Sara Givens opened with prayer, Mayor Eddie Carter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present; Ronnie Deatherage, Peggy Hester, Scottie Ernst, John Sallee, Sara Givens and Dr. Naren James
Others present; City Attorney Chris Reed, Police Chief Zach Middleton, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Ryan Owens Stanford Water Department Manager, Bob Casher with Bluegrass Area Development, Police Officer John Williams, Police Officer Preston Middleton and Abigail Whitehouse.

Approval of minutes:
Mayor Carter asked if there were no corrections or deletions the minutes for May 5, 2016 meeting be approved.
Council member Dr. James made motion to approve as presented, Council member John Sallee 2nd the motion. All vote in favor, non-opposed.

New Business:
1.) Discussion and possible 1st ready of Stanford Water and Sewer Budget for FY 2016-2017.
Ryan Owens discussed proposed 2016-2017 budget.
Council member Dr. Naren James asked if it serves the department operationally to keep the water and sewer department separate. Ryan responded yes.
Council member Ronnie Deatherage asked about expense for salaries. Ryan responded department is now at full staff.
Council member Peggy Hester asked about postage expense of $10,500. Ryan explained $3500 is for monthly mailing of water bills and additional $500 is for late notices. Other postage expense is for violation notices and paperwork.
Council member Dr. James made motion to have 1st reading, Council member Deatherage 2nd the motion. All voted in favor, non-opposed.
City Attorney Reed read the Water Sewer Budget Ordinance 2016-2017.
2.) Resolution to appoint Eddie Carter and Dana Taylor signors on K9 account.
Attorney Reed read resolution summary to establish Police Canine fund.
Mayor Carter informed council all monies will come and go through City Hall.
Council member Hester asked about insurance on the dog.
Police Chief Middleton responded liability on the dog is covered under Kentucky League of Cities insurance policy. They will not cover replacement of the dog. If the dog dies we will need to replace.
Council member Hester asked about insurance to cover medical cost.
Police Chief Middleton responded he has not been able to locate company in Kentucky who sales medical insurance on dogs, but will check with out-of-state companies.
Council member Dr. James said constituents support the program. Maybe a rainy day fund can be created to build up reserve for a replacement.
Officer Preston Middleton, handler for the dog, introduced K-9 Nico to the council.
Police Chief Middleton informed council if everything works out in court Nico will have his own K-9 vehicle.
Mayor Carter asked if there was no other discussion, resolution be approved.
Council member Deatherage made motion to approve resolution to setup K-9 account, Council member Dr. James 2nd the motion. All voted in favor, non opposed.

3.) Resolution to appoint Eddie Carter and Dana Taylor signers on Get Healthy Stanford/Lincoln County
Mayor Carter asked for reading of the ordinance.
Attorney Reed read resolution.
Council member Scottie Ernst asked if resolution should be more generic in wording for appointments. He asked how appointments are made, length of term, committee members serve, term description and reappointment on committee.
Council member Dr. James explained the resolution is in line with the arts program.
After further discussion Attorney Reed will revise resolution to include term limits. Eddie Carter and Dana Taylor will be added as signers on the account.
Mayor Carter asked council to pass resolution to get account opened. After further discussion regarding wording in resolution he asked the resolution be tabled until we can look at what we need to do.
Council member Dr. James made motion to pass resolution with names removed, Council member Peggy Hester 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

4.) Vote on Fire and Accident Recovery Program
Mayor Carter called for a motion to vote up or down on the program. He informed the council he checked the program out thoroughly and doesn’t see any problems.
Council member Hester made motion to accept, Council member Dr. James 2nd the motion.
Attorney Reed read resolution summary.
Council member Ernst asked if this included local residents. Mayor Carter responded motion includes all citizens. This is a one (1) year deal with all monies going to pay off fire truck.
Council member Hester asked if we can get out of this at any time. Mayor responded yes we can get out at any time.
Mayor Carter called for roll call vote. Council member Ernst asked why we are being rushed to accept the program. Mayor responded expenses with fire and accidents responses are going out of the roof. A small town in Kentucky had three trucks repossessed because they couldn’t afford the expense.
Council member Dr. James said after talking to Boyle County who has used program for four (4) years and had good results and in doing other research he supports the program for two reasons.
1. There is a one year limit
2. Funds are designated for the fire truck.
Council member Peggy Hester said she talked to four local insurance companies. Two of the companies were for and two were against. She talked to another person who told her it would be worth trying. She added there is a need for other source of revenue to pay for the new fire truck.
Council member Ernst asked how the program will be monitored. Mayor Carter responded Fire Chief Maples will handle filing claims. A check will come every month and will be used for the fire truck.
Mayor Carter was asked if this was too much for Fire Chief Maples to handle since he is the full time fire chief.
Mayor Carter responded he has money in the budget to hire help.
Mayor Carter called for roll call vote.
Before voting Council member Deatherage said after talking to many people who are against this his vote would be no.
Roll call vote:
Council member Deatherage  No
Council member Hester  Yes
Council member Ernst  Yes
Council member Sallee  Yes

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5.) Amend 2015/2016 budget for purchase of new fire truck.
Mayor Carter asked for budget to be amended to include $344,500 for fire truck purchase.
Council member Ernst made motion to amend, Council member Givens 2nd the motion. All voted in favor.

6.) Discussion and possible 1st reading of 2016/2017 Budget
Before start of discussion Mayor Carter gave a review of where the city has been. A lot of fat has been cut out of the budget we are now a more efficient government. Taxes will not have to be raised. Health insurance has been the biggest difference savings of $40,000+ a year. Phone bills are much less after changing to Time Warner.

Police Department;
3- 2009 police cruisers have been purchased. They look new, but aren’t and the equipment came with the vehicle. The only work that had to be done was changing the name. One has 50,000+ miles and the other two have 80,000+ miles. Grant to buy new vehicle for the Police Chief has been applied for.
Mayor Carter said he is proud of the K-9 program and the community for raising $20,000 for the program. The dog is a great asset for the community.
A full time police officer has been hired. The city now has five part time officers with a total of 100+ years of experience. By hiring part time officers has saved city money in retirement and health insurance cost. Mayor Carter commended department for doing a great job.

Fire Department;
Fire Department moved into new building since last year, new roof installed. The department is 1st in the nation to have air pack technology for fire fighters.
Department will be training school for EMS certification. This may make money.
A new fire truck was purchased. Jaws of Life equipment has been updated.

Street Department;
The only purchase has been a snow plow. Mayor commended Aaron for the tens of thousands of dollars saved working inmates. Mayor Carter said Aaron is good to work for, not everyone is. Mayor Carter thanked Jailor Rob Wilson for letting city use inmates and hopes we can continue this in the future.
Mayor Carter said he was proud of all the departments for what they have done.

City Clerk;
Mayor Carter said he is proud and appreciates the job Dana Taylor is doing. She looks after checks and helps him watch bills paid.
Mayor Carter informed council he will be giving a 3% increase across the board to every full time and part time employee, volunteer fire fighters and city attorney. However, Dana will not be part of this. She has been given two raises is now at $15.00 per hour.

Budget discussion;
Mayor Carter asked Bob Casher budget expert with Bluegrass Area Development to give overview of proposed budget. Bob explained revenues has been estimated very conservatively and expenses more liberal. It appears city had a good year. Insurance premiums and occupational payroll taxes are expected to have a good year.
Council member Ronnie Deatherage asked what rental income included. Mayor responded income comes from the Depot and two office space rentals at City Hall.
Council member Dr. James asked about business license and collection process.
City Clerk Taylor informed the council a total of $15,350 has been collected between 07/01/2015 and June 2, 2016 with approximately $3500 still outstanding with a collection rate of 82%.
Mayor Carter informed council a person who is no longer working at city hall was hire to collect business license and the response had been pretty good.
Council member Ronnie Deatherage asked about payments received for abandoned properties. Fire Chief Maples responded no money has ever been collected.

Mayor Carter informed the council abandoned properties ordinance update may need to be done. He has $5000 in budget to hire two people to help Fire Chief Maples with nuisance ordinance.

Mayor Carter brought up for discussion expenses in the budget under Parks and Recreation for Ice House. He asked that amount be increased by at least $7,000 to pay for installation of electric, heat and air, two doors and a handicap ramp. Mayor Carter said a local bank will be investing a six digit figure amount into the Fort and work on the Ice House should be done as soon as possible so it can be used. Council member Deatherage asked if the cost can be offset with rentals fees on Ice House. Mayor Carter responded this can be done.

Council member Dr. James asked if the amount budgeted is an estimate. Mayor Carter responded estimate of $25,000 was provided by Garland Vanhook, but he believes the work can be done for $20,000.

Council member Dr. James asked if Mayor will provide a precise figure at next meeting for total cost of work to be done at the Ice House.

Council member Scott Ernst asked what the $10,000 in other expenses was for. Mayor Carter explained roof on the parking garage is leaking and will need a lot of work done.

Council member Hester asked about the Arts Program. Mayor Carter informed council he did not put money in budget for the program. He talked to Merle and was told there is not enough interest in the program for it to continue.

Council member Dr. James asked about condition of the road leading to the Fort. Mayor Carter responded that can be looked at later. He explained parking was provided at Old Creamery and Visionary Baptist Church for The Siege with tractor and wagon used to transport visitors to the fort.

Council member Ernst commented he believed the 3% raise for city attorney was not enough. The salary of city attorney has been $800 monthly for years and it is his belief that salary should be raised to $900 monthly.

Mayor Carter responded he talked to Attorney Reed and he has agreed to a 3% raise.

Council member Dr. James commented Mayor and City Attorney need to work this out. We should not get directly involved.

Mayor Carter explained to council after Tourism Director Megan Funk resigned she continued to be involved in the Siege and Cow Bell Days. Mayor Carter said he wants to bring new people; Irene Jaggers, Sherri Gilliam, Bill Payne, Jeff Ralston and John Baughman on board. He would like to setup committees to move forward with the fort.

Mayor Carter asked council if they were comfortable putting additional $7,000 into the Ice House.

After further discussion Attorney Reed read 1st reading of the 2016/2017 Budget Ordinance.

Old Business:
1.) Cherry Property
Mayor Carter gave update. Hearing for nuisance violation scheduled for Tues. Other nuisance violation trial is scheduled for Nov. 2016

2.) Pettus Court property
Mayor Carter and the council discussed nuisance violation on the property. Owner of the property is deceased and executor of the estate is unknown. After further discussion it was agreed attempt will be made to contact the executor regarding the nuisance violation.
**Council member Business:**
Council member Deatherage presented to the council questions he was asked about Buffalo Springs Cemetery.
1. Is Buffalo Spring part of the city? Mayor responded yes
2. Who is on the Cemetery Board? Council member Sallee responded the President of the Board is Bill Demrow. Others members are Paul Long, Elsie Butcher, Frank Demarcus, Jack Withrow and Dan Grigson
3. Who do they report to? Council member Sallee responded they report to themselves
4. How long do they serve? Council member Sallee responded for life
5. Who chooses board members? Council member Sallee responded they are chosen by Bill Demrow
6. When and where do they meet? Council member Sallee responded they meet once a month at the cemetery.
7. Do board members live in the city? Council member Sallee responded they can serve if they own property in the city.

**Other council member business:**
Council member Dr. James reminded everyone about the T.J. Hill history walk to be held June 3, 2016.
Mayor Carter reminded everyone there is a lot of activities going on for people to get healthy during Get Healthy Month.
Council member Deatherage reminded everyone The Salvation Army will have an open house on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

**Citizen Comments:**
None

**Adjournment:**
There being no further business Council member Ernst made motion to adjourn, Council member Dr. James 2nd the motion, all in favor.
**Time: 8:50 p.m.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk