

City of Stanford  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 5, 2018

**I. Call to order**

Mayor Eddie Carter called to order the regular meeting of the City of Stanford Council at 6:30 pm on July 5, 2018, at the Historic L & N Depot. Opening prayer was given by council member Sara Givens, after which all recited the Pledge to the US flag.

**II. Roll Call**

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

Also present: City Attorney Chris Reed

**III. Items of Business**

**a. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings.**

- i. June 7, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion was made by Scottie Ernst (second John Sallee) to approve. Motion carried.
- ii. June 19, 2018 Special Meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Naren James (second Sara Givens) to approve. Motion carried.
- iii. June 21, 2018 Special Meeting. Motion was made by Peggy Hester (second John Sallee) to approve. Motion carried.
- iv. June 25, 2018 Special Meeting. Motion was made by Scottie Ernst (second John Sallee) to approve. Motion carried.

**b. Planning and Zoning Update.** Ward Hart, Chairman of P & Z gave an update on the status of various projects and new businesses in the city. There was discussion on the progress of action on various abandoned, dilapidated, and blighted buildings that have been brought to the city's attention. Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Knouse, explained the process he is taking, and that there are restrictions on timing, etc. according to HB 422.

**c. Citizen comments.**

- i. Mr. Dennis Counts stated that the nuisance problem on Miller Street was continuing and that the people are still living in the house. He has exhausted all means to eliminate the problem including contacting County Attorney Daryl Day.
- ii. Ms. Jamie Mingo asked for an update on the sidewalk project on Miller Street. It was explained that the project had been approved and bids awarded. The work should begin within the next week or so.
- iii. Randy Denham with Friends of the Fort gave an update on the Siege events and distributed pictures and a financial report. He also requested

the council give approval to open a separate account for their activities since the CPA has given approval as long as all records of receipts and expenditures are available to the city. Motion was made by Dr. James (second Sara Givens) to allow Friends of the Fort to set up a bank account at First Southern Bank under the City of Stanford name with two signatures required: Mayor and either Jane Vanhook or Peggy Denham. Motion carried.

- d. **Date for public meeting for annexation of US 27 S.** Date was set for next regular meeting August 2. Attorney Chris Reed explained the process of the second reading, notifications, time to petition, etc. It was explained that if this property is annexed, property taxes would begin to be paid in 2019.
- e. **Discussion of raising the Net Profit Tax on businesses in Stanford.** Council members discussed the pros and cons of raising the tax from .65% to 1.00% or 1.15%. Ronnie Deatherage elaborated on feedback he had received from various businesses that were not in favor. After much discussion, Peggy Hester made a motion (second Ronnie Deatherage) to table further discussion until a later date.
- f. **Council member issues.**
  - i. Scottie Ernst brought up the flooding problems within the city caused by stopped up drains, especially after the recent heavy rains, and also mowing city property. He commended Street Supervisor Aaron Miracle for the good job he was doing, but continued that he needed some assistance. Mayor Carter explained that he had hired a part-time worker to assist him for around 20 hours per week.
  - ii. Peggy Hester brought up the fact that the council has been asking for a financial report from the Logan's Fort Foundation for the last six months and had yet to see anything. Council requested Attorney Chris Reed send the officers a letter requesting they report at the next regular meeting.

IV. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn was made by Scottie Ernst (second Dr. James). Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Peggy Orberon

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Eddie Carter, Mayor