

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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CITY OF LANARK)

January 16, 2007

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Chief Page, Sharon Pepin and Ken Gradall.

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

Motion made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept the minutes of the January 2nd meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Macomber arrived at 7:32 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept and pay the bills from January 2nd to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the Treasurer's Report for December. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sharon Pepin of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). Pepin presented a draft of Preliminary Site Investigation Report (copy on file) and introduced Ken Gradall to review report. Gradall announced seventeen borings were taken at the Hart building. Gradall explained the conclusions and recommendations. MSA recommends finishing the site investigation. Put in monitors to test ground water for contamination. Should have enough information to complete site investigation. Mike Charles suggests sending in form DRN 2 to site remediation program. Not everything is complete at yet but should send in information so far and get feedback. Also send in budget to get State to get additional funding – not sure how much is there as yet. This funding would be for the ground water investigation. We were promised \$120,000 for investigation work. We're only at \$20,000. Phase 1 was bird's eye view. Phase 2 was the boring. To do further work, need EPA to put in amendment. If additional boring is needed, City will be reimbursed. If we put in well first, we should be reimbursed. DRM2 form needs to be signed by Mayor. MSA will send signed form and copy of drafts to EPA. Pepin announced it is OK by Mike Charles to remove the hoists at the Hart building. Need to remove fluids first. Pepin reminded everyone of the meeting tomorrow with Todd Sieben and Jim Sacia at 3:30 PM regarding funding for the Leland Street Project. Pepin passed out copy of letter which was sent to Sieben giving background information in order to be better prepared for the meeting. Alderman Stern inquired what the City's debt should be. Pepin announced we don't want to go into debt on any project. Alderman Stern announced he has been thinking about how to come up with the funds – possibly a loan from the bank. Alderman Strohecker announced we need as much help as we can get as we have other projects also. Alderman Strohecker inquired if anyone has contacted the door company as yet. Pepin reported she needs to discuss this with Durnford at Medallion. Water main looping is complete and in operation. Pepin reported on a new program called Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). There is close to five million dollars available to communities. This would be

for grades K-8. (Alderman Weaver arrived at 8:12 PM.) This program will help put in sidewalks within a two mile radius. There is a workshop January 30th in Rockford which Pepin will attend. She will bring information to the next meeting. Pepin announced that we definitely want the school involved as well as the Police Department. Pepin suggested putting together a task force committee. Pepin presented large spreadsheet on 2005 tax information. This gives an idea where Lanark stands with the surrounding area.

No building permits were presented.

No one was present for the public hearing for delinquent water bills. The Clerk inquired what to do about the resident which she had emailed the Council earlier. Mayor Barnes announced he felt he had been singled out in the email responses regarding an extension for this resident. Mayor inquired whether there were others who were behind more than \$100. The Clerk announced there were several. Mayor feels they should all be treated the same. The Clerk agreed but explained this specific resident continually leaves messages stating he will be make a payment on a specific day but then never makes the payment. The Clerk announced others will do this but they make their payment as promised. This resident does not and gets further and further behind. Alderman Stern reported this resident calls aldermen or the mayor when he does not hear what he wants from the Clerk. Mayor Barnes feels all should be addressed the same. Council agreed to continue with the disconnection process.

The Treasurer announced the Annual Treasurer's Report which is submitted will be published in the newspaper. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve annual treasurer's report and publish in paper. All ayes. Motion carried.

Audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 – **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Grant to approve audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2006. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance to sell real estate – Mitchell announced, after checking with Betsy Shaulis, the Lanark Cornerstone Project is not a corporation as yet, therefore cannot sell until then. This is taking longer than anticipated.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell inquired when the Council wanted to begin working on the appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year. The Clerk was asked to put worksheets in everyone's folders. Mitchell announced the Hart building is not tax exempt as it has been rented out. We can apply now that it is no longer being rented. Mitchell needs a picture of the building to include with application. Mitchell announced the Kents have signed agreement and the Clerk will issue a check. Alderman Stern requested that the Clerk send a copy to EPA. Mitchell volunteered to do this upon completion of the sale.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Stern did not have anything specific. He inquired about Shirley Green's sewer issue. Alderman Grant announced she will have a copy of the bill at the next meeting. Alderman Stern explained the corner of West Claremont and North Boyd is flat. The Mt. Dept. flushes the sewer line periodically. Shirley had slow moving line and then plugged line. She called a plumber. The plumber told her it was the City's plug up. Shirley will submit her bill from the plumber – \$700. Guenzler announced there used to be City trees in front of her home.

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber presented a bid for \$932 for carriage and forks for the tractor from Curtis & Sons. A cage will cost \$500. Forks will help with sidewalks. FS charges \$40 for fork lift rent for basket. Mayor Barnes instructed Macomber to involve the Tree Board in the possible purchase of a cage for trimming. Alderman Macomber agreed to contact Lisa Libberton, Tree Board Chair. **Motion** made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Weaver to purchase attachments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Personnel – no report.

Police – Alderman Grant requested executive session to discuss personnel.

Economic Development – no report.

Streets & Property – no report.

Ordinance – Alderman Stern submitted a draft of the police ordinance. Stern briefly reviewed, asked everyone to look over and forward to Mitchell. When asked, Chief Page announced he has not had time to look over completely. Page reported he has found several things which could cost the City a bunch of money – specifically hours of overtime. Alderman Grant reported it used to be salaried officers were fifty hours per pay period then went to eighty-four hours per pay period. Chief Page announced the eighty-four would be better. Page announced police officer's bill of rights has been enacted. Chief will need more time to research. Alderman Stern explained he tried to include duties of the Chief but could not complete without help. Part time officers have to be patrolmen and cannot outrank full time officers. Chief reported sometimes it's better to put in less as it causes less problems. Alderman Stern would like to see this hashed out. Alderman Stern questioned Mitchell about the update on Article 8. Mitchell feels it is OK as is. Alderman Stern feels this is just a starting point.

Alderman Grant announced citizens have reported seeing our squad in Freeport at the bank. Grant explained no bills appear from supplies purchased. Chief Page explained he does other business. Alderman Grant asked if using our squad to do banking, please don't. Alderman Macomber reported he has also received complaints – puts us in a bad position. Chief Page explained he is paying for some supplies on his own – easier.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Alderman Grant questioned why hauled in dirt and gravel on south side of Hart building to prevent drainage. Alderman Strohecker and Guenzler explained they cleaned up our property. Alderman Strohecker announced it looks very nice. Strohecker reported the roof drains on that side. They leveled up on the north side also. We can work with again in the spring. FS is all cleaned out as of December 31st deadline. Scott Lindstrom did not finish the generator for the doors today as he needed more parts. Lindstrom will finish tomorrow. Back up generator to open doors if the electricity goes out. Guenzler gave an update on his knees – second surgery tomorrow. Alderman Weaver announced he will meet with Guenzler in January.

Chief Page did not have any additional business this evening.

Alderman Weaver, Alderman Grant, Alderman Macomber and Alderman Stern – did not have any additional business.

Alderman Strohecker thanked Alderman Stern for the chart on water rates.

Alderman Huggins reported he put copies regarding IL E-Pay in everyone's folders. This is a way to accept credit cards with ACH. The fees are paid by the user. We don't need a swipe machine. Citizen can call and do over phone.

The Clerk received complaint from resident regarding cat and dog ordinance. The resident was familiar with the code book as he cited the ordinance as 1-5-1. The resident would like to see a notice put in the next water billing. Council agreed to put on City's website. The Clerk also received a complaint from homeowner who lives just outside city limits regarding the water tower. He would like to know when the City is going to paint the tower. Several members reported it is in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The Clerk reported she received a phone call from IML Risk Management regarding the cemetery workman's comp. Norm Brinkmeier had called IML Risk Management informing them the Cemetery Board members are not City employees. The Risk Management representative explained if they receive a salary they are considered employees. Brinkmeier discussed with the representative the Cemetery Board would like to be covered for liability but not workman's comp. The representative explained it is a package deal – cannot have one without the other. The Clerk reported she had understood that workman's comp was requested in the past by the Cemetery Board members. Council members agreed. The Clerk suggested someone talk with Brinkmeier to clarify this issue. The Risk Management representative also pointed out the Risk Management Coordinator (City Clerk) was to be the one to discuss all insurance issues with the representative. The Clerk read note regarding the cemetery shrubs. After reading note, Clerk announced the note should be acknowledged and questioned by whom – the Cemetery Board or Council. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter as several Council members also agreed it should be acknowledged.

Mayor Barnes announced we had talked previously about a sink hole at Mike York's driveway. Guenzler has looked at and is where City's water line goes. Alderman Strohecker announced we are responsible for approach once goes in. Guenzler reported we are not. Guenzler went on to explain the valve is on the left side of drive and the sinking is at the approach. Mayor reported that York is concerned with hitting the water line when digging up for repairs. York is concerned with repairing this and having it sink again. Alderman Strohecker suggested making a deal, when York puts in gravel the City Mt. Dept. can roll it. Guenzler announced it is York's service line not ours. Mayor Barnes asked Guenzler to talk with York again as there seems to be some confusion. Mayor Barnes announced there is a hole in front of Loren Koser's residence which cannot be seen now but needs repaired when weather is better.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 9:23 PM.

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

Exited executive session at 10:02 PM.

Alderman Macomber inquired where we were at with Guenzler – sick days, vacation, etc. The Clerk reported he was currently using sick days – some full days and some partial days. The Clerk announced she received a doctor's release for light duty. Alderman Weaver reported Guenzler is plowing snow. All agreed he has paperwork to do. Alderman Macomber inquired about the new restrooms in the park. Alderman Strohecker reported it depends on if we are hiring back cement people this summer. Macomber feels we should hire out the cement work. Strohecker reported it is going to cost twice as much. Alderman Weaver would like to see dollar amounts on our guys versus contractor. Alderman Macomber explained it is hard to put time on a project. Alderman Stern reported the Community Club is helping with the blocks. Alderman Strohecker announced it will cost \$15,000 for a contractor or half if our guys do it. The problem is anyone else doing has to pay prevailing wages. There is only one person in town to do. Alderman Strohecker reported he is a firm believer in having one guy in charge of sidewalks and one in charge of water & sewer. Strohecker feels Guenzler does not let the guys work on their own. Alderman Macomber would like to see hired out. Alderman Grant inquired if just the foundation should be hired out. Alderman Strohecker reported then you have the roof, electrical and plumbing. Strohecker will go to the Community Club to see if they are still willing to do the blocks. Alderman Strohecker has talked with Burkholder and is interested in doing the sidewalks. Alderman Macomber would like to see the Mt. Dept. do the sidewalks. Alderman Strohecker agreed but if we are going to bid out, we need to get started.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*