

December 7, 2010

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Anthony Malone, Matt Wagner and Sharon Pepin. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM. Alderman Lindsay arrived at 8:47 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 Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept the minutes of the November 16th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept and pay the bills from November 16th to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Community Planning & Funding Services – Sharon Pepin donated Christmas decorations for city hall. Pepin presented update of water and sewer rates comparison of area communities and briefly reviewed. No garbage rates are included. CDAP grant agreement was received and signed last Friday then sent in. Pepin discussed the Well Improvements project information. Total cost of project is \$108,160. CDAP grant is \$82,270 making City's cost \$25,890 including in kind labor. Out of pocket cost to City of \$9,890. Pepin reviewed time frame. Will use some of pipe again. Discussed who would contact EPA for permit. Terry of Peerless had told Malone, he would take care of permit. Pepin explained can award contract but cannot date due to contingent on getting clearance letters from DCEO. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Weaver to award Peerless as soon as possible on contract work after clearance letter is received. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Malone has contract information. Malone reviewed substantial completion information. Start date will depend on receipt of liquidated damages – was not included in original contract. Guenzler is free to order materials as of December 8th. Grant Admin. Services contract was submitted by Pepin. Pepin explained this will come out of grant. Pepin reviewed services agreement. Need to set up CDAP account. Pepin will submit draw downs for Peerless as work progresses. Peerless is well aware of Prevailing Wage. Public Hearing will be required at end of project. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Mayor Stern sign contract with Peerless for services. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Pepin sent Statement of Interest on behalf of the library for Library Grant which was due December 3, 2010. December 20th is next Planning Committee meeting. Pepin discussed funding and writing of grant. Library is to pay Pepin for grant writing for Live & Learn grant. Mayor Stern needs to sign Energy Grant and send back to Blackhawk Hills. Pepin discussed updating CIP. Current CIP is through 2011. Alderman Macomber suggested ten year plan rather than just five as done in the past. Some would like to have completed by end of fiscal year.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). Guenzler questioned if Christmas decorations should be stored again or trashed. Alderman Macomber suggested replacing in two phases – keep better half and buy new. Guenzler suggested contracting company to put up. Mayor Stern will talk with Shannon to get idea of cost.

General audience – none.

Ordinance amending Treasurer – Mitchell submitted draft. When asked, Treasurer reported she is not certified as Illinois Municipal Treasurer. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve Ordinance #857 as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Ordinance for Water, Sewer and Garbage rates – discussed if already approved. At Water & Sewer Committee meeting, not all agreed with currently approved fees. Alderman Fehlhafer would like to amend current rates. Consumer Price Index would control rates of increases. This way we would not have to go through this every year. Mitchell reported ordinance can be changed. Alderman Fehlhafer listed several projects which need to be addressed – sand filters, Burns Street and currently Well #4. Possibly send out letters to residents informing of change effective date. Discussed CIP fee. Storm water cannot be paid out of Water & Sewer Fund. CIP will need to be put in separate fund. Alderman Fehlhafer suggested adding paragraph to review index in April and adjust water, sewer and garbage rates accordingly.

IDOT options for Broad Street – IDOT wants to resurface IL 73 from Route 64 to north end of city limits. Alderman Strohecker reported at meeting, it was agreed Option 1 was best – adds up to about \$100,000 curb to curb. We can write into agreement, project to start after OSD (Old Settler's Days). City is responsible for Broad Street. Discussed what to do. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Option 1 – all of Option 1. More discussion. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association payment option – Treasurer explained options and what has been done in past. Treasurer pointed out increase of \$5,000 this year. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve the two payment option to IMLRMA. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Committees

Streets and Property – Alderman Strohecker reported Prowant will repair leaky roof at Heritage Center. TIF meeting prior to Council meeting – minutes submitted. Alderman Strohecker submitted estimate for salt shed to be built at sewer plant. Alderman Fehlhafer submitted estimate for salt shed to be built next to current maintenance building. Alderman Fehlhafer feels location at sewer is too far away. Some do not want to use parking lot. Discussed taking down current city hall. Alderman Fehlhafer and Alderman Strohecker do not agree on what to do. Alderman Strohecker reported we have talked about moving the salt away from the wells for years. When asked, Guenzler prefers central location – near maintenance building – salt and chips would stay where currently located. It was agreed, no decision was needed tonight, just think about. Alderman Strohecker reported at the last meeting, motion was made to sell equipment then was told couple days later not going to sell all. Therefore nothing was done.

Several felt this is a good point – why make decisions and not go through with them? Mayor Stern announced he did not realize how much the grader is used. Space is becoming more and more limited.

Planning – committee meeting December 20th at 7:30 PM. PD is on hold for now – next phase. Alderman Macomber explained project will be done in phases. Mayor Stern suggested bidding in January and due in February. Pepin explained won't see bidding for some time as funding needs to be in place first – possibly in spring.

Ordinance – no report.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal reported special CEDS meeting at 7:30 in Mt. Carroll. Senators Bivens and Jacobs, Representative 71st District Morhtland will be there. Not sure about Sacia. When asked about prison purchase, Kocal reported it is moving along.

Personnel – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Alderman Fehlhafer announced damage needs to be repaired due to leaky roof at Heritage Center. No one thinks roof has been repaired as yet. Prowant plugged temporarily for now. Heavy rains in November – Mayor Stern looked and did not see any more leaking. Not sure when can be done due to weather. Alderman Fehlhafer feels Heritage Center should help pay for repairs.

Water & Sewer – no report. Mayor Stern reported he is sitting on storm water letter. Mayor wrote up scope of work and looked at engineering firms. Willett & Hofmann looks to be best qualified for storm water. ESI is not licensed. Mayor Stern announced Statutes read send to highest qualified firm first, then second, etc. Mayor Stern will write up description for Blair Parkway and send out letter to Fehr-Graham. Need to put together by February 18th. CDAP Public Facilities grant – Pepin reported a lot needs to be in place for application. Need to move forward on cost estimate. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to request from Willett Hofmann cost estimate on storm water on Prairie and Argyle and Blair Parkway. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern gave letter to Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann. Possibly have cost estimate by next Council meeting.

Police & Public Safety – no report.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell reported lien should be paid tomorrow on house located at 308 W. Locust. Mayor Stern inquired if Mitchell received pictures of Fox house with branch on house. Chief Magill took pictures. Mitchell will contact Fox. Neighbor is concerned with possible damage to his home.

Alderman Weaver, Alderman Lindsay, Alderman Fehlhafer, Alderman Strohecker and Alderman Macomber did not have any additional business.

Alderman Kocal handed out proposal to eliminate water fluoride in city's system. Guenzler reported EPA requires. Alderman Kocal did not agree. Malone believes it is mandated.

Alderman Kocal asked all to investigate. Alderman Kocal did not find anything on EPA. Guenzler suggested Kocal talk to Brett Hanson at EPA as he is very knowledgeable.

Clerk submitted paperwork for MFT funds of \$4,080.74 additional funds for seal coating for mayor's signature.

Mayor Stern announced cemetery information in folders. Norm Brinkmeier is concerned. Mayor Stern reported we do not know if we are exempt from new Cemetery Oversight Act. New software is in place. Brinkmeier is looking for seminars on this. Brinkmeier has concerns about licensing. Filing dates for petitions is December 13-20, 2010.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:54 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 10:35 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to pay 36 hours straight time for training at the rate of time of class for Matt Haverland and Les Guenzler. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to pay Denny Johnson four days vacation pay due to him. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to have Clerk send out notices of current vacation policy. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*