

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF CARROLL)SS.
CITY OF LANARK)

January 6, 2009

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Chief Magill, Marty Beranek, Jessica Kuhlemier and Debra Fahay.

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the December 2nd meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Derrer to accept and pay the bills from December 2nd to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the Treasurer's Report for December as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). Phase 2 – Marty Beranek announced the next step will be to complete geoprobe borings in the tank bed area to verify the soil used as back fill for the removed UST is satisfactory; if not satisfactory, will need to refill. Hopefully soon, we will be cleared and monitoring wells will be abandoned. Since the MBRG term is due to expire on February 2, 2009, we need to submit an extension request. Beranek submitted this request for Mayor's signature. Southside Utilities Project – When asked, Mitchell reported he is making progress on the required easements. Miscellaneous – Well #4 pictures showing deterioration were submitted and reviewed. Beranek announced many of the components were installed in 1963 and will only continue to get worse. Currently no data is being received from the flow meter, this should be repaired. Discharge coupling and surge suppressor should also be replaced. Beranek discussed upgrading the well manifold piping from 4 inch to 6 inch diameter. MSA will prepare its scope of replacement of electrical and mechanical components accordingly for the Council's consideration as well as a contract for engineering services to upgrade these components.

Audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 – Council agreed to review and put on agenda for next meeting.

Wind tower lease agreement – Mitchell did not have copy with him. Clerk was asked to give copies to everyone for review for next meeting.

Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (TCEDA) funding – Mayor Barnes reported the Carroll County Economic Development Corp has reorganized as the TCEDA. They are just in the starting stages and are looking for funding. The Clerk reported last year we donated \$2,376 which is \$1.50 per capita. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to provide the TCEDA \$1.50 per capita for 2009 as done last year. All ayes. Motion carried.

Checks paid in full – The Clerk reported a resident has written “paid in full” on the last two payments for both of his accounts. She has consulted City Attorney Ed Mitchell. Mitchell explained if cashed, might constitute payment in full. Mitchell recommended we send these checks back and ask to rewrite them. The Clerk reported the payments do not pay the accounts in full. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to have Mitchell send letter with checks.

Public hearing for water bills – A resident was present requesting one month extension to pay water bill. After a short discussion, Council agreed to give thirty days to pay account in full.

No building permits were presented.

General Audience – Jessica Kuhlemier was present requesting an adjustment on property at 518 North Argyle for three months of renovations. Mitchell explained the City has a lien on the property. After doing some checking, he feels our lien will hold. Kuhlemier announced her father (Dave) purchased this home through a Sheriff’s sale. There was no mention of a lien at the time of the sale. Mitchell explained when purchasing a home this way, buyer bought subject to all debt. Kuhlemier does not feel she should be responsible for other’s debts. Since others are concerned about setting precedence, Alderman Beverley announced we can look at case by case. If you incur the debt, you should be held responsible but not if others incur the debt. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Derrer to reduce the water rate to \$16 for three months to get started with renovations and void the lien. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Police – Alderman Beverley announced she would like to make a change in the contract with the Police Chief regarding the line containing “will hold no other position”. Chief Magill would like to continue working part-time for Mt. Carroll. Magill announced he has been working part-time for Mt. Carroll for nineteen years and since it is his home town, he would like to continue. It was agreed to have Mitchell make this change and contact Alderman Beverley, Police Chair and Chief Magill when completed. Alderman Beverley announced the Police Dept. is in need of a new computer – extremely old. Alderman Macomber questioned the Clerk’s computer as he thought it was purchased the same time as the Police computer. After checking, the Clerk announced they were purchased December 2, 2002. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Derrer to purchase two computers – Police Dept. and City Hall. All ayes. Motion carried. Complaints have been received regarding the squad not being visible enough from the rear. Chief Magill announced approximately \$200 to install for a total of \$1,300. **Motion** made by Alderman Derrer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to purchase light bar. All ayes. Motion carried.

Personnel – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Chief Magill reported the crossing walk at railroad has a pad in the main line rails but not in the side line.

Wind tower lease agreement – The Clerk presented her copy of the lease agreement which was copied to her from Mitchell. Mitchell passed out copies and announced he did not see any problems with it. Mitchell explained he filled in a couple of blanks. All seemed to agree the \$1,000 annual rent would go to the cemetery. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to pass the wind tower lease agreement as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ed Mitchell announced the owner of property located at 529 East Pearl went through foreclosure. Realtor is trying to sell. Realtor called the Clerk and Mitchell wanting the water turned on in order to sell. The Clerk announced there is an outstanding balance. No one agreed to turn water on until balance is paid. Mitchell reported Valente is still in briefing – should end this month unless extended again.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Guenzler thanked the Council for the hams and the days off.

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

Alderman Macomber received call from Wayne and will be here next week to put on roof. Alderman Macomber does not know where to put trusses – possibly on the sidewalk. Chief Magill agreed to put on sidewalk and suggested putting cones and or barricades around. Alderman Macomber reported the trusses would be put up the same day they are delivered. Guenzler is concerned with DOT.

The Clerk inquired if she needed permission each time to transfer funds from Illinois Funds account to Lanark account. Alderman Macomber announced that should be a function of the Treasurer. Others agreed. The Clerk read note from resident “I do not support the Don Hart fund.”

Mayor Barnes received letter from Cycling Club requesting Lanark to host 2009. It is June 20, 2009 (weekend before OSD). Council discussed briefly. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Derrer to allow cyclists to use park facilities. All ayes. Motion carried. When asked, the Clerk reported there are thirteen petitions out at this time. There is still time to get petitions and file this month.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*