

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
COUNTY OF CARROLL)SS.  
CITY OF LANARK)

January 4, 2011

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, Chief Magill, Steve Haring, Anthony Malone, Matt Wagner and Floyd Roberts. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM.

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

Alderman Lindsay questioned the minutes as it read she was absent but then later shows her voting. Clerk explained Alderman Lindsay was absent at roll call but the minutes note when she arrived. Alderman Lindsay announced she felt it was wrong how plans were reported in the Streets & Property Committee portion of the last meeting. Alderman Strohecker did what the committee asked him to do by submitting building plans as recommended by the Committee. Immediately following Alderman Strohecker's submission of his plans, Alderman Fehlhafer submitted building plans. Since Alderman Fehlhafer was at the Committee meeting, he was well aware of the Committee's recommendations for building plans. During discussion, others agreed this was poorly handled. No correction is needed only clarification.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept the minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Strohecker reported sixteen trees were to be removed. Alderman Strohecker checked today, work is done and approved check to be issued tonight.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept and pay the bills from December 7<sup>th</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

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

Community Planning & Funding Services as Sharon Pepin will not be here tonight.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). Guenzler reported this is only half of his report as he is having problems with printer. Alderman Strohecker questioned when taking backhoe in and have it gone through as Alderman Fehlhafer had requested. Guenzler did not know of this request. Guenzler reported a couple of hydraulic hoses broke and were repaired. Mayor Stern questioned if the flashers worked. They do not. Alderman Macomber announced it would be wise to invest in if we are going to keep for several years since it is a 2003. Others agreed. Alderman Strohecker inquired if the ordered materials for the sewer plant had arrived yet. Guenzler reported they have not, but the materials for the well came in. When asked when the well would be started, Guenzler reported this week. Guenzler explained the sewer plant was on the second page of his report which would not print.

Guenzler reported pump was repaired, north lift station problems. Scott Lindstrom was gone, so called Holm to pump out and dump at sewer. Discussed Holm and bill. Mike Kendall bought Holm. Mayor Stern announced we shot ourselves in the foot. Guenzler announced Kendall is willing to do this for no charge if he is allowed to dump. Mayor Stern feels we need to reconsider dumping.

Chief Magill passed out updated version of grant which was applied for in early 2009 for radios. Chief explained more funds are available and looked at applications again. We were ineligible before but are now eligible. It is a 75/25% grant. Our radios are not compliant. Chief Magill reported he had Council approval previously but has not submitted revised application as yet due to Council approval. Cost to City will be \$1969. Chief explained tonight's budget shows over due to the camera grant is still in Equipment Expense. Treasurer will make this adjustment. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve grant application for radios. Discussed further. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Chief Magill announced as of 11:00 AM today, we are now 100% NIMS compliant. Chief Magill did four on-line classes today. At least one person has to be certified others can be but are not required. This covers Police Dept., Maintenance Dept. and Public Works. Mobile Data grant was NIMS compliant and so is radio grant. Zoning – Chief Magill announced no building permits since the last report. Clerk had forwarded email on NIMS.

General audience – Floyd Roberts, Chair for fundraiser for library. Roberts announced the Friends of the Library have appointed him as Fundraiser Chair. Roberts explained the community was not well informed before of the Municipal Building, they plan to correct that this time around. Have many plans for fundraisers: get about a dozen library users to use Face book to get youth involved; aggressive marketing program with Prairie Advocate with weekly articles; distribution of brochures through Prairie Advocate; anticipating activity for about ten months. Planning schedule: expect to complete bid packets out in February and back in March; Pies on Porch or Church - possibly have at Heritage Center; E-books for E-readers-Loves Park is currently testing. When asked if it is realistic to have fundraisers, Roberts announced they will get corporate and residential dollars. The public has no idea of what services are offered at library. Roberts reported more DVD rentals at libraries versus Blockbuster on December 26, 2009. Barnes and Noble sold more E-books than paperbacks. It was an important event of the community when library opened.

Municipal Building floor plan – Alderman Macomber submitted revised floor plan and explained changes. The Police Department is on hold. Library Board meeting tonight approved this plan. Discussed a door which will be in southwest corner. Alderman Strohecker is concerned about Police Dept. garage interfering with door. If use green space cannot leave except through library as it will be fenced in. Library is applying for the Live & Learn grant and will pay for Sharon Pepin's fees. The \$125,000 grant is a 50/50 grant. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve plans as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern announced he supports this plan.

Argyle detention pond quote – Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann submitted quote of \$11,000 via email earlier in December. Wagner reviewed quote. Alderman Strohecker questioned how going to set up and how would drain. No map of storm drains. (Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM.) Discussed how and what needs to be done in order to correct drainage issues. Intent is to apply for grant. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve storm drainage proposal as presented by Willett Hofmann for \$11,000. Discussion

continued. Alderman Strohecker is concerned with taking care of drainage issues at both homes (Sweitzer and Preston). No one has talked with residents in case easements are needed. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Wagner inquired who the contact person would be. All seemed to agree first Alderman Fehlhafer, Water & Sewer Chair, second Les Guenzler and third Mayor Stern.

Water, Sewer and Garbage rate increase ordinance – Mitchell submitted draft and reviewed. Mitchell announced 6-9-2C was added since the last meeting. Alderman Fehlhafer instructed Mitchell to put in this section to increase automatically. Mitchell suggested putting together a chart or spreadsheet so can see all rates-simple one page of rates. Clerk announced she has already started this chart. Fire Dept. rates were not in the Code Book. Mitchell explained amendment to include Fire Dept. rates. Discussed paying eleven months and getting one month free. Clerk explained this option is still in place but needs to be seriously considered as customers are paying the eleven months thinking they will be locked in with the current rates and will not be required to pay the new increase. The Clerk announced these residents should be required to pay the difference of the rate increase. Alderman Strohecker reported he has attended committee meetings and not all has been brought to the Council. Storm water has to come out of General fund or CIP. Alderman Strohecker explained presented as 15% increase but with the \$5.00 CIP fee it is actually 23%. Alderman Strohecker announced the water does need to be increased. If remove storm water expenses from Sewer fund, then sewer does not need to be increased. Alderman Strohecker is concerned if we pass this ordinance tonight, it will cause problems in the next year or two down the road. During discussion, several agreed that the Committee had agreed to: water \$20, sewer and garbage remain the same and CIP \$10. Several do not agree with the automatic increase. All seemed to agree to vote down tonight and rewrite. No one agreed that the automatic increase was agreed on in the past. All seemed to agree to send back to committee. Several aldermen agreed customers **must** pay the difference in increase when paying the eleven months to get twelfth month free.

Priorities – Mayor Stern listed Library, sand filters, Route 73 resurfacing and Rebecca Lott/Green's water line as high priorities. Alderman Strohecker feels Green should not have to pay for water since started until fixed. Others disagreed with this. When asked, Guenzler reported no complaints from other two residents. Guenzler announced you have to consider what they have for pipes inside the house. Other priorities are water main on Burns Street-two blocks and fire hydrant-and drainage at Ardena Grant's. When Mayor asked about sidewalks in the city park being a priority, all seemed to agree it was not a priority. Discussed sidewalk project. Alderman Macomber questioned if Chuck Strohecker is seasonal employee why is he still working-no sidewalks are being done. Alderman Lindsay reported keeping Strohecker all winter. Alderman Macomber does not feel any more work has been done this year than in the past. Alderman Lindsay explained will have a Personnel Committee meeting to make some decisions. Need to keep up on maintenance. Guenzler reported hydrants are all changed over-all drained back in October. Alderman Kocal questioned work on Route 73. This will be done by IDOT not city crew. Continued discussion of priorities included library, Route 73, deteriorating and vacant buildings downtown, sidewalk on south side of Cornerstone (Shumway) building, bad sewage flow at Forster Products and flushing hydrant at Eastland Motor Sports.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell inquired when to bring resolution to appoint City Boards for Council approval. All seemed to agree to bring all in May. Mitchell explained an unfounded mandate of the Supreme Court. All courts must come up with disaster plan if obliterated. Judge Gunnerson will list Mt. Carroll City Hall as back up but would like to list the Lanark City Hall as second site. No cost or formal action is required. All agreed.

## **Committees**

Planning – Alderman Macomber passed out copy of letter received from Floyd Roberts regarding library funding.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal reported he checked with Sacia trying to get support of fluoride on both sides-long way to go. Alderman Kocal was shocked to learn fluoride was mandated.

Personnel – set meeting to discuss overtime.

Police & Public Safety – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Streets and Property – no report.

Water & Sewer – no report.

Alderman Weaver, Alderman Lindsay and Alderman Kocal did not have any additional business.

Alderman Macomber questioned what happened to the equipment sale. Alderman Macomber announced it was voted and approved but nothing has been done-discussed briefly. Anthony Malone reported other communities are putting on E-Bay-bigger audience.

Clerk reported receiving notice to protest unemployment for Jeff Stern and Quin Kosmecki. All seemed to agree to protest Stern's as he was hired only as needed.

Alderman Strohecker would like to see finance report on Heritage Center and Library-possibly monthly or quarterly. Alderman Macomber feels we need full disclosure for the upcoming fundraising. Mayor Stern announced could put in ordinance form to require finance reports-monthly/quarterly/annually. Alderman Strohecker would like to see Jeff Stern get CDL this winter if we are going to use him next year. Several agreed we have asked for reports in past with no results.

Mayor Stern inquired about ordinance on golf carts. Chief Magill announced he will bring up in spring. State has legislation over municipalities. Chief Magill has received five-six requests to use golf carts. Chief thinks can do resolution because State Statute is in place-neighborhood vehicle. Kit can be purchased to put on golf cart.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*