

November 4, 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, James Hazelbower and Acting Chief Craft.

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

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the regular and executive minutes of the October 21st meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Derrer to accept and pay the bills from October 21st to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file).

Ed Mitchell presented copies of Ordinance #842 regarding correction to zoning map. Mitchell explained this ordinance corrects the areas on East Lanark Avenue and East Pearl. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve Ordinance #842. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Beverley-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Derrer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Public hearing for water bills – the Clerk explained there were two people who had made arrangements to make payments, however no payments have been received over the past month as agreed. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to proceed with shut offs. All ayes. Motion carried.

James Hazelbower was present to express his concerns of the lack of the City using local businesses. Mayor Barnes explained there were billing issues. Hazelbower reported he sent a bill for late fees due to bill being past due for sixty days. No one felt this was correct. Hazelbower inquired who was going to run for election next year. No one commented. Hazelbower inquired about legality of shooting radar on private property – Piper’s lot on corner of Route 64 and Broad. Acting Chief Craft explained that property is open to the public due to wood and cars for sale, etc. Craft reported he did not have permission from Piper but has not had any complaints. Mitchell does not feel this is an issue. All seemed to agree, if owner has a problem with this, he needs to contact the Police Department. Hazelbower questioned the no trespassing at the school – by old laundromat. Mitchell and Huggins discussed briefly.

No building permits were presented.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Police – Alderman Beverley requested executive session.

Personnel – no report.

Economic Development – Alderman Huggins reported the Joint Review Board (JRB) for the TIF District met recently and submitted minutes for the files. Mayor Barnes announced a contractor who did work in Galena purchased materials but did not have to pay taxes on them due to being in the TIF District. Contractor has inquired if he can do that here. Alderman Huggins explained it was not because of the TIF District but we could work out something. Mitchell announced he had not heard of anything like this.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Ed Mitchell announced we need three easements. Mitchell continued with topic, which started prior to meeting, of the newly annexed property on Cyclone Ridge Road. According to the City's ordinance, the property needs mowing. Mitchell questioned whether we really wanted to pursue this if we are asking for an easement. After a short discussion, all seemed to agree to leave alone this year and to notify owner to mow next spring. Mitchell asked for executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Guenzler reported they planted ten trees last Friday, which the Tree Board purchased from the high school fundraiser. The control box needs to be upgraded. Guenzler thinks it is the original one at Well #4. Guenzler asked the Council to think about this winter and keep on the "to do" list. Alderman Beverley announced the Argyle Street drive is still dug up and barricades have fallen down. She does not want someone to fall. Guenzler announced it will be done soon.

Acting Chief Craft submitted a written report. Acting Chief Craft pointed out the ATV grant in his report. He questioned storage availability if grant was approved. It was suggested Craft check with the Fire Department to see if one could be shared.

Alderman Weaver, Alderman Derrer, Alderman Huggins and Alderman Beverley did not have any additional business.

Alderman Macomber reported WW should be here the end of this week or next week for the roof.

The Clerk announced she reported for jury duty on October 27th. She was not picked, however she did receive check of \$15 for her services plus mileage. The clerk explained the \$15 should go to the City since she is salaried but she should be allowed the mileage. She questioned how the Council wanted to handle this. When asked, Mitchell announced there was no set policy. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Derrer to approve allowing the Clerk to keep full amount for jury duty. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk submitted a bill from Van's explaining it was turned in by Acting Chief Craft in time for tonight's bills, however it was stuck to another bill and missed for tonight's report. The bill of \$297.45 is for gun repairs. The Clerk asked for approval to pay this bill rather than waiting until the next meeting. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve bill for Van's. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Barnes inquired where we were at with signs. No one seems to know who put them up. Mayor Barnes announced receipt of Alderman Huggins' letter of resignation. Mayor Barnes thanked Huggins for all the work he has done while serving on the Council.

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and police personnel. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 7:58 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Huggins to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:47 PM.

After exiting executive session Acting Randy Craft and Matt Magill were asked to return for open session. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Huggins to offer Police Chief position to Matt Magill and offer Officer Randy Craft change in status to corporal and keep salary at current rate. Roll call: Alderman Beverley-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Derrer-nay and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Magill agreed. Craft asked for clarification of salary. He will stay at the current wages of \$36,000 which he is receiving for Acting Chief with promotion to Corporal. Craft agreed. Mayor Barnes inquired when Magill could start. Magill announced almost immediately. It was agreed a contract would be drawn up. All seemed to agree for Magill to start as of the beginning of the next pay period which is November 9th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*