

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Chief Matt Magill, Chris Fink, Peter Fink, Keith Zaagman, Jeannine Kaylor, Mark Carroll, Don Hart, Marty Beranek, James Weaver, Codie Stoner and John Lamoreux.

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 November 4th meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept and pay the bills from November 4th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Beverley to accept the Treasurer's Reports for October as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marty Beranek of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). Phase 2 – Beranek announced he will contact Mike Charles of IEPA next week for an update on status. Beranek questioned Mitchell as to his progress on the easements. Mitchell reported he is making progress but they are not done yet. Southside Utilities – Beranek recommended holding back \$1,000 in case there are any problems with the restoration. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve Mayor signing Skoog's pay application and hold back \$1,000. All ayes. Motion carried. Beranek presented Change Order #2 for approval – finished project \$114.45 under budget. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve Mayor Barnes signing the change order. All ayes. Motion carried. Beranek announced the zoning map is complete. Zoning changes have been made. Beranek reported MSA has completed a survey on behalf of the City. This survey will help with grants. Survey needs Mayor's signature. When asked, Beranek reported there is no obligation – just data collection. Mayor signed. Beranek will discuss Well #4 with Guenzler.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell opened farm bids.

Peter Fink and Chris Fink	\$36,900
Keith Zaagman	\$38,500
Codie Stoner	\$41,760
Mark Carroll	\$49,100
Bender Farms	\$45,000
John Lamoreux	\$41,400

After all bids were opened and read, all were allowed to change bids. Bidding went back and forth with Bender Farms and Mark Carroll. Bidding ended with Bender Farms' offer of \$50,000.

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to rent the city farm to Bender Farms for three years at \$50,00 per year. All ayes. Motion carried. Mitchell thanked everyone for their bids.

No building permits were presented.

General Audience – Jeanine Kaylor, representing the Lions Club, was told by Alderman Huggins they would have Internet access at the Heritage Center. Huggins told the Lions Club this about three months ago. Kaylor was inquiring if this would still happen since Huggins has resigned. No one seemed to know anything about this. The Clerk suggested maybe Huggins was going to try to do this in the new contract with Mediacom, which is up for renewal next year. The Lions Club would really like to have access at the Heritage Center. The Clerk suggested possibly going through Aero as the agreement was for three connections and we are only using one. Mayor agreed we could possibly go through Aero. Kaylor questioned if there would be any objection to the Lions putting in access. When asked, the Clerk reported the Heritage Center pays their own telephone bill. All seemed to agree, the Lions Club should contact the Heritage Center Board with this issue.

John Lamoreux apologized for not acquiring a solicitor's permit. They did not know they needed one each time. The Clerk explained they also need to provide the City with a certificate of insurance with the City listed as "additional insured". Don Hart announced they did not need one each time. The Clerk explained they do need to provide a certificate of insurance each time they acquire a solicitor's permit. The auditor and the insurance company require this.

Don Hart was present to petition the Council to lower his water rate during construction. It will take about thirty days to get ready to turn water on at 322 East Prairie. Hart announced he is doing total renovation. The Clerk explained a resident was allowed one to two months before two bills were charged while renovating. Property owner was renting out one while renovating the other. Council had agreed to charge one water bill for the first couple of months then two bills would be charged even though still renovating. The Clerk announced the property owner is still renovating (about one year later). The Clerk announced she is renovating one of her apartments but has been paying two bills. Alderman Beverley feels we may need to revisit – just because it's been done one way in the past. Alderman Weaver agreed to reduce rate due to the economy and fixing up homes. Alderman Macomber feels we need to establish a policy for all. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to allow Don Hart to have reduced rate of \$30 per month for ninety days at 322 East Prairie – subject for review. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ed Mitchell presented drafts of proposed levy for review. The Clerk was instructed to put this on the next agenda. Mitchell requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – Alderman Macomber announced there is no roof yet. Alderman Beverley reported Guenzler and crew have done a great job with demolition at 111 South Broad building.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Police – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver and Guenzler will meet Thursday at 2:00 PM.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – Alderman Beverley reported the Library Planner was here on the 11th and 12th. He now needs to go back to make changes to specs. No contractors showed up. They are just looking for ball park figures. Mitchell was asked to find out where the lot starts and stops. Mitchell will get size of lots but will need a survey for exact property lines.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Guenzler reported Burkholder is not quite done with the sidewalks. Debris was left along sidewalk at Freidhof's. The Clerk played message from Mrs. Freidhoff regarding sidewalk. Guenzler will contact Burkholder. Guenzler announced Dorothy McCue approached him about sewer problem at 221 South Argyle. The Lutheran Church is helping resident. It was suggested to them to plug drains in basement. No one seemed to feel the City should get involved with this – liability issue. Guenzler reported there is no problem at the main. Property owner is responsible from main to basement. Guenzler suggested the trees in parkway may be causing problems. Council declined request as it is private property.

Chief Matthew Magill announced everything is going well. Welcome is good. He is trying to get around town. Chief Magill had a staff meeting tonight. All were present and went well. Everyone has been very receptive. Chief inquired when he has questions, should he contact Alderman Beverley or the Council. All seemed to agree to contact Alderman Beverley and then the Council. Alderman Beverley instructed the Clerk to give copy of former Chief Page's activity report to Magill to use as a guide. Chief Magill announced the police reporting system has not been updated for two years. We need to get updated. Chief Magill explained company will give us December of this year but charge us \$985 for next calendar year (1/1/09 – 12/31/09). This will include support agreement. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve \$985 for police program. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Magill inquired about the status of the Safe Route To Schools (SRTS) grant, which Alderman Huggins had applied for. All thought this had died. The Clerk reminded everyone the sidewalks were denied but we were approved for a sign. Chief Magill feels the sign will be a good PR tool for Lanark. Chief will find out cost. Chief thinks we will have to purchase and then get reimbursed. Chief Magill presented Notice of Appointment for Mayor's signature. Mayor signed. After briefly discussing the breathalyzer, Council agreed to change to DUI fund. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to authorize Chief Magill to make purchases up to \$500 without Council approval. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief was also instructed to contact Alderman Macomber with anything over \$500.

Alderman Weaver and Alderman Beverley did not have any additional business.

Alderman Macomber inquired if there was any desire to make an appointment of alderman before election. Macomber is willing to ask around.

The Clerk questioned what the salary for Chief Magill will be. Alderman Beverley announced \$40,000 annual salary. The clerk inquired about the insurance deduction of \$25 per week for Chief also. All agreed. The Clerk asked for approval to pay bill for the "key to the City" plaque for the girl's volleyball team when it is available. The trophy shop has been extremely cooperative in order to have in hands for the presentation. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve payment of bill for the plaque when available. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk announced there was no response from Page regarding the insurance by November 10th. Alderman Beverley instructed her to cancel his insurance. The Clerk reported the receipt of \$361.06 property taxes for the TIF fund. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to transfer \$361.06 from TIF to

General. All ayes. Motion carried. When asked, the Council agreed to replacement value for insurance coverage of the new restrooms. The Clerk presented a ballot for the FSA committee. All agreed not to vote. The Clerk explained we now have direct deposit for the State checks. The sales tax of \$13,515.82 was deposited into our Illinois Funds account. She inquired what the Council wanted to do. Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to transfer those funds back to the Lanark account. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Barnes reported he discussed Hazelbower's concern regarding running radar on private property with Piper. Piper has no problem with Police on his property. Mayor Barnes received certified letter from Medallion announcing the closing of the Lanark facility in January. Water faucets will be opening there next year. Mayor Barnes announced he is still working on whether Medallion will be accountable for State funds due to closing. Mayor Barnes inquired if anyone wanted to revisit the issue of doing business with Southside Services. Council discussed the recent issue of the Prairie Advocate regarding the article about the dissatisfaction expressed by local business owner James Hazelbower over the City's purchase of goods from a vendor in another town, rather than through his establishment and the recent reporting of same in the Prairie Advocate. None of the council members present were contacted by the Prairie Advocate on this issue. Council agreed to maintain its current practice of seeking fair and competitive prices on goods and services required using vendors who meet our needs as to service, terms and price.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 8:51 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Exited executive session at 8:55 PM with no action taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*