

December 1, 2009

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Anne Lindsay, Alderman Ed Fehlhafer, Alderman Ron Strohecker, Alderman Tom Kocal and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Mark Macomber and Alderman Ken Weaver were absent.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Linda Ludwig, Steve Haring and Sharon Pepin.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. After roll call, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the November 17th meeting as presented. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Strohecker inquired about the price of salt – if ordered earlier, would it be cheaper. The Clerk explained the price is contracted for in the spring. It does not matter when you actually get the salt – same price as contract. Mayor Stern briefly discussed the micro-surfacing costs of \$6,000 plus \$3,000 to the County.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from November 17th to present. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file) and reviewed. Haring wished everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving and early Merry Christmas. Haring brought a cheese and sausage tray thanking everyone for their support in MSA. **Southside Utilities Extensions** – Change Order #4 to extend final completion date to spring 2010 was presented for Mayor's signature. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) is being compiled for the new lift station. When complete, copies will go to the Clerk and Mt. Manager. Haring announced Loberg Excavating has requested that the 5% retainage amount be reduced to reflect the restoration work that is to be addressed in the spring. Council denied this request as the contract states 5%. **Phase 2** – Haring reported MSA has given additional information to IEPA as requested. The City will be billed for final review of documents of approximately \$25,000. **Storm Water Pond Feasibility Study** – This project is complete. MSA will await further direction from the City. Guenzler announced he will discuss the problems with Well 3 later in his report. When asked, Guenzler reported, Peerless will come tomorrow. Pump will probably be pulled. It has been 10-11 years since pump was put in with no maintenance or repairs during that time. Haring announced pump should be pulled about 5 to 7 years for preventative maintenance. Mayor Stern reported with the up-coming census, we need an updated boundary map for Census Bureau.

Treasurer Linda Ludwig reported the General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund balances are extremely low in the checking account. We currently have two CDs for Water & Sewer Fund - \$100,000 & \$150,000. The Treasurer recommended to transfer \$50,000 from Water & Sewer savings to checking and also cash in CD for \$100,000 and put \$50,000 in checking and the remaining \$50,000 in Water & Sewer savings. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to transfer \$50,000 from savings to checking and cash in CD for \$100,000

putting \$50,000 in checking and \$50,000 in savings. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Mayor Stern announced the hydrant on Hanabarger was really a challenge. Alderman Fehlhafer asked Guenzler to please call Mississippi Valley Pump to see how they are coming. Matt Haverland will take test soon. Guenzler explained they are trying to get EPA to give the test at the class. No date has been set - hopefully this month. Mayor Stern announced he sent letter of verification of employment for Haverland. Mayor Stern explained letter. Haverland will take only the water test at this point. Wastewater class will be next spring.

General audience – Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services reported she discussed RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for architect with Ed Mitchell earlier. Mitchell explained process. Put ad in paper, meet with architects, then negotiate fees. Grant applications require architect. Pepin and Alderman Strohecker explained the library has been working with a “planner” not an architect. Discussion led to how the Eastland Schools did when they hired an architect. It was agreed, we need to get moving on this. Discussion moved to funding. Pepin will contact Alderman Macomber to set up meeting with Planning Committee. Pepin suggested working on Strategic Plan and Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Alderman Strohecker announced John Huggins will begin work on Strategic Plan next month according to newsletter. Clerk announced dates are set for January 18th & 25th at 6:00 PM at the Heritage Center. Pepin suggested looking at CIP before doing budgets.

Ordinance for Police Dept. – Alderman Kocal will get information needed to Mitchell for next meeting.

Tax Levy Ordinance – Mitchell announced several need a two-thirds vote to pass. Mitchell explained since there are two aldermen absent this evening, if anyone votes against, we will need to do next meeting. Mayor Stern reported he talked with Lindgren, Callihan, Van Osdol (LVC). He did not get to talk with the two gentlemen as they were always in meetings. Brinkmeier suggested Mayor call Kris Garnhart as she would be the best source to discuss City audit. Garnhart told Mayor the reason City was always so late, was no one complained in the past about when they received audit. The Clerk disagreed with this as she and Alderman Strohecker have discussed this with Garnhart in the past. However, no formal complaint has ever been made. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to pass Ordinance #850, an ordinance levying the annual taxes for the City of Lanark for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

City employee health insurance – Mayor Stern announced he will talk about this in executive session.

Building permits – none.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – Alderman Fehlhafer passed around pictures of house located at 322 S. Argyle which the City recently purchased. Alderman Fehlhafer reported cabinets and furnace could possibly be used for new municipal building for storage. Furnace appears to be in good condition but is a used furnace. Alderman Fehlhafer recommends the City take out furnace &

cabinets and put house underground. Alderman Fehlhafer pointed out a tree limb lying over incoming electrical wires. We need to call utility company to disconnect service and take down limb. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to have Les Guenzler call utility companies to disconnect electrical service from house and gas service from house – have pipe disconnected at street – tomorrow. Further discussion included all the utilities to be disconnected – cable and phone. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Fehlhafer suggested seeing about an ordinance draft for any property with building – foundation must be removed not buried. Alderman Strohecker was not sure if we can do that legally. After more discussion, it was agreed Mitchell would check into this. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to have furnace and cabinets taken out of house located a 322 S. Argyle by city crew and stored for possible city’s use later. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Strohecker wants playground equipment torn apart, cleaned and repaired at city park. Winter is a good time to do this. Others agreed. When Alderman Fehlhafer inquired about the status of the fence at city park, Alderman Strohecker announced it has been completed for some time. Alderman Strohecker discussed rotation schedule for Mt. Dept. for snow plowing in order to eliminate overtime. Mayor Stern handed over the Replacement Book to Alderman Strohecker. Mayor Stern explained he has a summary of sidewalks completed this year. Also curb and gutter. Alderman Strohecker will start compiling list for next year. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer this winter the city crew shut off water and clean out entirely 111 South Broad. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Purchasing and Finance – no report. In the absence of Alderman Macomber, Mayor Stern asked Alderman Kocal to open the bids for the Tahoe.

Rick Eisenbise	\$2,525.00
Ron Hendrick	\$1,780.00
Doug Nehr Korn	\$2,650.00
Mark Macomber	\$1,800.00
Dave Suchocki	\$7,252.00

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept bid of \$7,252.00 from Suchocki for the Tahoe. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. The Clerk questioned the stickers on the Tahoe. They are still on and Chief Magill will need to take off before sale takes place. Alderman Strohecker announced Chief Magill pushed this project off onto Guenzler.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – Alderman Lindsay

Planning – no report.

Ed Mitchell requested executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel. Mitchell passed out draft of resolution for 105%. All seemed to agree to wait for next meeting for full Council.

Alderman Macomber had resident inquire about the fire remains – how long can let sit? Guenzler reported insurance company came and made insurance safe – boarded windows. Clerk reported the owners have obtained a demolition permit.

Alderman Lindsay and Alderman Kocal did not have any additional business.

Clerk

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:17 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 10:13 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to pay 55.08 hours of vacation time with letter to Department of Labor. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*