

March 17, 2009

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 Magill, Lexis Macomber, Ed Fehlhafer and David Davies.

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

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the March 3rd meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept and pay the bills from March 3rd to present with the addition of bill for gutters at 111 South Broad. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month of February as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marty Beranek of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). No one from MSA was present. After reading over the update, all seemed to agree it is good news that the fill dirt has been approved – Phase 2.

Eastland prom donation – Mayor Barnes announced the Eastland Prom Committee is seeking donations. Mayor Barnes reported with a report from the Treasurer, the City has donated \$100 for the years of 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007 and 2008. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to donate \$200 to the Eastland Post Prom Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police salary – Chief Magill presented proposal of a new wage scale for part time officers:

Less than 5 years	increase from \$12.07/hr. to \$12.75/hr.
5 – 10 years	increase from \$12.60/hr. To \$13.50/hr.
Over 10 years	increase from \$13.38/hr. To \$14.25/hr.

Chief Magill reported this new scale makes us more competitive with surrounding communities. Lower wages makes it harder to keep part time. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve part time pay increase effective March 29, 2009 as proposed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rate reduction requests – Mayor Barnes read each letter of request.

1. Dan & Lisa Libberton: rental property at 213 Rochester- renovating. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to reduce to half monthly rate for three months. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Dale & Lindy Swanson: Josh Meador's mother – Josh is in hospital. They are living in Chicago to be with son. Council began discussing as a hardship case, but some were concerned with this setting precedence. With unemployment high, others may come forward stating unemployment is a hardship also. So far, only vacant homes

have been granted reduction. All seemed to agree to deny this request due to the heart saying yes and the physical responsible saying no.

Replacement of pickup – Alderman Macomber announced it is time to replace the pickup. Alderman Macomber gave several options and compared mileage and cost for new and used. Alderman Macomber reported all are 4WD, could not find a 2WD. During discussion, it was advised to think of as hours not miles. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to purchase 2005 Ford F250 diesel pickup for \$16,185. Discussion continued comparing new – used – hours – miles and cost. It was agreed to put the current truck up for bids. Mayor Barnes called for a vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ed Mitchell presented draft of ordinance for appropriations for fiscal year ending March 31, 2010. Mitchell announced page 7 Library was budgeted \$150,000 last fiscal year. It was agreed Mitchell would consult with Janie Dollinger to be sure this amount is adequate. The Treasurer announced while working on appropriations, line item Engineering Service in Water fund was found to be over budget. The Treasurer explained this was due to bill of \$12,380.76 being paid on May 5, 2008 and appropriations approved on May 6, 2008. In order to correct this, the Treasurer recommended moving \$6,672.66 from Engineering-water (51-01-0532) to Engineering-sewer (51-02-6532). **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to move funds to correct line item which is over budget before the end of fiscal year. All ayes. Motion carried.

One building permit was presented. The Clerk announced even though the cost is under \$1,000, therefore not requiring a permit, Stacy Brown is requesting something in writing due to neighborhood conflicts stating she has City's permission to put on a deck with steps. All seemed to agree if there is no permit required, there is no reason to approve anything.

General audience – David Davies submitted information on veterans. Davies announced there is a meeting tomorrow night at the court house to elect officers. Davies would like Lanark to send a representative. He suggested Chief Magill or one of his officers. Chief Magill announced he would attend or send the officer on duty. When asked, Ed Fehlhafer announced he was just visiting.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – Alderman Macomber reported the roof at 111 South Broad is complete except for the gutters. Alderman Macomber will let Treasurer know when gutters are complete in order to get on this fiscal year's appropriations. Alderman Macomber announced the genie will sit due to the roads being posted.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver met with Guenzler at 6:30 prior to Council meeting. Alderman Weaver announced Brian Ferry will be retiring June 2010. Alderman Weaver reported he and Guenzler discussed hiring part time help for summer and continue as apprentice. Alderman Beverley suggested hiring a full time person to be ready to take over when Ferry retires. Since summer is our busy time, it makes more sense to hire full time and get more done. Mayor Barnes would like to see someone transition into Guenzler's position. Guenzler announced he plans to continue working five more years if health is good. All seemed to agree we need to get started ASAP for applications. Guenzler inquired if Council was going to take that much time to

hire, could we hire Tigges to mow as grass will start turning green soon. Alderman Beverley suggested having Ferry do the mowing until new hire. Alderman Weaver inquired if all were in agreement for the Maintenance Department to start working 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM starting Memorial Day through Labor Day. Guenzler explained this is due to beat the heat. All seemed to agree. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to advertise to hire full time person for Maintenance Department. All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk will put ad in paper. Guenzler reported last year we hired Jimmy Green to help brush the parkways. Green is willing to do at the same price as last year of \$40/hour using his equipment. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to hire Green at \$40 per hour capping at twenty hours. All ayes. Motion carried. Alderman Weaver asked for wages for Maintenance Department to be put on the next agenda. Guenzler suggested since Medallion is closed and Leland street is not going to be a truck route, to do the same with Leland street as was done in the cemetery. All seemed to agree to get figures. Mayor Barnes announced to be prepared to come up with price to pay for the new guy.

Police – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – Alderman Beverley reported they did a walk through the building tonight. The maintenance equipment is creeping out into areas which makes it harder for the architect to see overall. They are close to coming up with figures – moving along.

Ed Mitchell requested executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Alderman Beverley inquired if there were any problems with residents having water back up. Guenzler explained Darla Burkholder had problem with drain and needed to get plumber. Guenzler announced the light came on at lift station but was off by the time he checked it. Ruth Geary also had plain water. Mayor Barnes inquired if Shirley Green (Mauldin) got all taken care of. Guenzler thinks so.

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

Alderman Beverley received copy of letter from Rebecca Millard of the Enhancement Committee. She is looking to form committee of committee – looking to coordinate all branches of Old Settler's Days (OSD). Alderman Beverley inquired if there was any interest in having a member of the Council attend committee of committee. All seemed to agree not to have representative as the Council really does not have any involvement with OSD other than donation and liquor license. Alderman Beverley will get copy to everyone.

The Clerk read a letter from Sandy Conley requesting information about having a food cart in town. After considering this request, all determined there was little information in the letter. The Clerk suggested having Conley come to a meeting in order to learn more about this request. The Clerk announced it is time to set a date for spring clean up. She has already checked with Moring for available dates – May 2nd is the only date not available at this time. Council agreed on April 25th. The Clerk announced the new laptop arrives Thursday and needs to know if we will be using the current computer for the internet or the laptop. Alderman Beverley announced there is no reason to have two computers as there are firewalls and virus protection programs.

Mayor Barnes announced contract with Mediacom expires November 2009. All seemed to agree to pass this on to the new Council. Mayor received letter from Census Bureau wanting to know if we want to enter into a complete count census. If we do, we need to send in form.

Motion made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Weaver to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:11 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to exit executive session. Exited executive session at 9:22 PM with no action taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*