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CITY OF LANARK)

March 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 Mark Macomber, Alderman Ed Stern and Mayor Kevin Barnes were present.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Chief Page, Les Guenzler, Betsy Shaulis, Bob Zuck, Tom Kocal, Jim Wyeth, Natasha Preston, Frankie Berogan, Kayla Martz, Theresa Blair, David Pistorius, Nancy Guenzler and Amanda Swinda.

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

Motion made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept the minutes of the February 20th meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer announced the garbage line item is over about \$5,000. She moved the excess amount to water miscellaneous line item. Everyone seemed to agree. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept and pay the bills from February 20th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services was not present. A project update (copy on file) was submitted via fax. Alderman Huggins announced he talked with Keith Durnford at Medallion and informed him about things with Sieben and Sacia regarding Leland Street. Discussion led to Claremont Street and the truck traffic - the worst spots being the beginning and the end. It was suggested to have parking on one side only. Alderman Grant was concerned with Shell's parking. Others feel Medallion is bigger. Semi traffic is only going to increase. This could be a temporary solution until Leland Street can be completed. All seemed to agree to eliminate parking on the south side of Claremont until something is done on Leland. Alderman Grant pointed out Shell's employees park on the south side. Others feel they will have to start parking on the north side. Alderman Macomber reported he talked with Medallion and Medallion is concerned with the traffic. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to eliminate parking on the south side of Claremont between Broad and Rochester. All ayes. Motion carried. Guenzler was instructed to put up signs.

David Pistorius of First Midstate Inc. gave presentation of calling bonds. Pistorius passed out copies of presentation and reviewed. He explained this past November the bonds became callable. Pistorius also gave information on alternative financing for road project. Keep in mind, investment banking business – not a bank. Fees charged only if the bonds are called. Need four to six weeks to put together. Pistorius announced he understood the Council wanted to stay locally first then branch out. November 1st and May 1st are the callable dates. Pistorius will need a copy of the official contract. Need to do by April 1st to call thirty days ahead of callable date – time crunch. Pistorius reported a possible savings of \$18,789 after **all** expenses. We are looking at a 3.5% savings. This will leave the payment schedule the same – final 2014. Pistorius then discussed possible financing for the 1.2 million dollar street project. He explained alternate revenue bonds. Would have to do a feasibility study and review past several years' audit. Must prove we have enough money to pay back. Maximum that we could go out is twenty years. The last page of presentation shows increases in interest. Possibly pledge MFT funds. We

could use other tax to pledge. Alderman Strohecker asked Alderman Huggins to talk with Keith Durnford and find out about other information. The Council members thanked Pistorius for coming.

Ordinance to sell real estate – Mitchell announced the Lanark Cornerstone Project (LCP) now has corporate existence. We can now sell the Shumway Building to them. Mitchell proceeded by passing out Ordinance #825 authorizing the sale of real estate. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Huggins to adopt Ordinance #825. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Stern-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. Mayor signed three copies of deed. Alderman Strohecker asked if it was out of line to ask for proof of insurance. Betsy Shaulis, Attorney for LCP will send copy. The LCP members present thanked the Council and left. Mitchell presented Ordinance #826 amending the Lanark City Code with regard to the City of Lanark Police Department. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve Ordinance #826. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye and Alderman Stern-aye. Motion carried.

No building permits were submitted.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Stern had questioned at the last meeting how to break up the road and water project. Since then he has emailed Marty Beranek of MSA. Beranek feels this is very reasonable to consider. Alderman Stern announced the Mt. Dept. and contractor could work together. The contractor could bore under the highway and the Mt. Dept. could continue on out. Alderman Strohecker did not like the idea of putting in temporary hydrants. Alderman Huggins suggested putting off and see if we are doing the road this year – unlikely. No grant money this year. We need to try to get more business in at Medallion, then there's money available. Alderman Huggins announced there is no definite need for water as there are no current problems - proactive. Alderman Huggins feels good chance to get another business in. If Medallion adds on, we'll get more TIF money.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker reported bid from Burkholder & Son is in everyone's folders. Bid is \$11,749.50. Maintenance will need to get water and sewer lines in. Alderman Huggins announced he asked Medallion about the sinks and stuff. Keith Durnford asked to put off until April. Alderman Strohecker announced if we do this, Guenzler will need to work with Burkholder to lay out correctly. Restrooms will be located in the southwest corner of the park. Alderman Stern announced he would like to see Burkholder do the work. Alderman Huggins agreed. **Motion** made by Alderman Stern, seconded by Alderman Huggins to have Burkholder & Son do the work for the restrooms in the city park. All ayes. Motion carried.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver reported Personnel Committee meeting March 15th at 6:30 PM. All are invited to discuss upcoming projects and any new hires. Weaver requested executive session to discuss personnel.

Police – Alderman Grant also requested executive session for personnel.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – Alderman Stern announced there is some wording in question in the recent water rate increase ordinance now that the new rates have gone into effect. One of which is the office hours of 7:00 – 5:00 PM. The Clerk has others highlighted and will give to Mitchell.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Ed Mitchell passed out Code Books with new inserts.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Guenzler announced Brian Ferry has 11.5 vacation days to use up by June 10th. Policy has been, if don't use, you lose. The Clerk explained it has been helpful that Ferry has not taken vacation with Guenzler off work for surgeries and still on light duty. We have had more snow than usual this year. We should be thankful that Ferry has not used vacation days. All seemed to agree. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to allow Brian Ferry to carry over ten (10) days due to extenuating circumstances. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Weaver did not have any additional business this evening.

Alderman Grant announced Justin Rausch is planning to take tree down on Sunday – called Lisa Libberton, Tree Board Chair to make sure not city tree.

Alderman Strohecker asked Mayor Barnes to get with John Mueller and figure out what blocks we need for restrooms. Strohecker has drawing and will get copy to Mayor Barnes.

Alderman Huggins, Alderman Macomber and Alderman Stern did not have any additional business.

The Clerk reminded everyone that Don Fogell had requested putting a vending machine outside his building on Broad Street. Fogell has reported to the Clerk he checked with the State, County Board of Health, State's Attorney and Mt. Carroll clerk and no one knew of anything regarding vending machine outside building – needed to check with the City. None of the council members had any objection to this; however, they wanted him to be aware the City would not be responsible for any vandalism.

Mayor Barnes was contacted by probation officer regarding community service for youth. Barnes inquired if we had anything for them. Council discussed several options and decided possibly after the weather breaks. Mayor Barnes announced Tara Griffin issued notices to area banks – no response. Do we want to offer to Exchange State Bank exclusively? How do we proceed? All seemed to agree to table for now – possibly do for November. The Clerk was asked to contact Griffin with their decision. Mayor Barnes received a donation request from the 2007 Eastland Post Prom Committee. Barnes announced we have given \$100 in the past. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Grant to donate \$100. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 9:05 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to exit executive session.

Exited executive session at 9:42 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Huggins to increase Ferry's wages \$1.25/hour and Guenzler's \$1.50/hour effective March 18th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*