

November 16, 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, Anthony Malone, Chief Magill, Madison Magill, Mike Siciliano, Kim Sturtevant, Quin Kosmecki, Steve Haring, Paxton Strouse, Brad Dunlap, Rebecca Green, Randy Prasse, Sharon Pepin and Randy Pepin. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker and Alderman Kocal. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept and pay the bills from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Macomber recommended approving the Treasurer's recommendations to move funds around as presented at the last meeting. Alderman Kocal asked for clarification as to what was to be done with the TIF funds. Treasurer explained open a savings account and move the TIF funds from checking to savings. They will still be separate from the other accounts. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve changes within bank balances. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Annual Treasurer's Report for fiscal year ending March 31, 2010 was submitted for review. Treasurer explained this report will be published in the newspaper and the figures came from the Annual Audit Report. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer, to approve Annual Treasurer's Report for publication. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Mike Siciliano, Kim Sturtevant and Quin Kosmecki of Carroll County Crime Stoppers presented Chief Matt Magill with a plaque thanking him for his work in solving the crime spree of break-ins at areas schools this past spring. Siciliano announced Chief Magill put video on You Tube and a parent saw her son. Crime Stoppers is paying out five anonymous callers.

Randy Prasse of Tri County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) passed out information and gave background information on TCEDA. Prasse also discussed the Thomson prison. Some communities are not prepared for growth in their water and sewer systems. Another concern is housing. First wave of employees is four hundred fifty with a second wave of another four hundred fifty for a total of nine hundred employees. Prasse asked the City of Lanark to step up and support TCEDA. Prasse announced he will be asking all the other communities within the three counties to contribute. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to give \$2,500 to TCEDA from Community Betterment. Mayor Stern announced John Huggins held Strategic Planning meetings. Prasse hit hard on the first - goal to improve economy. Alderman Macomber would like the donation to be higher. Mayor Stern reported Prasse hit on several of our goals – three out of four. By July 1<sup>st</sup> must adopt commercial building codes. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Prasse thanked the Council for their support.

Community Planning & Funding Services – Sharon Pepin announced she supports Prasse and TCEDA. Pepin announced Bray will attend Planning Committee meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM. Pepin reviewed progress and timeline for the Municipal Building. Pepin provided a list of contractors. Alderman Macomber questioned who contact person should be. Alderman Macomber is willing to be contact person. All seemed to agree everyone needs to contact Alderman Macomber and he will contact Bray. Bray should not have to deal with multi-person emails and phone calls. This will be discussed at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Pepin presented Bray's recent drawings of the building. Pepin discussed funding. Live & Learn grant applications are due February 18<sup>th</sup>. Statement of Interest is due December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pepin suggested applying for the \$50,000 ADA grant. (Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM.) Pepin explained we can only apply for one of the three available grants. The Library is actually the applicant on this. Pepin questioned who (Library or City) would decide this. It was agreed to discuss this at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Pepin reported need to think about the DCEO grant. The City would be the applicant for this for the library. The well has been assigned a grant number but still waiting on paperwork. Pepin announced we are concluding the fifteen day public comment period - no comments as yet.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). The tree service people came in today to finish up. They have some stumps ground out. Sewer facility pump ordered – eight weeks for delivery. Guenzler explained he has found with the UPS bomb scare, pump is stuck in customs in New York. Pump is made in Italy. Mayor Stern questioned if weather turns bad first of December, can we still put in outside line. Guenzler announced it will just take longer.

General audience – Rebecca Green explained her home and two others are on the same water line. Green brought a sample of rusty water for Council to see what her incoming water is like. Green reported if a neighbor is watering his lawn, she cannot take shower. First main break was in 2002 and another last year. Nothing has been done yet. Greens are last on the line. Water pressure is huge issue. Drinking water is bigger issue. Alderman Strohecker suggested contracting out to Brinkmeier's. Alderman Fehlhafer wants to put in fire hydrant on corner also. Color of water is very sporadic. Alderman Lindsay wants this to be a summer project. Alderman Strohecker reported this is not on priority list. Anthony Malone suggested discussing this at committee level.

## **Committees**

Streets and Property – Malone was asked to put together information for PARC grant being written by Jamie Soutar. Cost will be \$2,600 for survey. Malone had discussed cost with Mayor Stern and agreed it is not the best use of funds. Mitchell was called for copy of deed. Mitchell explained we do not have a deed. It was not done in 1861. No record of deed. Documents required for grant application are costly. Malone suggested hiring contractor for sidewalks. Mark out a pathway to get idea of linear feet. Need wide enough for wheel chair. Mayor Stern reported costs could be about \$10,000 just to get off the ground. Mayor Stern announced we also need to do Route 73. Not all have had a chance to review options from IDOT. Alderman Strohecker reported at Committee meeting discussed put out for bids for mowing. Committee recommends selling bat wing mower, six foot mower, old utility trailer, furnace and road grader. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept bids on submitted list of equipment as recommended by Streets & Property Committee. Briefly discussed. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Committee decided to seek design for new building located in front of sewer - 40' X 80' for storage. A few years ago it was discussed moving the salt away from wells. Plans are at FS. No cost for plans. FS will give cost estimate for materials. Tree trimmers are back. Residents are disgusted. Tree planting will be in the spring. TIF meeting December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Sealed bids for equipment sale to be back by January meeting. Info to Tree City USA is due.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Police & Public Safety – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – Alderman Macomber reported meeting scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM with Bray.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer announced he will be going to Rock Falls at 8:00 AM for training session. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed ordinance for water, sewer and garbage rate increases. When asked why we did what we did - raise rates - infrastructure needs repairs, gas prices are higher. Alderman Fehlhafer feels Moring will ask for more surcharge. Alderman Fehlhafer submitted list of reasons for raising rates. Discussed CIP cannot be part of sewer rates. We are not a home rule community. Need to separate fund for CIP revenue. Pepin explained water income only for water expenses with sewer being the same. When asked if Moring comes in to ask for increase, do we have to give it; Mitchell announced it depends on what contract states. Clerk gave contract to Mitchell. Storm water is not considered sewer therefore cannot use sewer funds for storm water projects. Malone thinks since not home rule community, to set up CIP must go to referendum. Mayor Stern suggested this go back to committee to find solution. Several are concerned with effective date of March 1, 2011. Mitchell reported need referendum for storm water tax. This is a fee not a tax. Meeting was set for November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 AM.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell passed out ordinances for compensation of Treasurer and water and sewer rate increases. Mitchell reported assessed values change next year. Mitchell talked with

County Supervisor and best estimate of drops are: Mt. Carroll 3%, Lanark 3+% and Shannon who is lumped with Freedom Township (Lake Carroll) 8%. Mitchell reported 82% of assessed value is residential. Discussed millage limits.

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

Alderman Strohecker reported Ann Strohecker is asking City to plow sidewalk in front of her shop on South Broad as done for other businesses. Discussion included not doing this service in order to cut back on expenses and possibly charging businesses for snow removal. Some feel there is not much retail remaining and do not want to run off any more. Some feel Alderman Strohecker has a valid point of Ann's shop. Alderman Strohecker reported he has a dumpster at business and questioned if he could eliminate home garbage. Request was denied. Alderman Strohecker announced there are others in town that does this per approval of past Water & Sewer Chair. Mitchell, after reviewing Moring's contract, reported contract is for five years – expires in February 2013. Mitchell reported in IIIb. it states rates may be increased no more than once per year. Any requests must be written document why requesting increase and approved by Council. Council can just say no – subject to approval of Council. Collection is not to begin prior to 6:00 AM. Several commented Moring is in violation of this as most have seen Moring picking up garbage prior to 6:00 AM.

Clerk submitted MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Audit Report for City records.

Mitchell reported he still needs Code Books for updates.

Mayor Stern submitted map of flood plain for City records.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*