

November 20, 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 Jeri Beverley and Mayor Kevin Barnes were present.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler and Ken Gradall.

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

Alderman Beverley requested a change in the November 12th executive minutes regarding her opinion – page 2, bottom paragraph, “Weaver reported...measure.” – strike this sentence since she was not in attendance. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the minutes presented with correction. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Beverley to accept and pay the bills from November 6th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ken Gradall of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file) and reviewed. Site Assessment Clean Up – Gradall announced we have approval to go ahead with ground water monitoring. Five wells at locations. Gradall reported a bond is needed to install well in right of way, however the bond has been waived. Gradall inquired if the City had received a copy of the permit from IDOT as yet. The Clerk announced she thought maybe the Mayor had received it. Mayor will check. Gradall showed on map the red dots are proposed wells. All are outside of building. When asked why in rear (no contaminant found), Gradall reported to define the extent. Gradall announced the drillers could do work the first week in December. All agreed to begin as soon as possible. Alderman Huggins inquired about taking out the tank. Gradall announced they are planning to do. It will take about four to six weeks to coordinate with fire marshal – by January if not before. It was proposed to take two samples. EPA would like report submitted after first sample to see if more are needed. Wells will be in for two days to one week. Alderman Strohecker would like a timetable. This has been dragging on and on. Others agreed. Gradall will call drillers tomorrow and schedule. Gradall will schedule field work and get going.

Tree Board Appointments – Ed Mitchell passed out draft of resolution for Tree Board appointments. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the Tree Board appointees as submitted. Alderman Huggins questioned what happened to the other appointments. Mayor Barnes reported there has been much resistance. Alderman Strohecker inquired about Ed Stern. Mayor announced Stern showed the most resistance. Alderman Macomber announced he would like to see an annual meeting and bring at least one page to the Council. Roll call: Alderman

Macomber-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Strohecker-nay, Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Beverley-aye. Motion carried.

Rental Property – Alderman Huggins reported Jeff Lessman of Eastland Motor Sports wants to rent 111 South Broad until his new building is ready. Alderman Huggins announced he has talked with all the aldermen except Alderman Beverley. No one seemed to have any problem with this. When asked how much, Guenzler reported just the back section. Alderman Strohecker inquired if we needed to rent any other space. Guenzler announced we did not. When asked about the utilities, Alderman Huggins reported Lessman will pay them. Alderman Macomber questioned the additional gas and oil. Mitchell also questioned if it will agitate our problem. Alderman Beverley reported there is no problem with where is currently is – do not anticipate any problems. When asked when new building is to be completed, Alderman Huggins announced February. Alderman Huggins suggested \$250 per month rent plus utilities until the end of February. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve rent of \$250 per month plus gas and electric. The City pays water. All ayes. Motion carried.

Letters of Intent – Alderman Huggins reported Kipp Meyers and Special Touch qualify but Hawbeckers do not qualify – not C1 or C2. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to let two commercial buildings drop one of their bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

One building permit was submitted. Jim Smith is requesting permit to construct a garage at the back of his home. Alderman Strohecker questioned the rear setback. The Clerk announced she mistook the side for the rear. The side of the house is a foot or less from the inside of the sidewalk. The garage will set a few feet back from the sidewalk. After Mitchell and Strohecker consulted the setbacks in the City Code Book, they concluded all was in order. **Motion** made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve the building permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Huggins reported there is a snag on the easement across Peugh's property. Mitchell had called Peughs to let them know about vehicles on their property. Mitchell explained he had unofficially talked with Peughs. They were receptive. Last Friday Alderman Huggins called Mitchell. Peugh had already done fall work. He does not want anyone tramping on his ground. Peugh thought was going along Route 64. Mitchell is not sure where we're at. Mitchell explained concerns may be crop might be torn up in the spring – not sure. It was suggested Mitchell contact Peugh again to see why against it now. Mitchell suggested if it is due to loss of crops, possibly make offer. Alderman Huggins suggested giving one or two years of free water. Alderman Macomber suggested tapping on sewer for free. Alderman Huggins would like to give Mitchell some bargaining power so we don't have to keep coming back to meeting. Rausch's agreement was brought up again. We have paid Rausch in the past when doing work on his easement. Alderman Huggins reported putting off sending letters about smoke testing. Don't want to do during winter – wait until spring.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker inquired if everyone has seen the new restrooms in the park. Those who have feel they look good. Alderman Strohecker announced he will get with Kelsey and order toilets. Strohecker will go to Medallion for

sinks. Guenzler is working on the water and sewer lines. Painting will be done in spring. When asked about hydrants, Guenzler reported there are three left to complete. Guenzler announced in his report he explains a new technique he would like to try. This will not require a boil order. If work is not done in one day, will put up a fence and finish the next day. Mt. Dept. will not have to work through the night to restore service quickly. Alderman Strohecker reported looking to next year, possibly going up Rochester and go back to Medallion. Our guys dig up and put in rock. Medallion is not concerned about the street for two years. Alderman Strohecker suggested taking out the hump in the street. We could start next spring. The only other thing for next year is the sidewalks. Alderman Huggins reported the SRTS committee has reviewed the apps and now at IDOT for review. Alderman Macomber inquired who was in charge of taking down the old restrooms. Alderman Strohecker announced we are. We may need them yet next year. All seemed to agree to go ahead.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver reported Brian Ferry will be taking sick days. He is having surgery. Alderman Weaver questioned keeping Chuck Strohecker around. Guenzler announced he could get by with what we have. Ferry's surgery is Wednesday, November 28th. Alderman Weaver inquired if we wanted to keep Chuck on. Several announced Chuck can't drive. Guenzler is concerned about snow removal. Alderman Macomber and Alderman Grant have seen Chuck drive city truck and tractors. All seemed to agree Chuck is done as of November 21st.

Police – Alderman Grant announced Chief is a no show.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Ed Mitchell reported Hazelbower had inquired about his easement rights. Mitchell explained the easement is for water and sewer. An additional easement was signed by Rogers and Heisler. The City bought a little piece of property from Heisler. Mitchell was not sure of the details. Mitchell passed out copies. Tract B and C are Rogers. City is Tract A. This gives the right of ingress and egress across property. Alderman Strohecker announced Hazelbower is concerned with others using not just the City. The City must maintain. We plow our portion for snow. Alderman Grant reported Hazelbower wants all the property to be plowed. Mitchell reported we do not need to do that. Others agreed. Hazelbower closed off other side of property. Mitchell reported we have a legitimate purpose going to the sewer plant. All seemed to agree to have Mitchell send copy and follow up with explanation.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Guenzler announced he omitted in his report Tigges is done mowing. Alderman Strohecker inquired if Tigges indicated if he was interested in coming back next year. Guenzler didn't ask – will depend on his schedule.

None of the aldermen had any additional business this evening.

The Clerk announced Christmas is on a Tuesday this year with Christmas Eve on Monday. She explained that in the past, the Council has allowed the Mt. Dept. to work until Noon and take the rest of the day (Christmas Eve) off with pay. Alderman Beverley would like them to have Christmas Eve day off with pay. The Clerk agreed. Everyone was reminded this would include all the City employees – Police Department as well as Mt. Department. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Grant to give City employees December 24th and 25th off with pay. All ayes. Motion carried. The clerk reported no one had informed Chief Page about Council's decision at the last Council meeting not to do any more business with Hazelbower as there is a bill on tonight's report from Southside Services for service on the squad. It was agreed the Clerk will inform the Chief of this decision.

Mayor Barnes questioned Mitchell about the resolution for the truck route. Chief Page had suggested eight feet six inches due to trucks being wider. Chief had reported 15-102. Mitchell will look into this. Mayor announced Dave's Place has requested permission to stay open late on Thanksgiving eve. This apparently is their busiest night. Mayor announced we have done this for years. All seemed to agree to allow. The Clerk asked for clarification of time. Mayor Barnes announced 2:00 AM.

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

Entered executive session at 9:48 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to exit executive session with no action taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Exited executive session at 10:02 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*