

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

June 15, 2010

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 at roll call. Alderman Ken Weaver arrived at 7:32 PM. Alderman Mark Macomber was absent.

Also present were Les Guenzler, Chief Matt Magill, Rachel Smith, Anthony Malone, John Huggins, Franki Huggins and Steve Haring. Jim Smith arrived at 7:42 PM. City Attorney, Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM. Walter Sergo arrived at 7:55 PM.

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

Correction to the June 1, 2010 minutes: page 1, paragraph 6 – Southside should be Hart (Municipal) Building – regarding the monitoring wells. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the minutes of the June 1st meeting with correction. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-abstain and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept and pay the bills from June 1st to present. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month of May as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services was present but no report was given.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding and Planning Services submitted memo from Bray and reviewed. Pepin announced information has been submitted for DCEO and Blackhawk grants. Preliminary information for electrical, heating, EAV is required. Pepin thanked Guenzler and Clerk for their help in gathering this information. Grants are for \$100,000. Pepin inquired if a Planning Committee meeting has been scheduled. No meeting has been set as yet. Pepin will contact Alderman Macomber, Planning Committee Chair to schedule a meeting. Pepin explained once DCEO Flexibility grant is approved, we have two months to get application in. Pepin would like to meet with the Water & Sewer Committee to discuss other projects.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Guenzler reported the Girl Scouts started working on plaza and park. They will work on Tuesday and Friday. Sue Appel is one of the leaders. The hopper assembly on sweeper was replaced. Guenzler reported the steel plates at United Methodist Church (Princess Street) were knocked loose and have been repaired. Water leak repaired at Southside. Air pipes at lagoons are repaired. Alderman Strohecker inquired if bill has been sent to Rolling Hills yet – not yet.

General audience – Mayor Stern announced he received a call from Jim Smith regarding a mud hole out in front of his home. Jim Smith was present to discuss this issue. Smith explained he has filled in or asked the City Maintenance Dept. to fill in for the past six years. Something needs to be done so that it does not have to be addressed every year. When asked where, Smith explained parkway on South Boyd. Trucks going to test land swing out and Police officers make U-turns crush down by trucks, buses and cars parking across from Police Department. Smith is also concerned with mosquitoes and West Niles Virus. Smith asked the City to please

cover the low area with dirt so water does not sit. Smith reported Maintenance has cooperated over the years, but this is the first time to be addressed at Council. Smith also reported trucks sit out and idle. Fumes go right into his house. Smith requested buses and County trucks shut off their engines. When Alderman Strohecker announced it is zoned Commercial, Smith reported it was not on his side of street. Discussed solutions to this problem. Smith requested railroad ties but Alderman Strohecker did not agree. Discussion also included snow plow (not City) broke off pvc pipe which was recently installed at Smith's. Alderman Strohecker instructed Guenzler to add standing water at Nepean's and Smith's to list. Chief Magill prefers putting sign in maybe "residential parking". All seemed to agree to put in sign.

Public Hearing for water bills – Walter Sergo was present to discuss outstanding water bill. Sergo reported he is not working and trying to sell house. When asked to commit to a specific payment schedule, Sergo would not agree. Since Sergo would not commit to any payment schedule, Alderman Fehlhafer, Water & Sewer Chair, instructed the water service to be disconnected.

Building Permits Report – Chief Magill submitted written report and reviewed. Chief reported process is working well – no waiting for Council meetings to approve permits.

Chief Magill reported he received notification from State, Lanark has been awarded for grant of about \$4,700 for in car video system. Chief Magill was not sure who had applied for the grant. After some discussion, all seemed to agree to refuse the grant. Discussed fireworks – illegal in Illinois. Chief Magill reported department is busy with break-ins, domestic, etc.

General audience – John Huggins reported cookbook in the works for sesquicentennial. Forms to submit recipe can be picked up at library. Logo contest is complete and winner will be announced at Old Settler's Days (OSD). Huggins reported his daughter, Franki will be summer associate for VISTA. Other person backed out. Farmer's Market in city park. Bank donated funds for signs. Volunteer pool – five questionnaires received. Franki will go door to door. All seemed to agree to give permit with no fee, just for record. Huggins announced Chamber meeting in morning.

TCEDA – Mayor Stern reported Randy Prasse will not be here tonight. He will reschedule. Discussed what other towns have been donating. Alderman Kocal reported Lanark used to give \$1.50 per capita.

Resolution for Library Board – Mitchell submitted resolution appointing members to Library Board – Kathryn Ling, Kristy VanMatre and Chastity Welch. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve resolution appointing Library Board. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell received list from Clerk for water liens to be filed. Discussed resignation of Tricia Carroll from Zoning Board. Mayor Stern thinks we are currently two members short. Guenzler has volunteered. Discussed tax levy and staying under the 105%. Mitchell also discussed forestry tax levy. Question must be submitted by August 30th to put on fall (November) ballot. April election is mainly municipal. After more discussion, it was agreed to put on April ballot. Mitchell reported we have not gone over the 105% in a number of years. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to stay under \$220,000 tax levy. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried. Mitchell explained Chief Magill received a FOIA request from Valente. Mitchell sent letter stating the requested materials do not exist. Mayor Stern received foreclosure notice by hand delivery from Circuit Clerk explaining new law states must hand deliver first notice. Clerk reported she received first notice about a month ago. Notice was given to Mitchell. Mayor Stern announced he contacted Denny Pate at Moring Disposal to try to save City money. Pate will work on some options. Mitchell reviewed Moring's past request for increase due to high gas prices. Mayor Stern discussed contract – five years. Lanark is the highest rate in Carroll County. Mitchell is willing to review contract.

Committees

Streets & Property – Tree Board wrote up proposal and put ad in paper. Next meeting is July 6th at 6:30 PM. Reviewed conservation for city farm.

Personnel – Mayor Stern announced we need to have Personnel meeting. Haverland has not passed test. Personnel meeting was set for 1:00 PM on June 22nd in city hall.

Economic Development – no report. Alderman Kocal announced CCEDS meeting tomorrow is cancelled.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Purchasing/Finance – no report.

Water & Sewer – no report.

Alderman Fehlhafer reported he was at meeting last Thursday at Heritage Center. He asked the group if they wanted to give donation for use of building. There were two groups present and both gave annual donations. The names of the groups were not submitted until Alderman Fehlhafer can give these checks to the Heritage Board.

Alderman Strohecker reported the police officers on duty at night should pick up trash at the city park and that way they would deal more with kids.

Alderman Kocal announced he was not at the last meeting when Council discussed sending RFQ for engineering, therefore does not understand why we are going through this. Alderman Lindsay reported it is to open up to other firms. Some firms stand out in some fields. Opens up negotiations. Alderman Strohecker announced engineering fees were 25 – 35 % for Leland Street project. Alderman Strohecker feels this is a good business move. Alderman Kocal feels this suggests MSA has been over charging all these years. Alderman Strohecker questioned the water tower problems. Alderman Kocal and Guenzler were not aware of any problems. After much discussion, Mayor Stern announced he is looking for direction and asked if Council wanted to move forward with RFQ. Discussion continued with new fees which would come up with changing engineering firms such as legal fees to review master services agreement. Anthony Malone reported some communities have two engineering firms and pick which one is good at project. Alderman Kocal questioned how the Council would know who is better at service. Mayor Stern wrote up request to send out. Sharon Pepin has reviewed. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay to go on with the RFQ. Mayor Stern suggested waiting for Alderman Macomber's input. Mayor feels MSA has problems with other communities as well – not very informative. Three plans were presented before doing Southside Utilities. Alderman Strohecker reported that was due to attaining land, easements, etc. Steve Haring reported State requires quality based inspection. Haring will get copy for Council. After Mayor Stern polled each alderman, all seemed to agree for Mayor Stern to discuss with Alderman Macomber and go from there. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Clerk reported she did not order flowers for Linda Ludwig as the results of polling Council members through emails, all seemed to agree to memorial of \$100. However, business cannot be done via emails. Clerk asked for action to be taken regarding a memorial for Ludwig. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver to give \$100 memorial. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried. Clerk inquired what Council would do regarding the Treasurer's position since the last action taken was on a temporary basis due to Ludwig being in the hospital. Alderman Strohecker suggested leaving as is until next election. **Motion** made

by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to let Jackie Hawbecker do Treasurer's job until next election. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Clerk announced Ludwig was paid through March 31, 2010 and we owe her for April and May. Clerk was instructed to pay Linda Ludwig Estate for April, May and June. Mayor Stern asked Clerk to discuss signing checks. Some feel Clerk is now Treasurer and can sign all checks. Clerk explained when she was serving as both Clerk and Treasurer in the past, the mayor signed the checks which were presented at Council meetings for approval. The clerk would like this to continue as it is a better checks and balances. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver to authorize Alderman Macomber, Finance Chair as signee and sign checks at meetings. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-nay. Motion carried. Clerk will check with Gronewold Insurance regarding bonding insurance. Clerk reported two new business owners in town: Amy Barnes has purchased Isenhardt Realty and FNH Ready Mix has purchased Fischer Ready Mix. Policy has been to give new business one year free service, which is equivalent to standard rate for one year. All seemed to agree to give one year's free service to each new business owner. Clerk asked for clarification on wages for herself as Treasurer. Mayor Stern announced Clerk should be paid Treasurer's wages since she was appointed in May. Clerk announced IDOT has approved seal coating for this year of \$75,000.

Mayor Stern did not have any additional business.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*