

February 2, 2010

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Bob Ruch and Linda Ludwig. Sharon Pepin arrived at 8:05 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After roll call, Alderman Fehlhafer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept the minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Ed Stern-aye. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept and pay the bills from January 19<sup>th</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Ed Stern-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Strohecker asked Treasurer Ludwig if she wanted clarification on where to move funds which are over budget. Treasurer reported she went on what was done in the past.

Annual Treasurer's Report – draft was submitted for Council approval to publish in newspaper. Alderman Strohecker questioned the \$7,000 paid to the Lanark Community Club. The Clerk explained it was due to paying two donations of \$3,500 in the same fiscal year. Since several questions were asked, Mayor Stern suggested waiting until the next meeting in order to give the new members sufficient time to review this report. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the Annual Treasurer's Report. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Ed Stern-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern discussed the agreement letter from Lindgren, Callihan Van Osdol (LCV). Cost is \$9,500 for the annual audit of fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010. Mayor Stern announced it is stated in the agreement letter the audit is to be completed by September 2010.

Bob Ruch of Forster Products was present to give brief description of his company and recent updates. Ruch invited everyone to visit Forster Products for a tour. Ruch then discussed slow sewer trouble which was reported a couple of months ago. Ruch wants someone to be looking into this issue. Ruch announced when slow earlier, he called plumber and roto rutered from the manhole back to Forster. Alderman Strohecker reported a couple of years ago, City took out several trees in that area. At that time, Council thought the problem was solved. Discussion led to possible need of a manhole. Discussed checking into easements. Mayor Stern and Ruch believe there is an easement. Everyone thanked Bob Ruch for coming this evening.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Alderman Strohecker questioned why Maintenance crew was salting Rolling Hills' parking lot. Guenzler explained they asked for help due to ice storm and City will send bill. Alderman Strohecker feels this needs to be left to private contractor. Guenzler explained it was only once and was just

helping out due to ice. Guenzler reported fire extinguishers were all checked out yesterday – thirty-one total. Alderman Strohecker submitted list of “things to do” and asked Guenzler to add this list to his list of “things to do”. Alderman Strohecker reported the storm door on city hall is the second since his time on Council. Guenzler was instructed to replace the door and not get another fiber door. Alderman Fehlhafer will get price on water main on Franklin Street near Ron Schultz’s residence. Alderman Fehlhafer reported a fire hydrant is also needed at this intersection. Also discussed the three homes which are connected on one line, which had problems there last summer. Mayor Stern announced the need for a Water & Sewer committee meeting as well as Streets & Property committee – need to figure out what can we afford to do. Alderman Strohecker discussed issue of three maintenance employees taking scrap out of the house at 322 South Argyle. Alderman Strohecker is concerned with expense of labor verses income from scrap. Discussed prioritizing projects. Mayor Stern questioned Sharon Pepin about Safe Route to Schools (SRTS) grant. Pepin discussed the grant and what is here in Lanark regarding schools. Application may not score as high due to what is here. Guenzler addressed complaints received regarding roads in cemetery not being cleared of snow. Roads are opened up for funerals only. Guenzler reported it is hard to get around on the cemetery roads due to their width – can maneuver but time consuming. Alderman Strohecker feels if Cemetery Board wants plowed, then they need to come to Council to discuss. The main road is plowed so that Amy can get to shed. Fire Dept. wants to know if they can use the house at 322 S. Argyle for training exercises. Council’s concern is liability. All seemed to think this is a good idea but do not recommend. April 1<sup>st</sup> is tear down day after bids. Alderman Strohecker suggested a written agreement with Fire Dept. Ed Mitchell agreed. Alderman Lindsay reported a pot hole in front of her home in the middle of the highway.

Community Funding & Planning Services – Sharon Pepin announced the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) were sent out. She passed out RFQ and list of firms which were mailed RFQ. Page two was a draft of an ad for newspapers. Pepin wants to send to John Huggins to be put on city’s website. No meetings will be held. Can set up time to look at building. Discussed city library and district library. Mitchell explained backdoor referendum. Lake Carroll residents must purchase library card and then can use any library. After some discussion, it was agreed to publish ad in Rockford paper, Quad City Times and local paper. Pepin will take care of this. After passing out cover letter, survey draft and press release, Pepin discussed income survey. Survey is approved by State. Pepin submitted quotes for two options. Option 2 – Pepin would do all the work (steps 1 through 8) for cost of \$3,600. Option 1 – City Clerk would do steps 1 through 4 and Pepin would do steps 5 through 8 for cost of \$2,900. Clerk Hawbecker volunteered to do steps 1 through 4 and to send out with water bills the end of this month. Surveys are to be returned to Sharon Pepin by March 20<sup>th</sup>. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Option 1 with Clerk doing steps 1-4 and Pepin doing steps 5-8. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Mayor Ed Stern-aye. Motion carried. Discussed possible costs for architect and if the Library Board will kick in. Mayor Stern will talk to the Library Board.

Furnace for Heritage Center – Alderman Fehlhafer submitted quotes from:

Gibbs – Milledgeville	\$2,989.46
Superior Heating – Lena	\$3,200.00
Carroll Service – Lanark	\$2,276.00
Crouse – Mt. Carroll	\$3,585.00

Alderman Fehlhafer reported FS will sell unit but cannot guarantee service as they are no longer in the furnace business. Alderman Fehlhafer recommended throwing this quote out. No response was received from Plattenberger in Mt. Carroll. Alderman Fehlhafer reviewed each quote. All were concerned with getting service when needed. Discussed what is needed and

what is currently there. When discussing where the funds would come from, the clerk suggested Operate Heritage Center. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to purchase York Gold Line at \$2,989.46. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Ed Stern-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Fehlhafer will take care of contacting Gibbs tomorrow.

LRA resolution – Mayor Stern inquired if everyone got email on the LRA resolution which he sent out recently. Mayor Stern gave brief explanation. Mitchell submitted draft of resolution. Diane Komiskey is trying to put pressure on government. She is asking for support. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to support resolution. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Ed Stern-aye. Motion carried.

General audience – no one present.

No building permits were presented.

### **Committees**

No reports from any committees this evening.

Ed Mitchell did not have any additional business.

Alderman Strohecker reported Council needs to work on budgets. Discussed employees. Is one retiring or not? Employee now wants to continue working until at least October. When discussing the CDL, the clerk inquired what happens when there is an accident and we know employee does not have CDL as required and is still driving trucks. Alderman Lindsay reported now that we know they don't have required CDL, they are working on getting them. Discussed setting a deadline for CDL. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay all full time employees must have CDL by April 20, 2010. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Ed Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk reported she received letter from Dept. of Labor requesting information on Voken Excavating which was a subcontractor for the sewer portion of the Southside Utilities project. Clerk has most of the information but does not have all. All seemed to feel Nick Wagner of MSA should be responsible for this information not the clerk.

Mayor Stern received Brownfield extension approval. Mayor asked if everyone received letter from Lisa Libberton on Lanark sister city in Scotland. Discussed letter with Council members have many questions. Clerk was asked to talk with the Shannon Bank in order to clear up confusion. Mayor Stern announced Greg Miller is planning to come to the next meeting to talk about the chain of command for emergency plan. Miller also wants to talk about the purchase of road patcher. Strategic Planning meeting is February 9<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Center. Census testing this month at Heritage Center. Mayor may put something in water bills about census. ComEd has changed contractors for tree trimming to Wright – white trucks instead of orange trucks. Mayor Stern announced we can expect Lanark Community Club to come asking for support for Old Settler's Days. Need to be thinking ahead. TCETA has hired new director. Mayor went to last meeting. They are low on funds so he may come looking for funds. Eastland Prom also coming up. Discussed getting local clubs involved in some projects like fixing up the old shelter house in city park. Possibly approach the Lions Club. All seemed to agree to get clubs involved.

Mayor thinks people want to get involved. Other communities use volunteer labor. Mayor reviewed brochure on Greening our Communities to be held at Buck's Barn April 22, 2010.

**Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*