

April 20, 2010

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

Also present were Chief Magill, Linda Ludwig, Anne Viglietta, Rachel Smith, Randy Pepin and Sharon Pepin. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. After roll call, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Lindsay requested clarification in minutes in paragraph where Chief Magill updated on NIMS – two volunteers. Alderman Lindsay's concern was of others which are NIMS certified but only the two volunteers were acknowledged. The Clerk and Chief Magill explained the two volunteered to be second and third in command after Mayor for the Emergency Plan. All present were in agreement of this clarification.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept the minutes of the April 6th meeting as presented. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Fehlhafer inquired about bill of \$334.56 for posts which seems high. This was charged to Community Betterment line item. Treasurer Ludwig announced sixteen posts were purchased. All seemed to agree, if extra posts were ordered, they did not all need to be charged to Community Betterment. Posts were ordered for Baseball and Basketball State placement signs. Not enough information was available on this bill.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept and pay the bills from April 6th to present with exception of bill for posts. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the Treasurer's Report for March as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services was not present but submitted written project update. Mayor Stern reported he received bill from EPA of \$3448.07 for work on NFR by Todd Gross. Payment is due May 31, 2010. Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services announced this bill should be paid out of the Brownfield grant. The \$2500 NFR fee from EPA has not been received as yet. Mayor Stern reported there is only about \$3600 remaining in the grant. When the revised NFR letter was received, it was given to Ed Mitchell to be filed at County courthouse within forty-five days. Discussed demolition of house at 322 South Argyle.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services updated Council on the RFQs. Three interviews were completed last week and two more are scheduled tomorrow. Pepin submitted fee base for architects to Alderman Macomber, Planning Chair. Thank you letters have been sent to those who submitted RFQs and did not make the short list. Discussed interviews and

possibly setting another meeting. Pepin announced a pre-application for funding of the municipal building is being reviewed. Pepin discussed other grant sources. A 79% response rate of the income survey was received. Next Pepin will develop map showing income. Once all done Pepin will send in. Pepin discussed list of projects received from Alderman Fehlhafer. She will need more information on these projects in order to proceed.

Chief Matt Magill reported he is working on grass monitoring. Chief explained his process. Officer Randy Craft has two classes coming up to teach – scams and bicycles. Forty-six kids have signed up. Chief Magill requested Council to consider establishing a credit card for the Police Department. Chief Magill discussed residents who are uncomfortable with things going on at the city park – obscene gestures and language, graffiti in shelter house, etc. Chief reported this is the only place for kids to hang out and does not want to kick them out. Discussed visual monitoring system. Chief suggested having a profession on this subject come to Council meeting. Neighborhood Watch was suggested. Discussion included problems and solutions.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM.

Written report was submitted by Les Guenzler. Guenzler was not in attendance as he was attending the Annual Wastewater Conference in Springfield. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed Well #4. He would like Peerless to look at and give estimate. It is taking longer to pump. Alderman Fehlhafer will have more information for the next meeting.

Ed Mitchell inquired if the appropriations were ready to type up. Treasurer will get information to him. Mitchell announced tax exempt status was approved for 322 S. Argyle. Mitchell received assessments printout from County. NFR letter needs to be filed at County. Mitchell will file tomorrow. Need to send filed copy to EPA by May 15, 2010.

Building permits – no report.

General audience – Anne Viglietta of the Heritage Center Board requested permission to put publicity for Heritage Center on city website. She will need to talk with John Huggins. Possibly a sign under Heritage Center – available for rent. Possibly put the schedule on website so people can see what dates are available. Names and numbers to contact for rent. Viglietta discussed fees, non-profit do not pay. Heritage Center income has only been \$450 since January. No one seemed to have any problem with adding information to website. Viglietta also plugged crossing guards and asked Rachel Smith (Prairie Advocate reporter) to put something in paper for volunteers to call Ken Viglietta. Also discussed caution light at Franklin and Broad and possibly striping across Broad Street. All agreed, could not stripe on Broad Street without IDOT approval.

Liquor license renewal – Clerk reported all information and payments have been received. She questioned one address which is Munster, Indiana. Council consulted the City Code Book (4-5-1E) and Chief Magill made a call.

City employee recognition – Clerk had sent out email to Council with several suggestions on recognition of Brian Ferry retiring after almost fourteen years of service to the City of Lanark. Ideas were discussed and agreed to open house at maintenance building on April 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Clerk was put in charge of arrangements. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver approving \$200 budget for open house on April 30th for Brian Ferry from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion went back to liquor licenses. Chief Magill is waiting for return call with information.

Strategic plan – Alderman Kocal announced it gives direction. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver to adopt Strategic Plan. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

RC&D – John Huggins submitted letter at last meeting requesting funds. Since no one was sure what Huggins was looking for, Alderman Kocal volunteered to check with Huggins. Mayor Stern discussed TCEDA. Mayor Stern and Alderman Kocal agreed to work on these two issues. Mayor Stern reminded everyone Huggins is doing work for the City – updating website for free.

Chief Magill announced if business is corporation, do not have to reside in city but if sole proprietor, must be resident. Dave's and Shell are corporations. Clerk questioned whether grocery store was.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer presented picture of trailer for Maintenance Department. New trailer is better than trailer we currently have. After short discussion, it was agreed to put on agenda for the next meeting. Alderman Fehlhafer has recommendation for rate increases. Copies were submitted and agreed to put on next agenda. Discussed rate increases, meters and drainage. Mayor Stern reported he along with Alderman Fehlhafer and Guenzler met with engineer for the school. Three hydrants to be put in.

Purchasing and Finance – no report. Mayor Stern announced LCV sent out information on collateral. Mayor Stern explained bank pledges. Mediacom rates are going up May 1st. Treasurer Ludwig submitted budget summary. Accrual was taken out by Treasurer by going back to budget before audit adjustments were made. Discussed expenditures and income.

Street and Property – electrical work at park – Mayor Stern reviewed proposals from Scott's Electric. John Mueller found there was a problem at Old Settler's Days (OSD) with electrical with all the vendors – alot of circuit breaker problems with vendors. Mayor Stern reported Alderman Strohecker relayed by email his recommendation of Option B. Option A \$5321.50 and Option B \$6621.00. The question arose whether Scott Lindstrom is a certified electrician, licensed or journeyman. No one was sure. Other option is to bring in semi with generator. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Personnel – no report. Mayor Stern questioned maintenance employee for mowing, brush, trimming trees, rototilling sand, etc.

Ordinance – no report.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal announced Bureau of Prisons meeting in Fulton – not for media – no electronic devices. Discussed prevailing wage and utilize other communities. Alderman Kocal will be attending upcoming workshop on Prevailing Wage. He will report back. Small communities need to economize by purchasing equipment and sharing time and equipment. Possibly others like legal services, treasurer and auditors. All small communities are cutting back due to income is down.

Planning – no report.

Police – no report.

Aldermen did not have any additional business this evening.

Chief Magill checked on liquor licenses and found all are corporations. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve liquor licenses. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk announced Tree Board report is in folders. Clerk reported she contacted insurance company regarding Recreation Board and received Certificate of Insurance. Copy was given to Don Kuberski for using high school cafeteria for fundraiser. Insurance company recommended **all** City Boards report to Council. Clerk read thank you letter from Brian Ferry.

Mayor Stern reported he received letter from Eastland High School stating the Jr. Tackle Program could be dropped from the Recreation Board.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*