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CITY OF LANARK)

April 15, 2008

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. . Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Lawrence Derrer, 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, Les Guenzler, Chief Page, Marty Beranek, Rebecca Millard Laurie Gungel and Kevin Kniss,

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 April 1st meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Beverley to accept and pay the bills from April 1st to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept the Treasurer's Reports for February and March as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marty Beranek of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). Phase 2 – Beranek announced it will be three to four weeks until the lab reports are received for the soil samples collected during the tank removal. Any additional remediation around the tank that may be necessary is still unknown. Southside Utilities – the water main extension design was submitted to IEPA and IDOT last week for review and approval. Water main drawings and specs were provided to Skoog Landscaping & Design as directed by Alderman Huggins. Skoog was advised the City was interested in receiving an estimate of the work in order to assist the Council in deciding whether or not to formally bid the construction. This estimate is only an estimate and does not constitute a bid. Alderman Huggins announced need to have a meeting next week. Alderman Huggins will work out a date with Beranek. Beranek requested a copy of the signed IDOT EDP agreement for Leland Street. MSA provided a draft copy of the updated zoning map for the Clerk's review. Relay any changes to MSA.

Rebecca Millard announced the Old Settler's Days (OSD) Enhancement Committee is to bring new activities to OSD. They are looking to block off more streets for more tents – Boyd, Claremont (Saturday only) and Burns. The committee is working with the Men's Club and tent company. Millard is asking for approval to block streets. Mayor Barnes asked Chief Page if he had any objections with this. Chief did not but asked that the intersection be kept open. Millard reported she checked with the school to use parking lot but insurance was an issue. Millard announced they will be doing a bike-a-thon fundraiser for OSD which led discussion to where to do this. It was agreed to use the municipal parking lot as well as for bike rodeo. Millard announced date would be the morning of May 31st. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Huggins to give OSD committee use of the municipal parking lot for May 31st for the bike-a-thon and rodeo as well as additional street closings of Claremont and Boyd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Laurie Gungel, Director of Carroll County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) passed out agenda and reviewed. Comprehensive Plan – doing four public hearings this month. She is encouraging everyone to come. Gungel invited everyone to go to the CCEDC website and

fill out survey. Gungel reported on the wind farm north of Lena. Until they sign up enough farmers, there is no reason to begin. The wind turbine program at Highland – the same people are doing this project. Gungel reported IDOT will close Route 73 about June 3rd. Gungel will be meeting with some of the businesses involved to discuss the rerouting of traffic. IDOT will put up signs for the truck route. Gungel has a brochure for businesses to help with rerouting customers. Gungel announced that Lanark should pat yourself on the back since you have a Strategic Plan and Capital Improvements Plan in place. Not all towns have done this. State wide data base for County on the website lists buildings available. CCEDC is almost totally funded by the County. Gungel announced CCEDC is asking for each town to support also. Savanna has already given support.

Liquor license renewal – The clerk announced all paper work for Dave’s Place, Shell Express Lane and Lanark Food Center is in place for renewal. Mayor Barnes inquired if Chief Page had done a background check on the new owners of the Lanark Food Center. Chief Page announced he had and all is okay. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve liquor licenses for renewal. All ayes. Motion carried.

Parking on Route 64 – Alderman Huggins reported trucks park on the side of Route 64 to sleep. Jeff Lessman, owner of Eastland Motor Sports called Alderman Huggins last week to report trucks parked on either side of driveway. This caused a safety issue for his customers entering Route 64 from driveway. Alderman Huggins called IDOT and was told it was in city limits and was the city’s problem. Alderman Huggins recommended putting up no parking signs. Alderman Beverley announced those would have to be approved by IDOT. Chief Page explained the problem was with trees sticking out. Alderman Huggins suggested putting up temporary signs until we have approval from IDOT. Some members felt it was okay if stopping to eat at restaurant but not for sleeping. Chief Page reported since it is a public highway, they are allowed to park there. Chief announced he went and talked to truck drivers that day and they left ten minutes later. Chief Page is willing to talk to IDOT.

Public Hearing for water bills – since no one was present for the hearing, the clerk will proceed with disconnect process.

Two building permits and one extension were presented:

1. Stacy Bauer to change garage permit to living space (changing the interior)
2. Debra Lemieux for the addition of a bedroom/craft room and bedroom

After holding a meeting, the Zoning Board recommended approval for variance since Lemieux was not within the setback requirements. David Blevins, Jr. requested an extension of his permit due to a harsh winter. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Huggins to approve building permits as submitted. All ayes, except Alderman Macomber. Motion carried.

Ed Mitchell announced we need to set a meeting to start working on appropriations for this fiscal year. Alderman Macomber announced we met earlier this evening and asked Mitchell to put in ordinance form for the next Council meeting. The Clerk gave Mitchell a copy. Mitchell announced a deposition is scheduled for next week and will give update next meeting. Mitchell reported the Nicor permit is not in city limits and should be resolved by the next meeting.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver announced he will circulate an email on vacation proposal and asked everyone to review. Alderman Weaver would like everyone's opinion. Alderman Beverley reported she met with Janie Dollinger about the government program. First Lady Bird Johnson established this program. It is an economic needs based program. The lady who inquired about employment is not yet 55, which is one of the requirements. Alderman Beverley explained the government pays salary of \$7.50 per hour up to seventeen hours per week. We have done everything required. This lady is currently working part-time, therefore does not qualify. If she qualifies in future then okay.

Police – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Streets & Property – no report.

Ordinance – Alderman Huggins presented draft of Ordinance #833 with regard to burning leaves, wood, refuse and garbage. No operation of wood burners from May 1st to October 1st. Chimney must be two feet above roofline. Alderman Huggins suggested giving until October 1, 2008 to comply with chimney height. Alderman Beverley inquired how we were going to notify. An ad in newspaper was suggested. It was also suggested putting notice in water bills. Chief Page volunteered to talk to each. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve Ordinance #833. Roll call: Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Beverley-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Derrer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Planning – Alderman Huggins reported the Planning Committee met and discussed plans for the new City Hall building. Alderman Huggins drafted a layout and gave copies to all. Alderman Huggins announced we will have to check out if we want to use upstairs for storage. Need to have checked out for structural support. Alderman Beverley talked to the Friends of the Library to get books out. Books were damaged by water. Mayor Barnes received emails asking for dumpster to dispose of books damaged by water. The drawings do not include any fire exits. We have appropriated for renovations in this fiscal year. Alderman Weaver suggested running this drawing past someone who knows by law ADA and fire exits as it may change the layout. Alderman Huggins feels it is ADA compliant. Guenzler looked at drawings, Maintenance will have back only. It would be nice to have storage. Moving electric meters outside was discussed briefly. The next step is to move Maintenance to the back and start demolition.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Guenzler announced Shannon has requested us to sweep their streets. The screw plant wants us to sweep lot when we do the village. Guenzler informed Shannon of the need of repairs on the sweeper. They are willing to wait. Alderman Macomber is concerned about private lot. Others agreed. Alderman Macomber feels we need to adjust the rental rate – currently \$200/hour. Guenzler reported it takes about two days just for the village. Alderman Beverley reported it takes our guy away from here. Council discussed new rate due to wear and tear on sweeper, price of gas and employee's time. After discussing Process Screw's request for sweeping their lot, all seemed to agree to deny this request. Guenzler will inform Process Screws we are not doing private sectors. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to adjust rate of sweeper to \$250/hour with man. All ayes. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to sweep streets of Shannon pending coming back from repairs. All ayes. Motion carried. Guenzler reported since we have done projects to upgrade the water and sewer

facility, we have not had the infiltration like this year. Guenzler consulted with Dave Kent and book. We are handling lots and lots of water – better than in the past. Guenzler commended the Council on doing the past projects – improvements. Guenzler announced he did not have to bypass the east lift station.

Chief Page submitted written report. Chief Page announced he would like to terminate Officers Lewis and Tornow as they have not worked in over a year or more. If they were to come back to work, they would have to go through training. Chief Page is concerned about the liability of them carrying our badges. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to terminate Officers Lewis and Tornow effective immediately. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Barnes inquired if Chief was looking to hire more part-time officers. Chief reported no; he is handling it. ILEAS would like authorization for Officer Craft to purchase \$400 of equipment. He is attending flight training. Alderman Macomber, Finance Chair gave approval. Chief Page asked for increase in allocations of \$400-\$500 for helmets and badges for bike rodeo. Let's do it right. All seemed okay to use Community Betterment. Mayor Barnes received complaint of fast traffic on West Lanark Avenue. Do we have any signs? Chief reported there are a couple – technically the speed limit is 30 mph. Chief will do traffic survey.

None of the aldermen had any additional business.

The Clerk received request of putting in a section of sidewalk from the sidewalk to the street at Terry Green's residence (217 East Locust). Alderman Huggins will look into this. If a sidewalk goes in maybe we could work something out.

Mayor Barnes announced the Library Board is looking at plans to move into here. Alderman Beverley volunteered to be Council's liaison to the Library Board. Next meeting is May 12th at 3:30 PM. Mayor Barnes instructed the Clerk to set up meeting with insurance agent, Rhett Coatney for Monday April 21st at 3:00 PM. Alderman Beverley will also attend. Mayor Barnes inquired if everything was settled with the Woodley's. The Clerk announced the insurance company denied the claim. They felt the City was not negligent. The Clerk reported Scott Woodley came in for copies of the information which took place between City and insurance company. The Clerk does not feel this is the end of this.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*