

City of Stanford
Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2018

I. Call to order

Mayor Eddie Carter called to order the regular meeting of the City of Stanford Council at 6:33 pm on January 4, 2018 at the Stanford L & N Depot. Councilmember Sara Givens led the opening prayer and Mayor Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of minutes

- a) Regular Council Meeting – December 7, 2017
Councilmember James made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilmember Ernst seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.
- b) Special Council Meeting (Generator Grant) – December 13, 2017
Councilmember Ernst made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilmember Givens seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.
- c) Special Council Meeting (First Reading-Final Annexation of Westwood Drive) – December 20, 2017
Councilmember Ernst made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilmember Sallee seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.
- d) Special Council Meeting (Second Reading-Final Annexation of Westwood Drive) – December 21, 2017
Councilmember Ernst made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilmember James seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

IV. Old Business

a) **Preliminary Draft of Goals and Objectives of Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Carter asked Ward Hart to give an update on the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Hart gave councilmembers a draft of the goals and objectives. He encouraged councilmembers, who have anything to discuss or add after they have had time to review the document, to come to the public hearing on January 25th. The special meeting is for the public and is required to adopt the goals and objectives prior to updating the comprehensive plan. Councilmember Ernst mentioned that the comprehensive plan is supposed to be done every 5 years. Since we cannot wait until the 2020 census, Mr. Hart explained that we need to do, almost a re-adoption of the comprehensive plan that we have now, since there have been very few changes in the last 8-10 years. Our population has grown a little, probably more through annexation than anything. We haven't had any new industry; we have lost factories, unfortunately.

James Jarrett said that he would like to recommend that we do nothing and wait until 2020. He has done some research and the goals and objectives are the same as they were in 1994 and 2008 and the same as with this draft because this town has not changed. The population in 2000 was 3430, and in 2010 it was 3487. Housing units were 1522 in 2000 and 1543 today, so it is foolish to spend \$15,000 to do this.

Attorney Chris Reed made everyone aware that KRS required at least one public hearing for the comprehensive plan to be re-adopted.

Councilmember Deatherage made a motion to have a public hearing on January 25th to approve the comprehensive plan as it is, and Councilmember James seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

b) **Bids on Surplus Vehicles from Police Department**

Mayor Carter opened sealed bids on 4 vehicles and the bids were as follows:

1998 F150 Pickup – bid for \$751 from Wendell Miller

2004 Trailblazer – bid for \$100 from John Williams

1998 Dodge Dakota – bid for \$400 from Levi Walls, and bid for \$301 from Wendell Miller

2003 Impala – bid for \$100 from John Williams

There was some discussion as to the condition of the vehicles and the price they might bring at the scrap yard.

After the discussion, Councilmember Ernst made a motion to accept the bids from John Williams for the 2003 Impala and the 2004 Trailblazer for \$100 each. Councilmember Sallee seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried.

Councilmember James made a motion to accept the high bid from Levi Walls for the 1998 Dodge Dakota for \$400. Councilmember Givens seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried.

Councilmember Givens made a motion to accept the bid from Wendell Miller for the 1998 F150 pickup for \$751. Councilmember Hester seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried.

V. New Business

a) Downtown Car Shows

Mayor Carter explained that, last year, he had tried to be over the car show and find enough civic clubs and churches to take it each month, but had a hard time finding anyone to help. He is trying to find a group to be responsible for selling food, taking the entries, blocking the streets, and getting the restrooms open. There are 6 shows on the 3rd Friday of each month May-October. The city will pay the deejay \$250 and the club can keep the profits from the food. Abigail Whitehouse, from the Interior Journal, volunteered to run an article in the paper to see if anyone is interested. Mayor Carter said that the deejay, Charlie Napier, needs to know quickly to get on the schedule. They have been coming to Stanford for almost 15 years. Its nice to have something like this, we have a beautiful city and everybody loves to come to downtown Stanford.

Councilmember James made a motion to advertise it and see if we get any interest, then decide next month. Councilmember Hester seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried.

b) Smoking Ban Discussion

Mayor Carter explained that he has been getting some complaints about smoking in front of some of the public buildings and he asked Diane Miller, Director of the Lincoln County Health Department to come forward. Ms. Miller explained that she is here from a health standpoint. She handed out a packet of information concerning the high cost of smoking in Kentucky and the harms of secondhand smoke. She talked about this being a real health

hazard for those with chronic conditions, such as asthma and heart disease. Ms. Miller discussed the difference between a smoke-free (just no smoking) and tobacco-free (no tobacco products at all) environment. She explained that the Health Department has a tobacco-free environment that has been extended to include electronic cigarettes because they have the same effect as smoking. The Health Department offers smoking cessation classes – there is one starting in February.

Steve Bullock explained that he works at the radio station and on most days, he must walk through 4-9 people smoking in front of the PVA office to get to work. Since the government offices only have one location, he does not have the option to take his business elsewhere, like he would at a restaurant, for instance. It's not right to those of us who choose not to smoke for health reasons, to have to walk through it to be able to license our vehicle. He thinks e-cigarettes should be included, but whether you all decide to go smoke-free or tobacco-free is up to you.

Councilmember James mentioned that the second-hand smoke is actually more dangerous because the smoker is getting some filtering.

Several topics were discussed: whether to include restaurants and retail businesses, how many feet from a business and whether to include the sidewalks.

Mayor Carter had included a Madison County ordinance in the council packets and suggested that they revisit this issue after councilmembers have had time to review all the materials presented.

Councilmember James suggested that the attorney develop a proposed ordinance to be reviewed next month.

Councilmember Deatherage suggested that it be made public that this will be discussed at the next council meeting and people are welcome to speak - pro or con.

VI. Councilmember Business

a) Code Enforcement Report

Councilmember Hester noted that a lot of violations on rental properties had been sent out that she had not seen before. She asked if rental property owners are required to purchase a license. Jeff Knouse answered that yes,

they need a business license. He is using the city tax roll to send out the notices. The fee is \$50 whether you have one rental property or ten. If the fee was not paid by January 1, there is a 10% penalty; if the fee is not paid by March 1, there is a 40% penalty.

b) **FSNB Loan**

Councilmember James asked about the interest being paid on a vehicular loan for \$18,742 from First Southern National Bank. He noted that if we have money in an account that is earning little interest, it might be better to pay that loan off. Mayor Carter said he would check and report back on that.

c) **Code Enforcement Fines**

Councilmember James inquired about the recording of fines collected by Code Enforcement. For a 5-month period from July-November, \$750 has been collected.

Councilmember Ernst asked how often the Code Enforcement Board has been meeting. Mr. Knouse answered that they meet as needed; so far, they have met four times.

Councilmember Hester reported that she had helped Joe Spears. He followed through on boarding up the windows. She connected him with Hal Rogers office to try to get him more money on his pension. He is a Veteran with two purple hearts. She has talked to him at length about what he needs to do to get up to code. She helped get donations to pay for the excavation and he has not followed through, so she has turned it back over to Code Enforcement. She will continue to help him with his pension if she can.

d) **Ambulance Board Vacancy**

Mayor Carter informed the council that we have a vacancy on the Ambulance Board. Ted Defosset resigned a few days ago. We may have a new candidate to present by the next meeting.

e) **Issue with Water Meters**

Councilmember James asked if the issue with the water meters has been settled. Are they now collecting from city residents? Mayor Carter said they would not start collecting until February and that will be addressed at the next meeting.

f) **Special Operations Truck Bids**

Chief Scott Maples reminded the Council that they had approved the purchase of a special operations truck in November funded through state end funds. Bids for the loan were requested and 3 bids received for the best interest rate. The first bid was from Farmer's National Bank at 4.125 %, First Southern National Bank for 2.75 %, and PBK at 2.70%. All were fixed rates for 5 years.

Councilmember Sallee made a motion to accept the bid from PBK for 2.70% fixed rate for 5 years. Councilmember James seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried.

VII. Executive Session

Mayor Carter called for a motion to go into executive session to talk about 3 items: pending litigation on Gatewood Cherry property, pending litigation on Millie West case, and buying and selling real estate.

Councilmember James made a motion to go into executive session. Councilmember Deatherage seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried. The time was 8:08 pm.

Councilmember Deatherage made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember James seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried. The time was 8:38

VIII. Cherry Property

Councilmember Deatherage made a motion to authorize Attorney Chris Reed to negotiate with Justin Jenco about the lien for the Cherry property. Councilmember Givens seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

Councilmember James made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Givens seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Peggy Denham

Eddie Carter, Mayor