

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell and Les Guenzler.

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

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the minutes of the November 20th meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept and pay the bills from November 20th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

No building permits were submitted.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Huggins asked Mitchell what he found out on the southside project with talking to Peugh. Mitchell announced there was no time to meet with Peugh until next week, possibly Monday.

Streets & Property – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Police – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor gave oral report. There have been two water main breaks since the last Council meeting. Guenzler discussed the main at Carol Dietz's residence. Alderman Macomber announced we have had problems there before, is the line in bad shape? Guenzler reported main breaks are caused due to ground freezing and thawing. MSA is drilling, putting in wells. Larry Heckman and Sweitzer have planted trees. Guenzler reported he jetted plugged sewer line in Shannon. Guenzler explained he did not have time to do a report but will if Council wants. It took one and a half days to clean up after the ice storm. Brian Ferry had surgery and is doing well. Guenzler's grandson also had surgery and is doing well. Alderman Macomber inquired if Guenzler had heard anything on the new truck. Guenzler reported December 5th is the tentative date to get truck. Guenzler will call. Elliot Equipment looked at sweeper - will do demo in spring. Alderman Macomber gave OK for demo – doesn't cost anything to look.

Ed Mitchell presented ordinance #831 levying the annual taxes for the City of Lanark for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2007 and ending March 31, 2008. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve Ordinance #831. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman

Weaver-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye and Alderman Beverley-aye. Motion carried. Mitchell will try to confer with Peughs on the 10th or 11th. Regarding the MSA contract, Mitchell had a couple of changes – no reason to pay interest. He will contact Marty Beranek. Mitchell would like executive session to discuss personnel.

Nick Wagner from MSA entered at 7:42PM. Wagner passed out project update sheets. The installation of the monitoring wells was completed today. They tried to locate the storage tank today but ran into interference with overhead lines – may need to excavate. Possibly have the city maintenance guys dig to see if there is one or contractors can come out and do. When asked how far down, Wagner reported about five feet. This could possibly count as the Brownfield grant. All seemed to agree to have Guenzler dig. Nothing more on site assessment. Flow monitoring – finalized report – need to have water and sewer committee meeting to discuss. Southside project – field work is on hold until hear from farmer.

Alderman Macomber suggested hiring Chuck Strohecker “as needed” basis. The Clerk questioned unemployment. All seemed to agree he was allowed to work so many hours without affecting unemployment. Guenzler will check. Alderman Beverley questioned the issue of his driver’s license. Some agreed he can drive the tractor without a license. Others felt if he can’t drive trucks, he shouldn’t drive tractors.

Alderman Grant reported Amy Folk complained about branches. Lisa Libberton wanted to take down the tree but Folk doesn’t want it down. Alderman Grant reported Alderman Strohecker told Frenches the City never opened their bid last year for seal coating. No one remembered any bid. The Clerk reported Alderman Strohecker did this on his own – no bid process. The Clerk understood he was trying to compare prices with the County. Guenzler reported the County will decide this winter if they are going to continue seal coating for municipalities. They will let us know about January. The Council was concerned about time involved for bid process.

Aldermen Weaver, Huggins, Macomber and Beverley did not have any additional business.

The Clerk announced the audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2007 is complete and copies are in folders. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. She would like this approved as soon as possible as she uses the audit to do the Annual Treasurer’s Report for the newspaper. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Beverley-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Grant-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Barnes announced Mediacom rates are going up.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Huggins to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 7:59 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Huggins to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 8:37 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*