

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

April 21, 2009

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Chief Magill, Marty Beranek, Nick Wagner, Anne Lindsay, Edward Stern, Tom Kocal, Drew Williams, Nathan Randecker, Karen Sloan, J. Albertson, Kyle Faust, and John Huggins.

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone present. Mayor Barnes announced we will get new members sworn in shortly.

The Clerk pointed out an error in the minutes which was brought to her attention prior to the meeting by two of the alderman-elect. The new wage rate for Brian Ferry is listed as \$15.60/hour. This shows a decrease in pay. The Clerk consulted with the Personnel Chair, Alderman Weaver as to the correct amount. Alderman Weaver thought it was to be \$16.50/hour. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with correction. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept and pay the bills from April 7<sup>th</sup> to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Marty Beranek of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). Southside Utilities Extensions – Nick Wagner gave a short review of the project in order to bring the newly elected members up to date. Beranek recommended Council approve moving on to the bidding stage of the project. After giving a review of the project, both Wagner and Beranek fielded questions from the current Council and the newly elected members. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Beverley to move forward with bidding process for the Southside Sewer project. All ayes. Motion carried. Beranek inquired where Council preferred to advertise the bids. All seemed to agree on Prairie Advocate, Freeport Journal and Sauk Valley News. MSA will prepare and send the Clerk ad for bids for publications. Bid opening will be in May 26, 27 or 28 – before June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Beranek announced MSA has been working with the Clerk and ComEd to establish an electrical service account. Beranek announced the estimate is up about \$40,000 due to casing pipe under road. Approximate cost is \$190,000 plus MSA's services (about 10% of project). MSA will be on site 50% of the project. This project is more complicated than the water portion. The original estimate was \$250,000 for the full project. Cost of materials – copper and steel are high. Beranek submitted an amendment for execution. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to approve amendment submitted by MSA. All ayes. Motion carried. When asked about bills for Phase 2, Beranek reported tonight's bill is not the last. MSA is on schedule to complete the Remedial Action Completion Report for submission to IEPA in April.

Motor Fuel Tax Resolution – Clerk announced this is not available – tabled.

Claremont street repairs – Guenzler was not present due to attending Annual Wastewater Conference – tabled.

Liquor license renewal – The Clerk announced all paperwork is in order and questioned who would sign licenses. It was agreed Mayor Barnes would sign. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve liquor licenses. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Barnes opened the sealed bids for the 1993 Ford pickup truck:

Curt (no last name given)	\$550.00
Lawrence Derrer	\$676.50
John & Robin Mueller	\$851.00
Rob Williams (check enclosed)	\$785.00
Jim Offill	\$527.00

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to award to Mueller for \$851.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Purchase of squad – Chief Magill submitted proposal. Chief Magill reported a drop in price due to delay. When asked, Chief Magill announced the current 2WD Tahoe to be replaced with 2WD Tahoe. Mileage: 2005 2WD Tahoe – 95,000 and 2003 4WD Tahoe – 82,000. Chief Magill announced the Milledgeville Fire Dept. is interested in the 2005 Tahoe. Alderman Macomber announced Lanark Fire Dept. is also. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Weaver to proceed with purchase of 2WD Tahoe. Roll call: Alderman Beverley-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

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

1. Allan Salier – Mother’s home and his own are vacant and for sale. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to reduce to water only. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Applegate – moving out of town, home will be vacant and for sale shortly. Clerk announced Applegate will call when they move out – approximately two weeks. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Weaver to reduce to water only. All ayes. Motion carried.

One building permit was presented. Tony Dunlap is requesting permit to build a garage with one foot setback on the south end. Clerk explained the drawing shows four feet but Dunlap would prefer only one foot. Clerk announced she interpreted there to be no interior setback for an unattached garage. Mitchell agreed. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve permit for Dunlap with one foot setback. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Beverley was approached by the Lions Club to use the Internet service through Aero at the Heritage Center. Our contract gives us three free connections and we are only using one. John Huggins talked with the president of Aero and is okay with this. All seemed to agree the Lions Club needs to approach the Heritage Center Board for permission.

Chief Magill reported the SRTS (Safe Route To School) grant came back with signatures. The radar trailer should be here next week.

Alderman Weaver thanked Alderman Beverley for her services as alderman.

Mayor Barnes reminded everyone of the Smith/Mason issue which was discussed last meeting about fill. Smith does not feel Mitchell should represent Mason as he is representing the City – conflict of interest. Mitchell announced he is not representing Mason only answering questions on behalf of the City.

After finishing up all old business, Mayor Barnes asked Mitchell to administer the oaths of office for the newly elected officials. After oaths of office were administered, new members took their seats at the table and Mayor Ed Stern took charge of the meeting.

Mayor Stern discussed compensation for the retiring Council members. The Clerk explained they are paid through the end of the fiscal year which is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Stern feels the newly elected officials did not take over until this evening therefore should be compensated for their time in April. Alderman Macomber agreed with Clerk stating this was previously discussed and all were in agreement. This situation comes in to play for everyone. When the newly elected members retire, they will need to continue until next are officially sworn in which will also be in April.

General audience – John Huggins inquired if Chief Magill has checked into grants for the new squad. Chief reported he has but not much available. Huggins reported Chadwick is applying and will get information to Chief. Huggins requested emails for new members in order to update the city website.

### **Committees**

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – Alderman Strohecker announced trash is building up around town. Discussion went to what could be done about this. The entrance to the cemetery has shown no improvement. The Clerk received a complaint on Fischer's cement plant – going down hill and lots of cats. Chief Magill reported same problem in Mt. Carroll going on for about fifteen years. Possibly better ordinances are needed. Clean up day is Saturday. Alderman Strohecker is looking for answers.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver announced the receipt of the maintenance applications and will set up meeting to review. All are welcome to attend meeting and asked all to give emails to Clerk in order to notify about meeting date. Brian Ferry is retiring June 2010 and want to have someone trained for replacement. Alderman Strohecker suggested concrete and licenses. Guenzler would like to have for summer work. Alderman Weaver will contact Guenzler and set date for meeting.

Police – no report.

Economic Development – no report. Alderman Weaver congratulated John Huggins for certification.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Mayor Stern asked for motion to approve these reports. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Kocal announced he would prefer to serve on the Economic Development Committee.

Ed Mitchell did not have any additional business. When asked about a bill for 2008 from Cook, Mitchell agreed to get for next meeting.

Chief Matt Magill reported he and Guenzler completed their survey of stop signs which need to be replaced. The Clerk announced the neighbors keep asking about Huggins Lane. Chief recommended completely taking out the signs. Karen Sloan announced it needs to be one way. Chief does not agree. Sloan announced the box was installed for drainage. South half is two-way. The Clerk suggested one-way from the south. Sloan reported kids walking heading north on Huggins Lane cannot see at Pearl Street. Chief explained control by placing stop sign on north end at Pearl. Alderman Strohecker announced if both ways, the city will be fixing yards due to not being wide enough for two-way traffic. After more discussion, it was agreed to wait for Guenzler and all look at situation closer.

Alderman Weaver welcomed the new members.

Alderman Lindsay did not have any business this evening.

Alderman Fehlhafer asked Chief Magill to look into situation in the only four-way alley in town. This needs to be four-way stop. Just walking could be hit by car. There are kids riding bikes. There is going to be an accident. John Huggins agreed – hard to see because of buildings.

Alderman Strohecker reported he is back in town. Alderman Strohecker requested to be on the TIF Board.

Alderman Macomber announced it is a breath of fresh air to have full Council and is looking forward to the next four prosperous years.

Alderman Kocal announced it is nice to be back and look forward to serving the citizens of Lanark.

The Clerk announced several have signed up for the ACH debits. One of which is a business and is metered. The Clerk questioned if a business would qualify for paying eleven months and get twelfth free option. Council discussed and seemed to agree to allow this with the twelfth month figured on the average usage for the year. The Clerk reported the ACH option makes more work for her but is better service for customers. Clerk just wanted everyone to know as we all thought it would make for less work. The Clerk announced the renewal of city employee's health insurance needs to be addressed by meeting with agent Rhett Coatney. Who and when will meet with Coatney? Personnel Chair, Alderman Weaver and Mayor Stern will meet. The Clerk questioned who all would be authorized to sign checks. Discussion went to how many signatures would be required when signing checks. The Clerk explained the Bank does not encourage more than one signature. The Clerk reported since she has been serving as both Clerk and Treasurer for the past eight years, Mayor has been signing checks which are presented for approval at each meeting. In the past the Treasurer would sign checks approved at meeting. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to authorize Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer

to sign checks with one signature required. Voice vote showed four ayes and two nays (Weaver and Kocal). Motion carried.

Mayor Stern will update the committees with an outline of what each need to be doing. This will be a benefit to new aldermen. Mayor Stern will have for next meeting. Mayor Stern reported he tried to read up on the minutes but the website is not up to date. No minutes since last December. Clerk will send minutes to Huggins to post on website. Mayor Stern asked Huggins to serve on the Economic Development Committee. Huggins agreed and volunteered to serve as the at-large position for the JRB (Joint Review Board – TIF District). Mayor Stern announced there has been no Pledge of Allegiance at meetings but will start. Discussion went to question of legality with Pledge and or prayer. Mitchell will check into.

Alderman Strohecker asked everyone to get a copy of their ward and walk to make a list of sidewalk repairs. Alderman Fehlhafer thought this was done by the last Council. Alderman Strohecker did not see any list and would like to get this done.

**Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*