

October 19, 2010

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Anthony Malone and Chief Magill. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:05 PM.

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

As Council was reviewing the minutes, the Clerk asked everyone to look over the pay scale for the employee pool on the top of page three.

Corrections to pay scale: \$9.00 - \$10.49
 \$10.50 - \$11.99
 \$12.00 - \$13.49

Alderman Fehlhafer asked for Main Street to be changed to Broad Street as there is no Main Street in Lanark (page two, paragraph four). Alderman Fehlhafer questioned the IDOT resolution discussion regarding snow removal. The Clerk explained she thinks Alderman Strohecker may be talking about the maintenance agreement with DOT for Route 73 through town. The resolution must be within two weeks prior to event. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the minutes of the October 5th meeting as amended. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept and pay the bills from October 5th to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

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

Community Planning & Funding Services – Sharon Pepin will not be here but submitted report by fax. Council discussed and agreed to put suggested press release in newspaper – Prairie Advocate and Carroll County Review – as press releases.

Resolution for IDOT – Chief Magill reported on moving Old Settler's Days (OSD) to Route 73 next year for the 150th celebration. Overflow will go to East Carroll and East Franklin streets. Chief Magill has proposal for detour route and gave some details. Alderman Fehlhafer is concerned about parking on side streets in order for trucks to make the turns. Chief and Alderman Fehlhafer discussed this issue. Chief Magill asked the 150th committee about electricity. The committee will check into. Chief Magill announced the committee wanted to extend to Expresslane. Chief Magill did not want to get the railroad involved. Chief explained they must use IDOT's resolution and just fill in the blanks. Chief inquired who will furnish insurance coverage? Chief Magill announced the City will have to buy signs. They must be DOT certified detour signs. Will City pay for or 150th committee? Possibly borrow from Shannon.

Chief Magill discussed the 2003 Tahoe repairs. Chief announced the 2003 gets lots of use. Over the past two years, Chief has noticed slow down in shifting. Current mileage is 100,000. Chief Magill recommended GM part. Chief received quotes from JD's Automotive and Kunes of Mt. Carroll. JD's is \$100 cheaper. When asked about a rebuilt transmission, Chief did not recommend with older model. When asked about how much longer the squad would last, Chief Magill reported since it is in good condition, probably three to four years but he would like to see it replaced sooner. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to enter into agreement with JD's Automotive for GM transmission replacement unit which comes with three year/100,000 mile warranty. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Chief announced receipt of \$4782 grant reimbursement for video camera. Chief Magill asked Council to consider adding an expense line to budget for grants. The Treasurer reported auditor requests us to put grant reimbursements in the grant income line item not credit to the expense account. All seemed to agree to add line item for grant expense. Chief Magill reported the computer is in car and using. Chief explained officers can now have information before going to car when stopped. Chief Magill wants to purchase another dock and accessories in order to transfer computer between both squads. DUI Equipment fund can be used for this purchase. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to purchase dock for squad. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Chief Magill reported paperwork for sports signs have been submitted to IDOT. (Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:05 PM.) Chief Magill announced the sign on the west side of town is leaning. Guenzler will check into. Chief Magill reported an officer will be at the Police Station to hand out glow sticks and candy for Halloween on October 30th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

Building permits – Chief Magill did not bring report tonight. He will email report to Council. Alderman Lindsay discussed complaints about traffic control last Saturday's football game. Instead of directing traffic, officer sat in squad one block up on Broad Street – just sitting not directing. Playoff game will be here on October 30th. Alderman Lindsay reported officer was out of uniform for another incident – t shirt and jeans. Chief will check into. Discussed dogs running at large. (Alderman Kocal arrived at 8:15 PM.) Chief Magill will address these concerns.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Guenzler reviewed curb and gutters. Guenzler hopes to have completed by the end of this month. "Closed at dusk" signs are up in the city park. Leaf pick up has begun. Guenzler announced he has updated the "Upcoming Activities" portion of his report.

General audience – Anthony Malone thanked the Council for passing ESI's quote.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer set committee meeting for October 25th at 8:00 AM.

Streets and Property – Alderman Lindsay announced committee meeting set for October 22nd at 11:00 AM. Tree trimmers are still in town – trunks are still standing.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Police & Public Safety – no report.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal announced CEDS meeting tomorrow night.

Ordinance – Alderman Lindsay announced she wants to discuss with Mayor Stern before reporting to Council.

Planning – Alderman Macomber submitted letter from Bray. Planning Committee and Library have both met. Cost for the first phase was \$14,600. City paid half and Library paid half. When asked, Treasurer confirmed receipt of payment from Library. Alderman Macomber gave brief update of the progress of the municipal building. The Library has committed to \$17,860 to Bray's fees for the next phase. This will be put on the next agenda. Alderman Macomber asked everyone to review cost estimates only. Alderman Macomber announced Janie Dollinger, Librarian would like the lobby smaller. Alderman Lindsay feels there needs to be enough room for customers who are there to see the Clerk. Several agreed they want a warm comfortable feeling when entering the building. Alderman Lindsay and Alderman Macomber discussed the last Planning Committee meeting. Floyd Roberts wants to be project fundraiser chair. This will be put on the next agenda.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell clarified voting results on motion from the last Council meeting regarding the pool of employees. Mitchell feels Mayor had the right to vote according to State Statute. Four ayes and two nays – motion passed according to Mitchell. Alderman Kocal feels Mayor can choose to vote anytime. Mitchell discussed home rule and non-home rule. Lanark is not home rule. Mitchell announced State trumps Robert's Rules every time. Mitchell read from State Statutes and explained. Mitchell feels the motion clearly passed. Mayor Stern feels there should be four ayes on all votes. Mitchell reported the tax levy was filed. Truth and Taxation needs to be signed by Mayor. Mitchell requested everyone's code books for latest update. Mitchell will check with County Clerk on date to file forestry tax on the April ballot.

Aldermen Weaver, Lindsay, Fehlhafer and Kocal did not have any other business tonight.

Alderman Macomber reported he was approached by Mike York regarding his driveway. York feels sinking is caused from abandoned water line which runs east and west. York is willing to tear out concrete at his expense if the City is willing to dig up to see what problem is. If issue is City's, we pay, if not York pays. Others agreed. Discussed payments received for Hazelbower's repairs. Hazelbower is to pay in full by the end of this year. Alderman Macomber will talk to York. All seemed okay with this arrangement.

Clerk announced copies of invitation to open house are in folders.

Mayor Stern received letter from T6 Broadband requesting to lease space on our water tower. Aero is currently on our tower. Mitchell discussed Chadwick's problems – interference. Mayor Stern suggested they talk about it at the CEDS meeting. Mayor Stern submitted copies of water testing for 2009 and 2010. Cost for 2009 is $\$15.00 \times 49 \text{ samples} = \720.00 and cost for 2010 is $\$20 \times 48 \text{ samples} = \960.00 . Mayor discussed his concerns with increase. Discussed increase in revenue for fines. Mayor Stern also submitted Treasurer Reports comparing October 4, 2009 and October 5, 2010. Mayor pointed out a shortfall of \$87,500 from last year at this time. Mayor Stern discussed finances – possibly move some from checking to savings. Alderman Macomber, Finance Chair reported we usually move from checking to savings once the checking balance gets too high. Treasurer explained we review after the November 1st Bond payment is made as this reduces the checking account balance by about \$60,000. Treasurer reminded Council we did cash in two Water & Sewer CDs this past year. Mayor Stern feels we are coming

out of deficit. Mayor Stern continued to review income and expenses for General and Water & Sewer Funds comparing with current fiscal year and last year's fiscal year. Discussed sales tax questioning if Carroll Service is city or not. Mayor Stern submitted report – 18 Months (21 April 2009 – 19 October 2010) and reviewed all fifteen line items. Treasurer announced #8 is not clear. Treasurer suggested “overall fund” would be better as subcategories. Alderman Macomber agreed. Chief Magill reported the Police Department has received \$22,000 in grants over the past two years. Chief listed several items purchased through grants. Mayor Stern announced these items are not necessarily for better or worse, just changes in what this Council is doing.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*