

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Leigh Ann Piper, Steve Haring, John Huggins and Franki Huggins. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:28 PM.

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

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer -aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Strohecker -aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Fehlhafer questioned the bill from Shell Expresslane. Treasurer explained bill is for officer's meals who were working Old Settler's Days (OSD). **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept and pay the bills from June 15<sup>th</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay -aye, Alderman Fehlhafer –nay, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Community Funding & Planning Services – Alderman Fehlhafer announced Sharon Pepin will not be here tonight. Pepin has already talked with Terry about Well #4. A letter has already been sent for emergency funding.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Alderman Fehlhafer inquired about equipment repairs. When asked, Guenzler reported only one battery was replaced. Alderman Fehlhafer explained with a diesel both batteries should be replaced at the same time. Alderman Strohecker asked Guenzler to give report on problems at sewer plant. Guenzler announced there were a couple of leaks which were repaired but caused a couple more. Alderman Strohecker asked Guenzler to look at chlorinator building and Well then give report. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed the removal of sidewalk at Poffenberger's. When asked, Guenzler reported he did not have anything to do with this. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to have Guenzler talk to Poffenberger about who gave permission for removal. Alderman Fehlhafer thinks this is city sidewalk. The house located at 322 South Argyle has been removed. Lot has been shaped, leveled and seeded. A complaint was received from resident about rusty water when Matt Haverland was watering the seeded lot.

Police – Mayor Stern announced Officer Craft was adamant about accepting the video grant. Mayor signed paperwork and submitted. New one is better than what we have. Mayor Stern explained if we turn down, it does not look favorable for next grant.

General audience – Leigh Ann Piper reported she is working on Masters for nursing. Her group is doing research on senior citizens. The group wants to do a needs assessment survey. They need population of at least one hundred. Piper asked for this survey to be included with the next water bills for senior citizens only. Piper submitted a draft of survey for review. An introduction letter will also be included. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to allow Leigh Ann Piper to go ahead with survey. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Clerk questioned John Huggins if Chamber would be sending a newsletter in the same mailing. This would make a difference in the postage. Huggins announced he was not sure as yet.

Franki Huggins reported more surveys have been turned in. She will be going around door to door again. Farmer's Market is going well. Received good response from public.

John Huggins submitted copy of winning logo for sesquicentennial. Tom Healy was the winner. Discussed farmer's market. Huggins feels working out very well during the week. There are several in the area on Saturdays. Huggins announced Lanark has the most vendors in Carroll County. They are trying to get food vendor in (burger & brat). Baked goods are selling out.

Resolution for Zoning – Mayor Stern announced Ed Mitchell will address shortly.

### **Committees**

Planning – Alderman Macomber reported on meeting with Bray and Friends of Library. Review of blueprint. Several changes were made. Alderman Strohecker announced he received TIF annual audit information and will have Clerk forward on to TIF attorney.

Personnel – Personnel committee met and discussed vacation time. Auditor wanted sick/personal days on fiscal year not calendar year.

Vacation time:

1 – 3 years	1 week vacation
3 – 10 years	2 weeks vacation
10 – 20 years	3 weeks vacation
20 + years	4 weeks vacation

If employee quits, vacation time is prorated. Employee must have actual year in **before** using vacation time. Discussed how this would work. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve recommendation of Personnel Committee for vacation. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Clerk will check with auditor on sick days and personal.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker announced the Tree Board received two bids for tree removal. Fransen was lowest bid. If need barricades, Fransen can contact Matt Haverland. Person wants wood. Chips can go to sewer plant. Meeting will be set next month to discuss tree trimming and planting. Bids: Morgan and Fransen.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer has bid on east lift station for about \$32,773 from Mississippi Valley Pump. Sharon Pepin is working on getting Well #4 emergency grant. When asked what bid includes, Alderman Fehlhafer announced pumps, control panel and piping. Alderman Strohecker is concerned with what the real problem is over there. Guenzler announced it is the pipe – too small. Alderman Strohecker announced this will not fix it then. It will be up to City to put in pipe after this. We need to find the problem from lift station to sewer first – need to stop infiltration. Discussed what needs to be done to correctly fix the problem. (Ed Mitchell reported arrived at 8:28 PM.) When asked about dumping at sewer, Guenzler reported no more dumping. Mayor Stern asked Guenzler to get meter to put on well to get idea where we are at to start.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell submitted resolution for Zoning Board adding Les Guenzler and Ken Viglietta. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve resolution appointing Les Guenzler and Ken Viglietta to Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-abstain and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern reported he was contacted by FEMA regarding flood plain. Mayor also received letter from DNR about flood plain. Mayor Stern explained we cannot get flood insurance without ordinance on flood. Mayor explained if we join flood program, residents can take out flood insurance – example: Scott Preston. Mitchell will draft up ordinance based on sample ordinance provided. Mayor talked about flooding in Iowa. Need to do by December. Mitchell announced he will not be at next meeting as he will be on vacation. Mitchell reported

FOIA was amended recently. FOIA officer is Matt Magill. FOIA officer must go on-line and take test to be certified. Mitchell has done this for Open Meetings and is now certified. Library had to appoint FOIA officer and must be certified. Mayor Stern inquired if all Boards need to do this. Mitchell did not think so. Mitchell will bring certificate to Clerk. Mayor Stern asked for Mitchell's bill for second quarter. Mitchell submitted bill and reviewed. Mayor Stern is pleased about reduced bill. Mayor Stern discussed General Fund and feels we are gaining ground but is still concerned with General Fund.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Purchasing/Finance – no report.

Building Permits Report – no report.

Alderman Macomber – inquired about resident's car which was hit by branch in storm. Tami Kniss called Mayor Stern. Mayor told her to file with car insurance. Kniss does not have comprehensive. Then Mayor instructed Clerk to file claim with city's insurance. A week later, Mayor talked with Kniss and she sent insurance quotes and pictures. Nothing has been heard recently. Mayor Stern explained this happened on Saturday and he found out on Monday. Alderman Macomber inquired about Tree Ordinance regarding liability. Mayor Stern explained we took out wording but that does not mean we could not be liable. Mayor announced we need to wait and see what insurance does with this.

Alderman Strohecker announced Ed Mitchell's building looks incredible. Mitchell reported there are still a couple of things left to do.

Alderman Fehlhafer questioned how we can be sure we are getting all sales tax we are due. Discussed if coded as country, lower than if coded as in town.

Alderman Lindsay wants new handicap sidewalk put in at Merle Martin's corner and JL Hunter's corner.

Clerk did not have anything to report.

Mayor Stern will talk to IMLRMA about a policy on tree liability to set up for future. IDOT requires us to set up assessment and management of signs in town on reflectability. We must be in compliance by December 2012. When asked, Steve Haring reported Savanna has started replacing. Haring will check on grant and send email. Mayor reminded everyone at the last meeting, we discussed RFQ. Mayor has since discussed with Alderman Macomber and RFQs have been sent out. Ron Stenkin at Willett Hoffman would like to come to Lanark and has asked to go around with Maintenance. RFQs are due August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM with seven copies. Mayor Stern reported he has not heard anything back from Moring Disposal. Discussed city picking up garbage and recycling. Haring explained how his garbage policy works. After discussion, it was found only twenty-two cents difference for Moring versus City crew pick up. Mayor discussed Moring picking up before 6:00 AM – about 5:30 AM. Contract states 6:00 AM. Lanark's rate of \$11.18 is the highest in Carroll County.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*