Carter spoke to the Attorney General's Office about the delay and they seemed to understand the delay. Councilmember Hester commented that she had spoken to an attorney about the minutes not being approved at the last meeting and she has been advised that the allegations could not be included in the minutes because they should have gone to the Ethics Board first and due process was not followed. After some discussion, Councilmember James made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilmember Sallee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and with all in favor, the motion carried.

b) Council Meeting – November 2, 2017

Councilmember Hester made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilmember Ernst seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and with all in favor, the motion carried.

c) Special Meeting (Purchase of police cruiser from Danville) – Nov. 21, 2017

Councilmember Ernst made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilmember Givens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and with all in favor, the motion carried.

#### IV. Old/New business

- a) Little Free Pantry  
Students from Jessica Berry's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies class came forth with a proposal for a little free pantry to be placed somewhere in the downtown Stanford area. They provided some photos of other little free pantries and answered questions from councilmembers. The Lincoln County Middle School will organize the collection of non-perishable goods and fill the pantry as needed. Councilmember Givens made a motion to support the little free pantry and Councilmember Hester seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.
- b) Annexation-US 27 South  
Mayor Carter explained that the proposal is to include the Lincoln County Ready Mix and Grace Fellowship Church across the road. If the annexation goes past Lincoln County Ready Mix, it hurts the ISO rating. Attorney Chris Reed said it would involve 15 properties. Councilmember James made a motion to move forward with the annexation on US 27 South going to the Ready Mix and Grace Fellowship Church. Councilmember Hester seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried.
- c) Cherry Property  
Mayor Carter explained that a trial has taken place and the jury has determined that the Cherry property is worth \$20,000. Attorney Reed answered questions from Councilmembers and explained that both parties have 30 days to appeal. Unless there is an appeal, the next step is to declare it surplus property. It will be a sealed bid which will be advertised. With no action necessary, the matter was tabled until the January meeting.
- d) Logan's Fort Update  
Mayor Carter explained that one cabin is complete and almost another one. He commended the Friends of the Fort for having the Christmas at the Fort this past Saturday which was a tremendous success. The Police Department came out and took their annual photograph at the Fort. Also, the Christmas parade was one of the longest ever and possibly the biggest crowd ever. Mayor Carter thanked everyone involved in these events.
- e) Herndon Avenue Update  
Mayor Carter thanked Councilmember Deatherage for diligently pushing for the recent repairs that took place on Herndon Avenue. The repairs have been needed for many years. Hopefully, it will take care of the water and make it safer for citizens. Thanks has also been extended to the State for doing the work.

f) Dog Vehicle from City of Danville

Mayor Carter updated the Council on the decision at the special meeting on November 21, 2017 to purchase a 2011 vehicle with 45,000 miles already equipped for a dog from the City of Danville for \$9,000. It was discussed at the special meeting that it might be possible to take some money out of the dog fund to help cover the cost of the vehicle. Also, part-time Police Officer, Ryan Kirkpatrick, who is highly experienced is being sought after by other cities. Police Chief, Zack Middleton, came forth to explain that there would be a \$3000 non-hazardous duty savings and \$3400 drug money that could be used to offset the cost of hiring Officer Kirkpatrick full-time. After some discussion, Councilmember James made a motion to transfer \$5000 from the dog fund to the general fund to go toward the cost of the vehicle which will help offset the full-time hiring of Officer Kirkpatrick. Councilmember Deatherage seconded the motion. Councilmember Ernst made a motion to amend the amount to be transferred to \$4000, but this motion died due to the lack of a second. A roll call vote was conducted, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

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Rosemary Hazlett came forth to donate \$100 each month to feed the dog, and paid \$1200 for the upcoming year in advance.

g) Logan's Fort Park Activities Committee

Mayor Carter explained that he is appointing a committee to oversee activities that go on at Logan's Fort Park each year. He picked 2 people from the Friends of the Fort (Jane Vanhook and Peggy Denham), 2 people from the Fort Foundation (Joanne Bright and Irene Jagers), and 1 Councilmember (Peggy Hester). The committee will keep the council updated and is working under the jurisdiction of the City of Stanford to help promote tourism. Councilmember Sallee made a motion to accept the 5 nominees and Councilmember Givens seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

h) Miller Street Sidewalk Bid

Mayor Carter explained that Luther Galloway from AGE Engineering designed and helped bid out the sidewalk. He will also oversee the project. There are 4 bidders: Allen Company - \$17,000, Stevens Building -\$12,600, K & R Solutions - \$14,796.80, and Kevin Hopkins - \$5,100. After some discussion, Councilmember Ernst made a motion to accept the bid from Kevin Hopkins for \$5,100 for the Miller Street sidewalk. Councilmember Deatherage seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried.

- i) **Amendment to Stanford Water Sewer Use Ordinance**  
Attorney Reed explained that the Water Department is under State regulations pertaining to certain levels of materials in water. The State has updated those levels based on Federal requirements and we must update our ordinances to stay in compliance. Councilmember Hester asked if we are in compliance at this time. Attorney Reed answered, yes. Councilmember Deatherage made a motion to have a first reading of the amended ordinance. Councilmember Sallee seconded the motion.
- j) Mayor Carter called for any business from councilmembers.  
Councilmember Deatherage asked about trash cans being left in the roads, but no answer from them yet. Also, no answer back yet on the sign at the end of Logan Avenue.
- k) Mayor Carter called for citizen comments.  
Jamie Mingo expressed her concern about the amount of money planned for the comprehensive plan. She would like to know what other small cities do to keep their plans updated. Also, she would like for sidewalks to be looked at every year and some fixed on a yearly basis.

~~Councilmembers James and Deatherage expressed concerns about the money to be spent on the comprehensive plan and the possibly of other options.~~

Joe Gilliland explained that he is trying to get a community grant from Walmart to purchase first aid kits for the Police Department and needs the day, month, year and legislative action when Stanford was incorporated as a city. Mayor Carter said Stanford was incorporated in 1786 as a city in Virginia and instructed Joe to give him a call tomorrow for the date.

Mayor Carter asked Joe about the grant for vests. Joe explained Chief Middleton got a grant and that he got part of one. Councilmember Hester asked, how many vests and Chief Middleton said there was enough for everybody.

- l) Mayor Carter expressed to Jim Jarrett that he is going to make a great person on the Planning & Zoning Board and he would like to bury their differences, move forward and work together. He also commended Jim's wife for her many years of service with the Stanford Water Office.

- m) Councilmember Deatherage thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers. He commended the Police Department and others for their part in the funeral procession of his father and expressed his pride in our City.

**V. Adjournment**

Councilmember Deatherage made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember James seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Peggy Denham

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Eddie Carter, Mayor

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