

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
COUNTY OF CARROLL)SS.  
CITY OF LANARK)

January 2, 2007

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Ron Strohecker, Alderman John Huggins, Alderman Mark Macomber, Alderman Ed Stern and Mayor Kevin Barnes were present. Alderman Ardena Grant and Alderman Ken Weaver were absent. (Weaver called ahead and will be arriving late.)

Also present were Les Guenzler, Ed Mitchell and Tara Griffin.

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer pointed out the bill to IML Risk Management for \$23,873 does not have the break down for workman's comp, liability and general insurance at this time. The person responsible for our account at IML Risk Management is on vacation until Monday. The Treasurer explained that she guesstimated the break down for the line items for tonight's report. She suggested approving tonight's report and give the Treasurer approval to make changes to the line items involved once the proper information is available. All seemed to agree. Alderman Macomber announced the quote for the cemetery computer is lower than the bill by \$142. Alderman Macomber instructed the Treasurer to pay the amount of the quote (short pay by \$142). The Treasurer reported that both these changes would involve voiding two checks and reissuing them. She inquired if she had approval to sign these checks or did the Mayor need to sign. All seemed to agree to have Treasurer sign.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept and pay the bills from December 5<sup>th</sup> to present minus the \$142. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance to sell real estate – City Attorney, Ed Mitchell explained we could not pass this tonight as the Lanark Cornerstone Project (LCP) is not deemed a not-for-profit organization. The paperwork has been sent to the State but has not been finalized as yet. Mitchell presented a draft of the agreement for everyone to look over. Mitchell will send a copy to Betsy Shaulis, attorney for the LCP. Alderman Strohecker inquired if something could be added regarding the LCP carrying insurance. Mitchell reported we could add in common wall section. Others did not feel this was necessary. Mitchell announced we had agreed to sell to corporation, not a corporation as yet. This process could take months.

Ordinance to purchase easement – Mitchell presented copies of ordinance to purchase water line and easement from Clyde Kent and son. Mitchell announced the son will sign as soon as he is in town. The Treasurer questioned which line item to charge this fee to. She recommended line item Water System Maintenance. All seemed to agree with recommendation. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Huggins to approve Ordinance #824. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman

Huggins-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Weaver arrived at 7:50 PM.

Copies of MSA Professional Services's project update (copy on file) were in everyone's folders.

Tara Griffin of Harris Public Finance presented information packet on refunding review and long term borrowing options. Griffin reviewed the report. The most the City could have is \$704,515 for municipal bonds. Bonds are currently callable at this time. They can only be paid off on May 1<sup>st</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup> – payment dates. Overall savings would be \$14,648. Griffin explained by doing refund, you are showing the community you are being financially responsible. Short term rates have not gone up much. When Mayor Barnes inquired what the fees would be, Griffin reported it depends on percentages; approximately \$7,500 - \$8,000 to Harris. Griffin announced the City is not tax capped. Alderman Strohecker requested certain banks in the area to be contacted. Griffin will send list of banks in the area for the Council to choose from. Alderman Strohecker inquired as to what would happen if three banks were contacted and were interested. Griffin explained it would be best to sit down with all three and discuss. All seemed to agree to start the process – can always stop at anytime. No commitment at this time. Griffin will fax list of area banks. All seemed to agree to send list to Clerk and review list.

No building permits were presented.

### **Committees**

Water & Sewer – Alderman Stern submitted committee report. Committee went over smoke test report. Alderman Stern reported EPA always likes to see us have a plan in place – CIP. We need to keep eye on infiltration. MSA would like us to adopt the Sanitary Sewer Smoke Test Report. Blair Parkway has not been televised nor have Crestview Court, Blair Lane and Ridge Street. Estimate for this is \$7,500. Sink holes in lawn near Medical Clinic. Alderman Strohecker received call from someone on Blair Parkway – feels something should be done. Alderman Stern announced he will try to go through the report with Guenzler. Letters will need to be sent to homeowners with problems. A sample letter is included with Stern's report. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Huggins to adopt Smoke Test Report. All ayes. Motion carried. Alderman Macomber inquired what to do first smoke test or televising. Alderman Strohecker and Guenzler announced that the smoke testing has already been done. Alderman Weaver inquired how many places were found with smoke coming out of the ground. Alderman Stern did not know. Alderman Strohecker announced 30 to 40. Most of the problems are on the homeowner's lines. Televising is to find mostly tree roots, separated lines or broken tile. All seemed to agree to have Mt. Dept. cut out roots before televising on Blair Parkway. Alderman Strohecker announced we need to know how many flow monitors we will have. We need to do in spring due to heavier rainfall. Alderman Strohecker reported our biggest concern is the east lift station.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker requested executive session.

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber announced he wants to get specs for truck. He would like input.

Police – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver did not have anything to report. When Mayor Barnes inquired about evaluations, Weaver reported he needs to meet with Guenzler in the next two weeks.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – Alderman Stern reported he was going to send out Police Ordinance but feels Chief Page is struggling with Officer Craft on condolence leave.

Ed Mitchell presented resolution to set fee for towing. Mitchell feels resolution is a better way to go with this rather than an ordinance. Resolution allows for easier changes in fees. Alderman Huggins recommended adding “per vehicle towed, per occurrence” as the same vehicle could be towed more than once. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approved resolution with change. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye and Alderman Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted a written report (copy on file). Alderman Strohecker announced we have discussed the street roller before. It is hard to use. Alderman Macomber will look into. Alderman Strohecker questioned Guenzler if he had any idea of renting skid loader this year. Guenzler reported possibly for sidewalks. Alderman Strohecker inquired if the forks of the tractor or back hoe could be used. No one seemed to want to rent for price as this year. Guenzler suggested possibly hiring a contractor to rip out sections. When Mayor asked about engine brake signs, Guenzler announced paperwork needs to be sent to IDOT. Mayor Barnes inquired if taking down tree limb by standing in the bucket was standing operating procedures. Guenzler reported it was not and he has discussed this with Ferry. Guenzler explained that Mueller was taking down trailer and tree limb was in the way. Ferry and Johnson took this upon themselves to take down the limb. The limb was higher than they thought – should have done differently. Alderman Strohecker suggested a cage, possibly a harness also. Alderman Stern inquired if we could put a cage on the big John Deere. Alderman Macomber will check into this. Guenzler announced cage could be used for putting up and taking down the Christmas decorations. It would be useful in ice storms for trimming also. Alderman Weaver received a concern on alley on Burns Street with snow removal. Guenzler has talked with the guys.

Chief Page submitted a written report.

None of the aldermen had any additional business this evening.

The Clerk suggested thinking about the payout of the Shumway building. Alderman Strohecker and the Clerk have discussed and recommend charging \$10,000 to the contingency line and \$25,000 to the community betterment line. This will leave some in each of these funds. The Clerk reported it has come to her attention that the retirement

apartments are no longer just for the elderly. Anyone can rent them. In the past, all units have been billed the senior citizen rate. She inquired as to how to handle the billing from now on. She also explained the Hanabarger apartments have sixteen units, which four have been billed as seniors and the remaining twelve as standard. She received a call from the apartment management company inquiring about the billing which led to discussion of the rates. The clerk announced they have only had two or three seniors living down there all this time. The Clerk explained if renters bring in proof of age to qualify for the senior rate that is what is billed. This is how it has been dealt with in the past. After considering this information, all seemed to agree to begin billing immediately by the homeowner's age.

Mayor Barnes inquired about ComEd paying by electronic check. ComEd does not issue checks for under \$5,000 – need electronic credit card access. We are not set up for this. Alderman Huggins suggested going through the State for this. He will check into. Mayor Barnes requested executive session to discuss personnel. Alderman Strohecker would also like executive session for personnel.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 8:48 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Exited executive session at 9:08 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Weaver to pay Officer Craft regular wages without retracting from his sick, vacation or personal days and pay for his psychological evaluations. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Huggins to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*