

October 5, 2010

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Ed Mitchell, Kevin Siksta, Matt Wagner, Dawn Preston, John Ferris, Kimberly Ferris, Randy Pepin and Sharon Pepin.

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 September 21st meeting and Personnel Committee. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Macomber inquired if prevailing wage forms were signed and certificate of insurances were supplied from tonight's vendors. Ed Mitchell explained no law requires this. If self-employed, don't need to sign prevailing wage form but if hire out, will need to sign. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept and pay the bills from September 21st to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

General audience – John and Kimberly Ferris discussed operation of golf carts within city limits. Mr. Ferris questioned regulations, if any. Mayor Stern reported the City regulates, not the State. Chief Magill is working on regulations. Alderman Macomber suggested Mr. Ferris contact Chief Magill about concerns. Randy Pepin announced Stockton adopted golf cart ordinance this year.

Dawn Preston was present to see what is going to be done with their property – drainage. Mayor Stern inquired if anything has been done since the house was removed. Alderman Fehlhafer, Water & Sewer Chair is in charge of this project. Preston announced this is the worst year yet. Alderman Strohecker suggested putting in a catch basin on her side of city property. Preston questioned if one could be put in before her property. Preston announced they cannot do anything with their property until the City does something first. Mayor Stern reported we need some time. Preston reported the tree above garage is losing lots of limbs. Alderman Strohecker, Tree Board Chair suggested she fill out a form.

Engineering cost estimate for Well #4 rebuild – Mayor Stern announced Alderman Kocal sent out email about concerns on this matter. Alderman Kocal inquired why this was being considered again. He read from the last meeting's minutes stating motion failed. Alderman Kocal feels this should be put out for bids. Alderman Strohecker announced cannot put out for bids. Mitchell explained State law states cannot bid out for professional services – engineering. Alderman Kocal questioned only one alderman can make decision which firm to go with. Others feel Alderman Fehlhafer can as the Water & Sewer Chair. Others announced the well is just sitting – unable to use. We needed to get the grant going. Alderman Kocal questioned Alderman Fehlhafer's qualifications to choose engineering firm. Mayor Stern explained the time frame. Alderman Kocal announced we have had MSA for twenty years and now we start getting new. Alderman Strohecker suggested committee meet, make recommendation and go from

there. When asked, Sharon Pepin announced we do need to move forward tonight. Grant application is already in with ESI's quote. Mayor Stern reported the same thing with Well #3. Peerless came down and pulled pump. A decision needed to be made immediately. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay in future, all recommendations go through committee then Council. We had to have engineering firm to send in application. Application was due the next day after the last meeting. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to go with ESI on this project – Well #4. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-nay. Motion carried. Mitchell announced the revised contract looks okay. No vote was taken on the first motion made by Alderman Strohecker and seconded by Alderman Lindsay.

Community Funding & Planning Services – Sharon Pepin announced the grant application has been filed. A copy was given to Clerk. Pepin called the State to be sure they received application and explained the urgency. It will be at least a couple of weeks. Pepin reviewed numbers. Jamie Soutar called Pepin regarding grant application for city park. Copy of grant was furnished to Pepin.

Tax levy – Mitchell submitted draft of Ordinance #856 for approval. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to approve Ordinance #856 for \$222,500. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Mitchell announced foreclosure on Autumn Preucil. City has a lien on property. Mitchell explained in the past, Council has agreed not to pursue as it is not cost effective. Mitchell did not recommend getting further involved.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). Tree removal company moved in their equipment yesterday. They started on East Pearl at Kalina's. Alderman Strohecker discussed usage of the bat wing mower, woods mower and old trailer. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker to put out for bids: bat wing mower, woods mower and trailer. Guenzler does not want to let go as he still uses. Alderman Strohecker will take this to committee. Motion died due to lack of second. Alderman Strohecker announced a couple of yards need mowing. Guenzler keeps asking Chief Magill – he's working on it. There are two on Main Street and one on W. Pearl. Alderman Strohecker inquired about Mayor Stern's list of projects. Mayor Stern announced there are about thirty projects. Mayor Stern wants tubes done before winter.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Streets and Property – Alderman Strohecker announced he will have a meeting next month. Mayor Stern reported need to get working on drainage. Alderman Strohecker may take transit down to 322 S. Argyle to see if we need help or not. Drainage issue at Ken Grant's is not done yet. Discussed drainage pond, funding and engineering. Maybe need to look further back to see what can be done. Pepin announced EPA Storm Water Management funding. Discussed having separate fee for storm water. Pepin suggested CIP surcharge – no specifics.

IDOT resolution – The 150th Committee wants to move OSD (Old Settler's Days) to Broad Street. They are trying to get carnival rides back. Alderman Lindsay questioned if Route 73 will be torn up. Mayor Stern reported does not know yet. DOT will sent letter with options once evaluated. Discussed man holes and curb/gutter. Alderman Strohecker wants to discuss snow removal agreement with DOT before Mayor signs.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver reported committee met Monday. Committee recommends having a pool of part-time employees as Police Dept. does (part-time officers) for snow removal and leaf pick up. Committee wants to hire two additional part-time people. Mayor Stern would like to see hire extra for snow removal when needed. Alderman Strohecker feels Council should see who hiring first.

Pay scale: \$ 9.00 - \$ 9.49
 \$10.00 - \$11.49
 \$12.00 - \$13.49

Based on CDL. Mayor Stern announced he checked on the 1500 hour limit. There is no limit for maintenance. Police Department is 1560 hours. Committee recommends hiring three part-time to form pool of part-time employees that Les can draw on for special maintenance work – example: leaves, snow removal and sand filters. Mayor Stern says do not need motion just recommendation. Not all agreed with this. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve committee’s recommendation to hire three part-time to form pool of part-time employees so Les can draw on for special maintenance work. Examples: snow, leaves and sand filters. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-nay, Alderman Strohecker-nay, Alderman Lindsay-aye. The Clerk questioned if Mayor should vote. Mayor Stern voted aye. Not all thought Mayor should vote. Mayor should only vote if there is a tie. Mayor Stern feels motion failed.

Economic Development – no report.

Police & Public Safety – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – Alderman Macomber reported committee met earlier this evening. He will have more to report at the next meeting.

Aldermen did not have any other business tonight.

Clerk gave brief report on Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund. MFT audit is scheduled for October 26th at 9:00 AM. Audit will cover the years of 2008 and 2009.

2008	Seal coating	\$46,017.40
	Engineering	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>
		\$47,617.40

2009	Seal coating	\$40,736.83
	Engineering	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>
		\$42,336.83

After the audit report is received we can transfer a total of \$89,954.23 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund to reimburse the General Fund as the bills have been paid out of the General Fund. The Clerk received letter from IDOT regarding MFT. There will be an increase in funds which we should receive about mid October.

Mayor Stern did not have any additional business tonight.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*