

Special Council Meeting
Stanford L&N Depot
September 19, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Roll call;

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

Mayor Eddie Carter declared a quorum

Others present; City Attorney Chris Reed, City Clerk Dana Taylor

Citizens present; Merle Miracle, Debra Owens, Herman Vickers, Jr., Leona Prather, Laurie Lake, Monty Lake, Delores Fegan, Rosemary Hazlett, Robert Young
Angela Garner, Tressa Brown, Bill St. Pierce

Purpose of Special meeting;

1. Discussion of Resolution and possible vote to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day on October 9, 2017

2. Discussion and possible vote to have Halloween on Main Street

3. Discussion and possible vote to pave all of Lee Drive, partial amount of Cotton Avenue, partial amount of Spring Valley, partial alley way off Miller Street by the Lincoln County Health Department, and partial parking area at the Ice House and driveway to Logan's Fort

1. Discussion of Resolution and possible vote to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day on October 9, 2017

Mayor Carter opened floor for discussion by those opposed.

Debbie Owens- This is what Thanksgiving is for with November being American Indian month. Debbie asked how many are from Stanford or Lincoln County and how many were not. Debbie said most people in the county did not know about it. Council member Hester responded it has been on the radio, in the paper and on several council members Facebook pages and the meetings are always posted on door of the meeting place. Council member Hester added we have to give a weeks' notice for a special meeting, this was on the agenda from last meeting. Council member Hester said she felt like it was up to the public to keep themselves informed. The meetings are posted we do everything we do everything we can to make sure special and regular meetings are announced. Council member Hester added we can't go door to door to inform people of these meetings but there are ways to announce these and we take advantage. Council member Hester asked the council if they had any suggestions.

Rosemary Hazlett- Permission from Native America Partnership is needed to do this. Rosemary said she believed if we are going to celebrate it should be on Thanksgiving when all come together to celebrate.

There being no other comments from those opposed Mayor Carter asked for comments from those in favor.

Tressa Brown said she speaks for the commission supporting this. Tressa explained having Indigenous Day in November will never work because most Natives communities do not

celebrate Thanksgiving the way here do. Tressa said Thanksgiving is consider a day of mourning. Tressa informed council Indigenous Day will be on Thanksgiving Day, is not in this community we will progress to another community. Tressa was asked if Columbus Day is so bad why do you want to share that day? Tressa responded that was the day of the beginning of sharing of cultures. We have the European side and African side but not the Indian side.

Bill St. Pierre with the Native American Heritage Commission said his roots go back to the 1790s. He explained we are not asking for money or to replace the holiday. We are asking you to step out of your comfort zone and observe Indigenous Peoples Day alongside Columbus Day in the city. Bill said we would like Stanford to become the first city in the 20th state along with 50 other cities that recognize this on the same day as Columbus Day. Bill added that by having this day we can achieve an education purpose for our kids. Bill informed council he worked with fiscal courts in Kenton and Boone counties and a resolution was passed unanimously on the definition of Native Americans. Bill added last year The Association of County Judges unanimously accept resolution to recognize the definition on Native Americans.

Angela Garner, commissioner for the area said this community has always been proud of its history and a leader in preserving history here and in the county. Angela informed council the only Native American Historical marker is located in Stanford. Angela said people thanks here for getting marker for the community. Angela said she people are proud of their heritage. She informed council she would like Stanford to be the first city in Kentucky to pass Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation. Angela gave Logan's Fort as example with the re-enactment including Shawnee Heritage. Angela added a great disserve to the history to those who celebrate their history not to pass this Proclamation.

Delores Fegan a former teacher said she didn't think this would take away from Columbus Day by opening up the opportunity to show our full history to show appreciation for both histories. Delores added we celebrate Black History but ignore the Indians. She said Thanksgiving is the day to gather and eat and spend time with family and thinks it would be disrespectful since it is a day of mourning. Delores added Columbus Day gives educators an opportunity to teach kids about Native American history and contributions. By having this on Columbus Day is showing respect for our Native Americans and will open new avenue for history

Luzia Foster former Tourism Director for Lincoln County said she feels community will benefit greatly from this being another first for Lincoln County. Luzia said we would be recognized nationally for the respect for our Native American Indigenous. Luzia said it is time to recognize our Native American Heritage.

Lauri Lake said she is 100% Indigenous who is originally from Arizona but has lived here for 11 years said Columbus did not discover America. He did not discover us we discovered him. Lauri said Thanksgiving is not a holiday for us, we call it turkey day. Lauri said as with the Cherokee a lot of Navajo perished in a walk. Lauri added a lot of the Navajo were wind talkers who helped win World War II. Lauri informed council there are currently 365,000 full bloodied Navajo.

Leona Prather said it is important the truth of our heritage be told. Leona said she thought this would bring peace and unity with this being a first step to bring people together to solve a lot of problems we are facing. Leona added I think it is owed to them.

Mayor Carter asked council for questions.

Council member Hester expressed some concerns. She asked if it would to put in Proclamation nothing will be taken away from Columbus Day but is in addition to.

Council member Hester said she would like a change in the first line that says Native American people were here for 12,000 years to be changed to thousands of years. Council member Hester said there may be religions that will take issue with 12,000 years. Tressa responded people in Kentucky understand it is 12,000 years. Council member Hester responded for this area it would be best to change wording to thousands of years.

Council member Hester asked if we vote on this and pass Indigenous Day is this just for this year or does this Proclamation go year after year. Bill St. Pierre responded as proposed it would be just for 2017.

Mayor Carter asked Council member Hester is there something about the month in the Proclamation being Native American month. Tressa responded if that were to change yours would have been changed as well.

Mayor Carter asked if it stated in the Proclamation November and is taken out would that be a problem. Bill responded it does not say.

Council member Hester said we need to be very precise so we don't have questions later.

Mayor Carter asked Council member Hester if she wanted to have this put in the resolution in addition to Columbus Day. Council member Hester responded she thinks a lot of people think we are doing away with Columbus Day and by adding to Proclamation that it will be in coordination with Columbus Day to celebrate both.

Council member Ernst asked is August 9th is Indigenous Day. Angela Arnett responded no that is United Nations Day for all Indigenous. Angela explained we are trying to balance Indigenous Peoples Day in America.

Council member Deatherage said this was done in Berkley in 1992. Council member Deatherage said Seattle voted last year to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day becoming the 2nd major city to do this. Council member Deatherage said he talked to random people they are for it but not on Columbus Day. Council member Deatherage asked why this was not taken to the general assembly. Angela responded this is not a statewide thing has to be a city. Council member Deatherage this is statewide in Nevada. Angela responded typically city council votes for it then multiple cities follow.

Council member Hester said we are Stanford, KY and she did not want to be compared to Berkley, CA. Council member Hester added we have our Proclamation and any concerns has been addressed in the Proclamation to do yearly. Council member Hester said people contacted her and want this done. Council member Hester added this is a historic region and is time to acknowledge.

Bill St. Pierre asked Council member Deatherage if so many people are against this why aren't they here? Bill added there are only two people here. Council member Deatherage asked how many of the people here are from Stanford area?

Council member Hester responded to citizen concern it will start out like Berkley and replace Columbus Day. Council member Hester said we are not going to do that.

Rosemary Hazlett said if council wants to try this for one year she has no objections to that, but after one year she believes it needs to be put on the ballot for all of Lincoln County to have a voice in this.

Council member Deatherage asked Angela if she talked to fiscal court. Angela responded yes but not about this.

Bill informed council this is an opportunity for small and large cities to recognize Indigenous issues and to celebrate.

Mayor Carter asked Council Members Givens and Sallee if they had comments.

Council member Givens said everybody needs to know about each other. Council member Givens added she wants her kids and grandkids to know about Native American history. Council member Givens said we are all in this together so we might as well learn to come together will each other. She added unless you walk in my shoes you will never understand.

Council member Deatherage this started with Proclamation in 1892 by Benjamin Harrison to make Columbus Day a day to bring America together to mark the event not the person. Council member Deatherage added Proclamation was made after Wounded Knee and Columbus Day is recognized by all American people but especially European and Native American people.

Council member Deatherage explained he is very much for this and not against this. Council member Deatherage added the whole premise behind the Berkley and different places is to do away with Columbus Day. Council member Deatherage said whether they are here or not he talked to the people on the street and they are for it but not on this day. Council member Deatherage asked if this can be on a different day, there is no give anywhere.

Tressa responded it has to be attached to a national holiday to be recognized as a real day.

There being no further discussion Mayor Carter motion to accept Proclamation. Council member Hester moved to accept proclamation with changes. Council member Givens 2nd.

Mayor Carter called for roll call vote.

<u>Council member Sallee</u>	<u>No</u>	
<u>Council member Givens</u>	<u>Yes</u>	
<u>Council member Deatheage</u>	<u>Yes</u>	
<u>Council member Hester</u>	<u>Yes</u>	
<u>Council member Ernst</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Proclamation is for 1 day for one year</u>

Motion carried

Discussion and possible vote to have Halloween on Main Street

Mayor Carter asked council if they wanted Halloween to be held downtown. Mayor said he and Council members Deatherage, Hester and Ernst had talked about this. Mayor said this had been held at the drive-in the last couple of years.

Council member Deatherage said he was contacted to see if council would be interested in doing this at Veterans Park but would rather have on Main Street and move to garage if it rains. Council member Ernst made motion to spend up to \$300 to sponsor City of Stanford Halloween on Main Street October 31, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. if it rains to move it to garage, Council member Givens 2nd. All voted aye in favor.

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Mayor asked for discussion

Herman Vikes, Jr who lives on Sherwood Drive off Lee Drive asked if Sherwood Drive is part of paving. Mayor Carter responded he looked at it earlier and didn't think it was bad. Herman responded it is as bad as Lee Drive. Mayor Carter explained Lee Drive is used so much and he didn't personally think it needed it as bad as others. Herman explained when you come out of Sherwood Drive and turn left its steep. Mayor responded this can be addressed if council wants to. Mayor Carter asked for Herman's address to check on this. Mayor told Mr. Vickers he would check on this tomorrow.

Council member Ernst asked if any of the streets would be ground down before repaved. Mayor responded no he didn't think so. Council member Ernst asked about drainage issue on the street. Mayor responded he is to meet with the paving company tomorrow morning to go over every street.

Council member Hester asked whether or not we decide to address Sherwood Drive it will have to be addressed.

Council member Deatherage we didn't know whether drainage problem was city, county or state. Mayor responded the company that did the work years ago did not do it right and we had to redo.

Mayor asked council if they are okay with streets being taken out.

Attorney Reed reminded council there is no approved bid. Mayor Carter responded they are going to look at streets tomorrow morning and after that he will put something in writing. Council member Hester asked do we table this. Mayor responded no we want to go ahead and approve if he will pave the extra streets we added to the deal after we took out streets for water line.

Council member Deatherage asked does he have enough time to give you a bid? Mayor responded no he will be here tomorrow morning. Mayor Carter asked Attorney Reed if he could draw up something.

Attorney Reed advised council these changes will make this a new contract council will have to authorize.

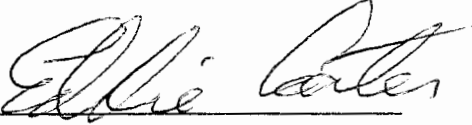
Council member Hester moved to authorize Attorney Reed to write up contract to negotiate to remove and add streets, Council member Ernst 2nd. All voted aye in favor.

Attorney Reed advised council we need to have this in place at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning. Mayor Carter informed council the person is a good and reputable person. Council member Ernst asked since we are adding streets if he goes over tonnage will he charge us. Mayor responded no it's by the ton what we are paying at \$58.25 a ton. Mayor said he didn't think he would go up.

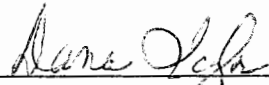
Mayor Carter informed council he could not give them a price on the Ice House and the hill. Mayor said a base will need to be done. Mayor informed council he wants to put in gas line before Ice House is done hopefully within next two weeks.

There being no further discussion Council member Hester made motion to adjourn, Council member Givens 2nd. All voted aye

Time: 9:00 p.m.

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Eddie Carter, Mayor

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Dana Taylor, City Clerk