

January 18, 2011

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Anthony Malone, Matt Wagner, 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 Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the January 4th meeting. Alderman Fehlhafer referred to committee meetings if he is in the wrong, he would prefer hearing it face to face. If it is city business then it should be brought to Council meeting for discussion. Alderman Lindsay had questioned the minutes of the last meeting. Alderman Lindsay explained she only discussed issues during the meeting. If someone is not at a meeting, they get talked about. Mayor Stern called for roll call vote: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-nay and Mayor Stern-aye. Mayor Stern questioned voting results. City Attorney, Ed Mitchell explained it is a simple majority. Motion carried. Alderman Macomber questioned quorum. Mitchell reported we have a quorum with Mayor Stern voting and is okay to spend money.

Finance report – City Clerk/Treasurer pointed out a bank error of \$377.88, therefore the figures on this report do not match the figures on the bank statement. Correction will show on the January bank statement which will again affect the figures presented on Finance Report. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept and pay the bills from January 4th to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the Treasurer's Report for December as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Community Planning & Funding Services as Sharon Pepin submitted and reviewed draw down request. HD Supply's invoices were on tonight's bills. Invoices from ESI for \$4448.75 and Community Planning & Funding Services for \$1150.00 are listed in the draw down. Pepin explained both invoices are 100% eligible to be paid out of the grant. Pepin reported she is keeping track of City's expense of invoices for city's match. Pepin reported she is requesting \$5598.85 for admin. and engineering fees. Pepin will probably have an invoice next month from Peerless for work so far. Alderman Fehlhafer questioned the future purchases of materials from HD Supply. Possibly may have to remove tree. Discussed route. Alderman Macomber gave update on the Municipal Building grant. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve request for ESI and Community Funding & Planning Services. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. **Municipal Building** – Pepin reported the library is moving forward on Live & Learn grant of \$125,000. Information has been received from the Clerk. Discussed lease for library space. Pepin will check further into this as it may be needed for grant application. Energy grant has been signed and copy to clerk. Flex grant is for \$200,000 with 25% match. The Live & Learn grant is 100% match. Alderman Macomber discussed questions with Bray earlier this week. **Storm Water Project** – Pepin passed out information. Pepin is

working with Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann. Funding is available through CDAP Public Infrastructure grant. Grant is \$350,000 with 25% match. Grant applications are due February 18th. This grant is offered through DCEO (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity). Pepin wants Council to be aware of time frame. Matt Wagner reported these figures do not reflect the street work which was discussed at meeting yesterday. Alderman Lindsay questioned back yards of two houses involved. Wagner explained design is to carry ten year storm but not one hundred year storm. At meeting, it was discussed redoing street and grade to allow for one hundred year storm. Alderman Lindsay is concerned with back up in yards. Wagner passed out chart on street information. Wagner will have design ready for grant application. Discussed if fence is needed. Wagner reported water will only stand one to two days. All seemed to agree to do project. Alderman Fehlhafer suggested doing the street also. Alderman Lindsay feels we should do right the first time. Discussed drainage on East Locust. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to progress with Argyle Street and detention pond modification – Option 2 on plan. Wagner submitted agreement to include road work. Wagner discussed road modification further. Discussed agreement. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Pepin will move forward with grant application with Public Hearing on February 15th at 7:15 PM in city hall. Pepin will put ad in newspaper.

ESI – Anthony Malone followed up on issues passed a couple years ago with State Reps. Bevins called and reported \$100,000 is now available. Malone explained the money is there, we just need to fill out paperwork for lift station. Malone would like to meet with Guenzler. Guenzler explained must bypass the lift station when storms because won't handle heavy flow. This is done a couple times a year. Control panel is getting bad. Put in 1981, replaced panel couple years ago and getting bad. Pepin announced grant could be \$150,000 if Sacia gets his funds. Malone will meet with Guenzler to get figures and plan. Alderman Lindsay questioned if the pipes are not big enough, why will bigger pumps improve? Guenzler announced using the same pipe and put in another but didn't know where to go with new pipe. All feel we should go for the grant. Must determine if Water & Sewer project. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to proceed with pursuing grant from DECO for east lift station. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Malone reported EPA letter accepting permit. It will be two more weeks until permit is in hand. Peerless can do their work but want to wait until water main is in place which cannot be done until permit is in place.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). WW Builders started yesterday on roof. They will start putting on rafters tomorrow. Alderman Lindsay questioned if the backhoe has been sent in yet. Guenzler questioned how, when digging? Discussed loaner. Alderman Macomber instructed Guenzler to ask for a loaner.

General audience – none.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Macomber inquired about the increases. Alderman Fehlhafer reported it's done, was approved long time ago. No meeting has been held since the last Council meeting. Alderman Fehlhafer reported he talked with a lady in northeast Iowa. Two people live in house and are 80 years of age. Water, sewer and garbage are \$98.30 per month - metered. Alderman Fehlhafer feels we are good here. Alderman Lindsay does not want automatic increase. She prefers to review first. Alderman Fehlhafer explained the ordinance reads rates will be reviewed in June. We still have the right to refuse or accept increase. Alderman Fehlhafer reported at this point, nothing is being done with increases. This was started last May. On November 2, 2010, Council approved increase of 15% with late fees at 30%. Alderman Fehlhafer read from November 2nd minutes the motion made and voting results. Draft

ordinances are waiting approval. Mayor Stern suggested putting on next agenda. Discussed what to do. Alderman Fehlhafer feels we cannot afford to wait.

Streets and Property – Alderman Fehlhafer questioned if we have a snow ordinance in town. He feels our guys are having trouble plowing around parked cars. Ed Mitchell announced 7-6-7 of City Code Book under limited winter parking. Must move vehicles within twelve hours. Mayor Stern announced there's no towing or fine. Mitchell reported other towns alternate sides. Mitchell explained vehicles can be towed after twelve hours. Mitchell read from the City Code Book on towing. Code Book states fine to be determined by Mayor and Council. Mayor Stern recommended putting notice in paper and set fine. Vehicles must be moved within twelve hours after snowfall of three inches or more. One suggestion was fine of \$50 plus towing and storage fees. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to set fine at \$50 plus applicable fees. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Planning – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Police & Public Safety – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Aldermen did not have any additional business.

Clerk presented audit agreement letter from WIPFLI (previously LCV) for \$9,500 which is the same as this last audit. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve audit agreement with WIPFLI for \$9,500. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern. Motion carried.

Mayor Stern announced Year 2011 Plans for Lanark will appear in the Carroll County Review due to being interviewed by Carroll County Review recently. It was pointed out Lanark Municipal Building will house the library, city hall and police department. Mayor submitted and reviewed Future Revenue Trends for 2011 and 2012. Mayor also submitted and reviewed Expenses & Income for General and Water & Sewer funds. Mayor Stern announced the cemetery is trying to stay compliant with new State requirements.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*