

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Nick Wagner, Chief Page, Officer Randy Craft, Suzy Beggin, Bill Piper and new owners of Lanark Food Center – Champaben Patel, Sangita Patel and Chirag Patel.

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

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept the minutes of the January 8th meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept and pay the bills from January 8th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Macomber took his seat at 7:33 PM.

Nick Wagner of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file) and reviewed. Wagner passed out new business cards as MSA has now relocated. Phase 2 Site Assessment – MSA is waiting for concurrence on more samples. If all goes well, the Site Investigation Report will be prepared and submitted to document the findings of the assessment. A soil sample was collected from the UST (underground storage tank) due to odors being present when it was uncovered. MSA has received a proposal/contract on behalf of the City for removal of the UST from GTD, Rockford, Illinois. The proposal is for \$3,450, which is less than the budgeted value of \$4,500. The variables that will determine the final cost are the amount of the backfill that will be required to fill the excavation once the tank is pulled and the amount of sludge that may be present within the UST, which must be disposed of. Mayor Barnes inquired if we could use our own fill. Wagner thinks this would be OK. Wagner thinks they were going to fill with gravel or road stone. MSA recommends the City proceed and execute the proposal/contract. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Huggins to approve proposal as submitted by GTD. All ayes. Motion carried. Wagner announced a Water & Sewer Committee meeting should be scheduled to review the findings of the system-wide flow monitoring study. Alderman Huggins asked Wagner to put 5:00 PM on February 5th on his calendar and he would confirm later as Alderman Strohecker will be back for Council meeting that evening. Mitchell announced he reviewed the contract and made changes. Mitchell recommended Mayor Barnes sign and send back with Wagner. All seemed to agree for Mayor to sign.

Chief Page presented a certificate of recognition to Officer Randy Craft. Chief Page also presented a Life Saver's award, which can be worn on uniform.

No building permits were submitted.

Ed Mitchell announced he prepared an annexation petition and sent to property owners. Since he has not received them back, he suggested leaving this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bill Piper of Lanark Food Center was present to announce he is selling his business. Piper reported the closing will take place Friday. The new owners were present and presented liquor license application for approval. Mayor Barnes inquired when the licenses expired and how should this be handled in order to keep all licenses on the same renewal schedule. The Clerk suggested since liquor licenses are not transferable, approving the license for the remainder of the current license which expires in April. When discussion arose about fee, the Clerk recommended waiving the fee as it is only a few months. This has been done in the past for a new business. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve liquor license as applied for and waive the fee. All ayes. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve one year standard water and sewer service free for new business. All ayes. Motion carried. Piper announced all has worked well with the City in the past and hopes that all will work with the new owners.

Ed Mitchell, City Attorney explained due to renting of the Hart building, this changes the tax exempt status of the property. Mitchell has discussed this with Vivian Eaton and she has agreed to waive since it is only a short time – if any longer, will need to look at again.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Huggins announced he will try to have a meeting on February 5th prior to Council meeting.

Streets & Property – Mayor Barnes received an email from Alderman Strohecker reporting he will contact D&L about finishing the ceiling in the restrooms and talk to the plumber to finish plumbing. That will leave electric and sidewalk to finish up. In regards to the roof on the Hart building, Strohecker recommends it to be pitched and metal. Alderman Strohecker is OK with getting quotes before clear. Mayor Barnes announced he is working on getting quotes for the roof.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Police – Alderman Beverley reported there have been no further issues. Alderman Beverley recommends setting a purchasing threshold for the Chief. This will eliminate Chief having to wait to contact the committee. She recommended \$500. All seemed to agree. Chief is working on upgrading the shot guns. Chief Page announced he went to Springfield last Thursday to LESO program and picked up a few things. Chief reported the department received a complaint of gambling at Dave's Place. They executed a search warrant at Dave's Place on Monday. Arrests are pending.

Economic Development – Alderman Huggins announced an economic workshop on February 7th hosted by the Extension at Farm Bureau.

Ordinance – no report.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Mayor Barnes inquired about seal coating. Did we want to check into someone else doing it as it was discussed previously? Some were not happy with the quality this past year. There were no comments. Mayor Barnes inquired about the new truck. Guenzler reported had a problem with fuses shorting out – couple dozen fuses were blown. Guenzler took the truck back and putting in new clutch on the plow – otherwise it is running good. Mayor Barnes announced Johnson said turning radius is so much better. Guenzler agreed. Mayor Barnes informed Guenzler of the “Say No to Snow” annual race is February 23rd. Guenzler agreed to clear the streets and have barricades available that morning.

Chief Page submitted written report. Alderman Huggins inquired if the establishment and the person get a ticket. Chief explained that is what he understood. Brinkmeier is not happy with how new law is written – very poorly. Chief reported they agreed to issue ticket and let judge figure out.

None of the aldermen had any additional business.

The Clerk announced she has reviewed the boiler & machinery coverage renewal. She found only a couple of minor changes – addresses.

Mayor Barnes received complaint regarding house on corner of Claremont and Broad. Neighbor complained about all the garbage around home. Mayor asked the Chief to look at this. Chief reported due to how the ordinance is written, he can't do much. Chief will ask to clean up. Mayor Barnes received email from Tree Board Chair regarding the emerald ash bore. The problem is getting closer to Lanark. The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) is recommending getting rid of any ash trees of poor condition. Lisa Libberton, Tree Board Chair has eight on list.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to adjourn. All eyes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*