

February 6, 2007

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell and Chief Page.

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Alderman Huggins requested a change in the minutes: second to last page, third paragraph, last sentence should read – Citizens can call or do over the Internet. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the minutes of the January 16th meeting with change. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Grant inquired who the bill for shirt, tie and boots under clothing allowance for the Police Dept. was for. Chief Page explained he did not know. The Clerk was asked to present the bill. While the clerk was presenting the bill, Chief Page remembered he had purchased these items at the Oak Brook store but had intended to pay for them himself. However, before he could, they had been charged to the City's account. He will bring a check in to the Clerk tomorrow to reimburse the City for these items. **Motion** made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept and pay the bills from January 16th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services was not present. A project update (copy on file) was submitted via fax.

One building permit was presented. The Clerk presented permit with information to Council. Nancy Guentner is requesting a permit to build garage on her lot next to her home where the trailer was torn down. **Motion** made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to approve building permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance to sell real estate – Mitchell announced he could not make contact with Betsy Shaulis to confirm whether the Lanark Cornerstone Project was a corporation, therefore cannot sell until confirmed.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Stern reported he called EPA to inform them our attorney would be sending a copy of the sale of Kent's water line to them. Alderman Stern announced he questioned EPA whether an operating permit was required for this line. No permit was required for this line. EPA would also like a copy of the ordinance raising the rates. Mitchell reported he had already done this. Alderman Stern announced we need to put in a hydrant in order to flush the line. Stern explained updated rates of surrounding areas from Sharon Pepin are in folders. Pepin checked and we are the only ones who offer senior discount. Alderman Stern announced there have been a couple of main breaks. Stern and Guenzler did not do a Maintenance Report – basically plowing snow. Guenzler wants to update the emergency plan. This was updated last February – needs to be done again. Twenty to thirty fire extinguishers need to be tested and filled. Back flows need to be checked. Brinkmeier's in Pearl City does this. Seal coating needs

to be firmed up in February. Stern announced there is a lot to be done in February. Stern questioned Police Department training in CPR. Chief Page announced they are current in this training. Alderman Stern announced bio-hazard training at the Fire Dept. on February 12th. Guenzler has been working half days since February 5th. Alderman Stern reported Guenzler has not discussed the hole with York as yet.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker talked to Mark Hanson about Safe Route to Schools Program. Strohecker did not give information to Burkholder yet – no motion was made at the last meeting. Alderman Stern announced this is the time to work on budget – need to include. Stern suggested Streets & Property and Water & Sewer committees get together to discuss what all they want to do. Guenzler would like a list of projects. Alderman Stern questioned if we were staying with three persons or adding a fourth. Alderman Strohecker feels the Mt. Dept. has enough on their plate – need to hire out some. He doesn't feel we need to have three or four persons working on one project. Guenzler needs to let Denny take over the sidewalks. Alderman Huggins reported the list is in the new CIP. Alderman Stern reported the factory well needs to be purged. Alderman Strohecker feels Leland Street should be priority – funding. Strohecker questioned, if we can't get funds for street, where are we getting funds for well? Stern announced if the well tests bad, we're off the hook. If tests are good, we decide if we want. Strohecker announced we need to decide if we really want the well. We have two good wells. **Motion** made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Huggins to get bid from Burkholder's for foundation. All ayes. Motion carried. Alderman Stern questioned if we wanted to go with three full time officers or stay with two. Alderman Grant reported stay with two. Alderman Strohecker reported we need to decide if we are keeping the Hart building or sell after the clean up is done. Alderman Strohecker announced there are mowers sitting out at the "bone yard". Stern explained they sit out every year – rusting. Clutch rusted in the past as well as the p o, causing repairs.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver announced he is meeting with Guenzler Thursday morning, if anyone is interested.

Police – Alderman Grant announced she contacted Brian Sutter to see how everything was going. Sutter informed her that he called Sheila Albright and Sutter cannot pay for his own training – will City? Alderman Strohecker reminded everyone we agreed not to pay for training. Chief Page suggested the City pay for training and Sutter reimburse the City. Chief reported Sutter is looking for employment elsewhere. If City pays for training and Sutter works elsewhere, we just lost \$1,500. Alderman Huggins agreed, if it's legal. Alderman Grant will call Sutter and ask him to reimburse. Chief reported part-time training is \$1,500 and full time is \$5,000. Mitchell suggested getting the money up front. Alderman Strohecker agreed with Mitchell. Chief announced the next training is in Ottawa in March. Chief suggested any or all money up front. Alderman Huggins suggested maybe partial payment. Chief explained once done with training, then go through field training. Alderman Grant announced no one was on duty yesterday. Officer Groharing was scheduled to work. Grant checked with him and he was working in Earlsville. Chief announced he is running out of people. Lewis has not worked since sometime last year. Zinke is injured. Craft gets into overtime. Schroeder is on a cruise. Zinke injured leg while skiing. Alderman Strohecker questioned the need to look for part time officers. Alderman Grant announced we let Gerry Bennett go, now we hire part time. Grant explained according to past conversation with Chief we cannot do this –

against State Statutes. Chief agreed. When asked about Lewis, Chief announced he calls in at the last minute and cancels. Grant will call Lewis and Tornow. Alderman Strohecker inquired if they quit, can we replace them? Chief announced we should be able to hire two if two resign. Alderman Grant reported we have to ask Bennett if he wants part time. Chief will contact Bennett. Chief explained if Zinke has a brace on knee it needs to be covered – better for her protection. Chief would like to hire a locksmith. There is a large gun case in the evidence room. No one seems to know what's in it. Chief announced one of the guns in the department's inventory was removed as it is evidence. All seemed to agree to contact Scott Sodergren first, then locksmith. Chief agreed. Chief announced Sligar has a vehicle in front of his home. Chief has not done anything since issue with family. Alderman Stern reported it has been plowed around for the past couple of years. Chief announced he has a gun which needs new stock. Cost about \$100. Alderman Stern suggested going to Clark Van Buskirk. Alderman Grant will call Sligar tomorrow. Mayor Barnes inquired how Sligar issue turned out. Mitchell explained granddaughter was ticketed for bus stop violation. Chief gave copies of report. The State's Attorney is dealing with. Chief reported father failed to appear on another issue recently – warrant for arrest. All agreed to wait and let the State's Attorney with it.

Economic Development – Alderman Stern announced he needs to meet with Sharon Pepin and work on CIP.

Ordinance – Alderman Stern submitted an ordinance list which needs to be added in the Code Book. Mitchell reported he has already sent these in except for the last one. The codifier needs to do a better job – rather slow. Mitchell will call and check on progress. Mitchell explained they save some and send in together. Alderman Stern announced we have addressed a lot of main ordinances: Spent time on well head protection last year. Never went anywhere – didn't need to. Building Code – State Statutes are good enough. Wind generator request in new subdivision – probably should have something more on that. Open meetings act amendment this year. Mitchell announced this is usually amended every year. Alderman Stern went on to explain in the past we have had aldermen call in to make a quorum. We have to have a quorum here at City Hall then call in. Police Department ordinance draft – received changes from Chief. Alderman Grant feels clothing allowance is too much. She thinks \$250 is plenty. Chief explained a shirt could be torn in a fight, several times per year. All seemed to agree to \$275 for Chief and full time officer. Chief Page does not feel the Chief of Police needs any more than anyone else. Chief reworded “City shall provide” equipment. Clothing allowance for part time officers is \$175 effective on anniversary date. Mitchell will put together. When asked, Chief Page announced eighty-six hours in fourteen day pay period, anything else is overtime. Council discussed comp time – use by end of year or lose. Alderman Strohecker suggested doing away with comp time and paying overtime. All seemed to agree to eliminate comp time. Chief was instructed to limit overtime. We need certified officers if hire part time. Mitchell will put in ordinance.

Ed Mitchell gave brief update on Valente. Mitchell inquired if we wanted to set a date to work on appropriations.

Alderman Weaver announced he will be gone February 17th – 25th.

Alderman Grant submitted sewer repair bill from Shirley Mauldin announcing \$156 is the City's share of the \$771.94. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to pay \$156.00 of Shirley's sewer bill.

Alderman Strohecker announced he likes receiving the minutes by e-mail – thank you to the Clerk.

Alderman Huggins inquired if we want to add a Q & A section to the City's website. After a brief discussion, Huggins suggested maybe a frequently asked section would be better.

Alderman Stern asked everyone to make a list of projects and talk again at the next meeting. Alderman Huggins will call Sharon Pepin about list.

The Clerk reported the Friends of the Library would like to change the date of their meeting. No one objected.

Mayor Barnes received call from resident regarding salting an alley. After a short discussion, Alderman Grant agreed to call Brian Ferry and ask him to do. Mayor announced he received an email from resident at Lake Carroll who does business in town. Resident thinks Chief Page is doing a good job – just wanted to pass this along.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk