

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

August 17, 2010

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Steve Haring, John Huggins, Ken Viglietta, Anthony Malone, Andrew Jarrett and Ed Mitchell.

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

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept the minutes of the August 3rd meeting. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept and pay the bills from August 3rd to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

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

General audience – Ken Viglietta reported he has been asking to get Franklin Street striped for crosswalk at school. He is trying to get volunteers for crossing guards. Viglietta explained parents and buses are stopping in crosswalk. School starts Monday. Guenzler reported he has informed Aschenbrenner striping will need to be done about two weeks after seal coating. Viglietta would like Franklin Street striped from north to south. Mayor Stern announced this can be refreshed since Franklin was not seal coated.

John Huggins reported Farmer's Market is going great. Letters were sent out for committees for the sesquicentennial. Mayor Stern announced we have given up on street lights this go round. Cost is roughly \$165,000. Matching grant was 80/20. All needed to be done by August. Mayor Stern is hopeful this opportunity will come around next year. Mayor Stern reported Huggins is going to try to get brackets and banners. Huggins asked about the TIF reports. Clerk reported all has been sent to Kathleen Orr. City can reimburse themselves anytime – do not need TIF Board approval.

Flood Ordinance – Ed Mitchell presented draft and discussed reason for ordinance. Residents cannot purchase flood insurance unless Council passes ordinance. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to pass ordinance #854 for flood plain. Mayor Stern questioned if this should be put in Code Book. Mitchell announced, if want to but cost will be about \$200. Discussed if this will pave the way for flood coverage. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Job description for Chief of Police – Mitchell distributed draft of ordinance. Mitchell explained he is concerned with the term “Chief”. We have a unique circumstance with Matt Magill. Alderman Kocal feels there is no problem now with Magill and crew. Others stated the crew can change. Alderman Kocal feels this issue could possibly go away. Alderman Kocal questioned changing to Public Safety Administrator. Alderman Strohecker then questioned if so, does Magill come in asking for Chief of Police? This can always be changed down the road. Discussion continued on ranking system – corporal, sergeant, etc. Mitchell concerned with part-time sworn officer giving orders to full-time certified officer. Mitchell suggested waiting for the next meeting when Magill is here. All seemed to agree to table for further review.

Treasurer Ordinance – Mitchell submitted ordinance for Treasurer to be appointed. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Ordinance #855. Mayor Stern questioned if Treasurer can be out of city resident. Mitchell announced he did not have time to check into this as Mayor’s call came late today. Mitchell reported this should be in the Ordinance Book. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Sand Filters – Alderman Fehlhafer submitted quote for ninety days for \$15,000. When asked about removing the sludge, Alderman Fehlhafer explained it will be City’s cost whether contracted out or our own maintenance crew. Alderman Macomber inquired about grant money. No one felt that was a possibility. Alderman Fehlhafer reported this will coincide with rate increases which we need to have in place by March 1, 2011. Alderman Fehlhafer reported a worksheet was distributed prior to Council. He only received two back. Alderman Fehlhafer is looking for input from Council. Process of cleaning the filters will take about three weeks. It will be City’s cost to replace any sand needed. Mayor Stern reported Fischer’s quote was \$69,000 to replace eight inches of sand. Tom Newell’s goes down eighteen inches. Hass was \$58,509 plus new sand to be purchased by City. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept Newell’s offer of sand filters. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern needs to sign sheets for this quote.

Audit Report – Clerk/Treasurer announced this report is cash basis.

Brownfield grant – Clerk explained the entire close out documents are ready for approval and signatures. Mike Charles helped with this process. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to authorize Mayor to sign close out documents for Brownfield grant. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer announced we need to get costs for pulling well.

Street and Property – Alderman Strohecker reported while the seal coating was being done, the County went back and fixed several places. Alderman Strohecker announced we need to put a hold on sidewalks as there are other projects which need to be done – drainage at Grant’s, Blair Parkway drainage – if we can get more catch basins in, water would carry better. Guenzler and Alderman Strohecker discussed how to proceed. Alderman Strohecker suggested an extra catch basin be put in at Scott Preston’s to drain into our lot on Argyle. Hopefully this will help alleviate some problems. Alderman Strohecker would like to see us focus on these right now –

sidewalks can wait. Alderman Strohecker instructed Guenzler to get Chuck a pair of boots. Sue Poffenberger wants to buy trees and plant in east parkway to remedy parkway problems. Discussed – if she buys and plants trees, they become city trees. She has already called JULIE locate. No one had any objection to purchase.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – Meeting at 7:00 pm on August 26th.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal announced meeting in Mt. Carroll at 6:30 PM.

Public Safety – no report.

Personnel – Committee designated private entity to finish mowing since Tony's resignation.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). D&L looked at roofs. Discussed what and how to do. Guenzler discussed water leak at Laurelwood Apartments. Guenzler called Mississippi Valley Pump to pull pump at lift station at sewer. Haverland has not passed test as yet – next try is September 13, 2010. Guenzler reported chips will be swept up in about two weeks from seal coating. Since alleys do not get as much traffic, Guenzler has our steel roller out packing down. When asked who was doing this, Guenzler reported Haverland. Mayor Stern announced he wants to put Haverland in OSHA class at Highland on September 13 & 14, but that won't work due to the test on the 13th.

Ed Mitchell requested executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 8:58 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Weaver to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:28 PM.

Alderman Strohecker questioned if Council's salaries should be increased - briefly discussed. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to reaffirm wages in Ordinance #837. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk submitted faxed bill of \$150 from Dave Kent for extra work due to the recent flooding. Discussed how to pay – straight out or add in with next paycheck. All seemed to agree to add into next paycheck.

Mayor Stern announced Tami Kniss has been working with IMLRMA. She will receive payment from IMLRMA. Mayor Stern feels we should submit all claims and let insurance review. Mayor Stern explained IML is risk management and rates go up if not doing safety training and taking precautions. Wind tower check has been received. Randy Prasse of TCEDA wants to come and will be requesting aid funding. Alderman Kocal announced TCEDA is doing a good job of keeping everyone updated. Mayor Stern met with Denny Pate and Larry Moring of Moring Disposal. They will not agree to any concessions. They are picking up garbage before 6:00 AM which is stated in the contract. Mayor Stern gave review of meeting with Moring.

Discussed what other towns do for yard waste. Mayor Stern talked with Chuck Strohecker about driver's license. It's all about money. Others thought Chief Magill was going to check into. Mayor Stern will talk to Chief again. Mayor Stern feels we need to work on Chuck's license and garbage or will go to \$14 - \$16. Mayor Stern will work on garbage.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*