

January 20, 2009

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler and Chief Magill.

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

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the January 6th meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept and pay the bills from January 6th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). No one from MSA was present tonight. After looking over the update, Alderman Beverley questioned why the backfill was put back in if it was questionable.

Audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 – **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Beverley to accept the audit. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Beverley-aye, Alderman Derrer-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Annexation request – City Attorney, Ed Mitchell presented ordinance to annex Dean Miller's property into city limits. Mayor reminded everyone we had tried to get Millers to annex in before but they did not want to at the time. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept Ordinance #844. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Beverley-aye and Alderman Derrer-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Barnes received letter from Dean Miller's family requesting reduction in water bill. Miller is no longer living in this home. Council discussed rate reduction request. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Beverley to charge for water only until home is sold effective after annexation is completed. All ayes. Motion carried.

No building permits were presented.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – The roof on the city building at 111 S. Broad was started Monday. Mayor reported Duane Gruhn is concerned about Leland Street being rough. Gruhn's wife had back surgery and the road is rough for her to travel. After a short discussion, it was agreed to look further into this in the spring. Mayor Barnes announced resident is requesting the removal of the no parking signs on Claremont since Medallion is closing. During discussion, Chief Magill suggested waiting to make a decision until the next meeting in order for him to look this over and bring recommendation to Council. Council agreed.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver reported the Maintenance Dept. is doing a good job with the snow removal.

Police – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – Alderman Beverley reported the Library is moving forward but slow. The Library Board put together a packet to all the State reps in case funds free up.

Mitchell announced the Police Chief's contract was updated. Mitchell administered the oath of office to Chief Magill. Mitchell requested a short executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Guenzler reported they have been busy removing snow piles. Two more loads of salt were ordered last week. Alderman Macomber inquired if Zuck was going to take the leaves every year. Guenzler did not know for sure but will check next year.

Chief Matt Magill reported he talked with Alderman Beverley about hiring one more part-time officer. Mike Lewis has not made it in yet. Chief has someone from Savanna to fill in – Dwayne Hamilton. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Derrer to proceed with hiring new part-time officer. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Macomber reported we had previously talked about putting steel on the front of the building at 111 S. Broad. This may make it look like a shed. Mitchell explained about his building and how it will look. Alderman Beverley suggested keeping finishing to minimum due to the library possibly moving in. They are looking at doing something to the front. It was agreed Alderman Macomber would talk to WW to see what they suggest.

The Clerk asked for approval to pay John Huggins \$250 for time served until his resignation. Council approved. The Clerk played a message on machine from Rhett Coatney, insurance agent regarding error in billing of health insurance. After a brief discussion, the Clerk was instructed to pay the difference. The Clerk discussed the Council's recent approval of the purchase of computer for city hall. The Clerk reminded everyone of the suggestion to purchase a laptop for city hall as it would be easier to move if the Council chambers were to be separated from the Clerk's office. The Clerk requested approval to get quote from Chris the Computer Guy as he is the first one we call with computer problems. Council agreed. The Clerk reported we have been approved to transfer \$95,699.58 from Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund to General fund. The Clerk suggested putting this into a CD. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to put the MFT funds in CD. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk suggested putting a portion of a couple of the savings accounts into CDs. Several Council members feel the interest rate is so low there's no reason to move at this time.

The following petitions have been filed:

City Clerk	Jackie Hawbecker
Alderman Ward I	Ken Weaver
Alderman Ward I	Anne Lindsay
Mayor	Edward Stern
Treasurer	Karen Sloan
Alderman Ward II	Ron Strohecker
Alderman Ward I	Ardena Grant

Mayor Barnes did not have any additional business.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 8:10 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Beverley to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 8:17 PM.

Alderman Weaver announced he will not be at the next meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*