

September 21, 2010

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Anthony Malone, Randa Dehargy, Robyn Lovell, Sharon Pepin, Randy Pepin and John Huggins. Steve Haring arrived at 7:40 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. After roll call, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the September 7th meeting as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept and pay the bills from September 7th to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the Treasurer's Reports for August as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for CDAP grant application – Mayor Stern called the public hearing to order at 7:35 PM and turned it over to Sharon Pepin of Community Planning & Funding Services. Pepin passed out guidelines and reviewed. The public hearing was closed at 7:55 PM. (Public Hearing minutes on file.)

Consider engineering cost estimate for Well #4 rebuild – Cost estimate of \$14,500 was received from Anthony Malone of ESI Consultants, Ltd. Mitchell discussed several issues in the contract from ESI: change Naperville to Lanark, if late paying bills, City pays interest-take this out, liability-if they mess up, maximum bill or \$100,000-leave this in, remove all provisions of interest. Mitchell continued to discuss other issues within the contract. When asked, Malone reported all employees would be coming from Stockton not Naperville. After more discussion on the contract, Mitchell suggested rewriting before approving. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve engineering cost estimate with changes as submitted. Alderman Kocal inquired how ESI was chosen for the engineering firm. Mayor Stern explained after the last meeting, he discussed this with Alderman Fehlhafer. Alderman Fehlhafer's preference was ESI due to Anthony Malone being at many Council meetings. Discussion continued on how and why ESI was chosen. Mayor Stern called for roll call vote: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-nay and Mayor Stern-aye. Mitchell announced motion was defeated. Alderman Kocal announced he would have liked more discussion before deciding on engineering firm. When asked, Pepin announced we are still on the timeline for the grant. We still have time to discuss further. Alderman Macomber reported the dollar figure is now out there and a new firm could under bid. All seemed to agree this is unfortunate. The next step is to table to the next meeting and hope more aldermen are present. Pepin announced we can still move forward with resolution.

Resolution of support and commitment of funds – Pepin explained City has to have resolution for application. If Council does not pass, time will be lost for the State to review. Pepin submitted resolution and reviewed. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve resolution of support and commitment of funds. When asked Pepin reported if the costs come in higher, City will be responsible. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Pepin announced she needs Mayor's signature on several items.

Community Planning & Funding Services – Sharon Pepin discussed the Blackhawk Hills grant. The Clerk faxed copy to Pepin for review. Pepin announced the project must be completed by March 2012. Two grants were approved for the municipal building: DCEO and Blackhawk Hills for \$71,250 and DCEO and ComEd for \$4,618. Discussed contaminated waste from construction projects – new State law. Pepin suggested discussing at committee level before signing grants. Alderman Macomber, Planning Committee Chair will set up meeting.

Public Hearing for water bills – no one present. Clerk will proceed on to next step for disconnections.

General audience – Randa Dehargy and Robyn Lovell were present to announce the opening of their new business Fleet Run Pet Rescue (pet shop). They requested free year's water service as a new business. When asked when they plan to open for business, they announced Thursday (September 23rd). The Clerk explained the one year free service is equivalent to standard rate for one year. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to start October 1st Fleet Run Pet Rescue at 121 S. Broad water bill be waived for one year equivalent. Business cards were handed out. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

John Huggins, Lanark Chamber of Commerce, reported Hometown Days are Thursday. Huggins requested municipal parking lot be blocked off for barbecue. Huggins announced Carroll Service will do the picnic tables. Huggins submitted draft of sidewalks in the city park – just looking for general consensus if a good plan. All present seemed to like the plan. West and east sides will have handi-cap parking – marked and signs. Huggins announced he will have more detailed plans in a month or two. Huggins inquired about permits for Lions Club's candy day on Thursday. Clerk announced she gave information to Chief Magill. Huggins reported shared building inspector was discussed at Municipal Partner's meeting recently. Huggins is planning to completely revamp the City website in the next couple of weeks with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page. Huggins suggested a letter from Mayor. Huggins announced the 150th Committee has approached the Fire Dept. to have a good old fashioned Fireman's Ball on New Year's Eve at the high school and do ball drop at midnight at Eastland Motor Sports. Mayor discussed website. Possibly put Chamber and City together as one site in order to save on expenses. Discussed credit/debit card for City.

Trick or Treat hours – Halloween is on Sunday this year. Mayor Stern suggested 4:30 – 7:30 on Saturday, October 30th. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to set Trick or Treat hours on October 30th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Bid for roofs – Two bids were received for roof repairs:

WWW Builders	\$14,481.60 total for all three buildings
Prowant Construction	\$19,980.00 for all three buildings

Discussion included specs, concerns with Peerless working at Well #4 and rubber roof plus need for warm weather. Guenzler prefers to do the other two and wait on the third. Discussion continued on what to do. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve bid of \$14,481.60 from WWW Builders. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. WWW Builders will need to submit certificate of insurance of at least \$1,000,000 liability and sign a prevailing wage form.

Committees

Streets and Property – no report. Discussed mowing of city properties. Sewer plant does not need to be mowed every week at this time of year but others need to be done weekly. After a short discussion, it was agreed to mow tower and park weekly others every two weeks.

Planning – Alderman Macomber will set meeting.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal announced the prison is for sale.

Personnel – no report. Mayor discussed past concern of part time person in order to get everything done. Mayor Stern announced he cannot find person for \$8.50 per hour. Discussed recent wage freeze. Mayor Stern feels a pool with several persons at several different wages based on experience. Mayor Stern reported he is trying to talk his son Jeff into coming in to help out. Mayor Stern announced we need to get wage level up. Alderman Kocal feels people with more experience should be paid more. He does not feel this should fall under wage freeze. Discussion continued with where extra help is needed and how to accomplish everything with more part-time help. Mayor Stern announced Amy Milby will not be doing the sidewalks this winter. Cemetery hired Brian Ferry to do them. Mayor Stern reported once Chuck Strohecker gets in 1,000 hours, must get full-time benefits – health insurance, sick days, personal days, vacation, retirement, etc. We need to lay him off once gets 1,000 hours to prevent full-time benefits.

Police & Public Safety – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report

Water & Sewer – no report.

Ed Mitchell announced he will have tax levy draft for next meeting.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). Mayor Stern discussed helping Chuck Strohecker get his driver's license back. Mayor Stern would like Chuck to meet with Ed Mitchell to discuss. Alderman Macomber inquired who would be paying for Mitchell's time. Mitchell explained jumping through hoops. Mitchell reported it's not just legal fees but also other fees. It could end up with thousands of dollars in costs. Discussed further. Alderman Macomber is concerned with getting CDL. There is a zero tolerance if have CDL. Mayor Stern wants Mitchell to work with Chuck. Alderman Macomber does not feel the City should pay for this. Mayor Stern discussed recent street sweeping in Shannon which was done after Labor Day. Shannon discussed with Mayor Stern their concerns with sweeping bill – feel bill was higher due to new person (Matt Haverland) sweeping is still learning. Mayor Stern questioned our streets after seal coating. Clerk reported receiving several complaints on the

street sweeping after seal coating. Chips are pushed off to the edge of streets. Mayor agreed and added there are also piles of chips sitting around on streets. Part of the complaint for the bill is the results. Several agreed need to train better for running sweeper. No formal complaint was made by Shannon. Guenzler did not hear anything from Shannon. (Mitchell left at 9:30 PM.)

Alderman Lindsay complained about the painting of parking spaces at the Lanark Church of the Brethren – space is smaller than cars. Guenzler agreed and has talked with Aschenbrenner. Mayor Stern feels the angle is wrong also. Alderman Lindsay received letter with a list of things that should be done at the city park. Some things have already been discussed. Alderman Lindsay will bring letter to the next meeting.

Alderman Macomber and Alderman Kocal did not have any other business tonight.

Clerk announced we have received the final reimbursement of Brownfield grant. Rex Sturtevant is questioning if he can trim neighbor's tree which overhangs their property line. All seemed to agree this is a civil issue. Jim Smith is willing to take down the crabapple tree in the city parkway on the north side of his home if the City will grind the stump. Smith says there is a gas line near the tree. All seemed to agree Smith needs to fill out a Tree Permit for this request.

Mayor Stern questioned what everyone thinks about contracting out. Alderman Macomber feels this should be discussed case by case. Alderman Lindsay feels we should not go out of town. Mayor Stern needs guidelines for bidding. Discussed bidding out projects. Mayor Stern reported the Police Dept. has pool of part-time officers and the Cemetery has a pool of three plus Amy Milby.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*