

March 15, 2011

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Anthony Malone, Mike Mudge, Carl Burg, Mick Parsons, Nick Wagner, Randy Pepin and Sharon Pepin. Steve Haring arrived at 8:00 PM. Chief Magill arrived at 8:02 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After roll call, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the March 1st meeting and the March 3rd Personnel Committee meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from March 1st to present. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

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

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services reported the Live & Learn grant application has been submitted. Review of applications is March 23, 2011. Anyone can be present during reviews. Janie Dollinger, Bill (Library Planner) and Sharon plan to attend. Pepin announced competition is high for this grant. Pepin is going to look at DCEO for the Flexible Opportunity grant. Pepin suggested applying for \$300,000. Pepin passed out information with cost estimates. Total cost of project is \$775,656. Library is \$677,685 and city hall is \$97,971. Pepin is looking to secure \$322,568 after grants and library's portion. Public Hearing at 7:15 PM on April 5th. Applications are due April 8th. Grant writing fee is \$2,900. Well project – Pepin submitted Quarter Reports for Mayor's signature. Anthony Malone announced Guenzler has finished water main and one electrical panel is in. Pepin suggested setting a meeting to begin work on CIP (Capital Improvements Plan).

Mike Mudge – passed out up to date information and reviewed. Free service accounts are left with ComEd. ComEd supports this. Mudge suggested three year contract for pumping for savings of about \$1,300 per month. Alderman Fehlhafer read from article found on Internet – Citizens Utility Board – ComEd is expected to drop sharp in June but later in paragraph states ComEd is requesting 326 million pay hike. Carl Burg announced contract locks in price. Mudge announced there is not much savings for street lights – about \$75 per month. Mudge suggested a one year contract here. Mudge left contracts for attorney to look over. Discussed what it would cost if want out of contract before full term. There is no charge for what Mudge is doing. Alderman Strohecker announced the City owns sixteen street lights and questioned if that will affect anything. Mudge explained it would not affect anything – only taking over energy. Mudge explained Municipal Aggregation. Residents still have choices if City goes with another.

If do as a group, there is more savings. Combine community together to get even better prices. Mudge can give language for ordinance. Mudge reported Milledgeville, Fulton, Erie and Dixon have already signed up. Lanark Fire Department just signed up last week. When asked, Mudge reported this is available for residents now. Mudge recommended looking into for one year and then aggregate. The more can bundle together, the more can drive price down. Mudge submitted referendum handout. Mayor Stern suggested taking a couple weeks to think about and put on next agenda.

Mark Hansen – safety concerns – Mayor Stern announced Mark Hansen is unable to attend tonight. Hansen has concerns with kids crossing Broad Street by dentist's office. Kids have to make a mad dash to get across street. Hansen would like to see speed trailer or flashing lights. Alderman Strohecker suggested no lights. Lights fail and are expensive to purchase and up keep. Signs and paint cross walk were suggested. Chief Magill has talked with IDOT for suggestions. Thomson has a solar powered light. Cost would be to City and or school. Kids on west side have bus pick up. Discussed bus routes. Chief Magill does not think IDOT will approve as it is too far from school. Alderman Lindsay suggested tabling this until Hansen can come and answer questions. Others agreed.

Revised proposal for lift station – Alderman Lindsay, Alderman Fehlhafer and Mayor Stern met last week with Anthony Malone. Mayor Stern hopes to break down into phases. Malone does not have all costs yet. Mayor Stern did not like the wording of the agreement with regard to the City's responsibilities. Malone announced that can be taken out. Discussed above ground and below ground storage for additional flow. Malone is leaning toward concrete structure rather than fiberglass. Mayor Stern suggested secondary lift station next to it – first overflows to second. Malone agrees it could be done that way. Mayor Stern reported we only bypass a couple times over several years. Alderman Lindsay announced the Committee decided to bring recommendation to Council and questioned why Mayor was going through all of this tonight. Mayor Stern reported he is not comfortable with signing agreement. After more discussion, it was agreed Malone would take out City's responsibilities and give copy to Mayor Stern and Attorney Ed Mitchell.

General audience – no one present.

Public Hearing for water bills – no one present. Clerk will proceed with process.

CIP input – Mayor Stern inquired how to get input to Sharon Pepin. Alderman Kocal suggested including all City Boards. Committee of the Whole meeting was set for March 29th at 7:00 PM in city hall.

Les Guenzler – Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Well #4 – six inch pipe is installed up through floor. Pepin inquired if Guenzler was keeping track of hours. Guenzler announced he is keeping hours for all of City employees. Guenzler reported IL Rural Water gives day course on what is on the water test. Course works on the math which is the toughest part of test. Cost to come and give class (one on one) is \$125. Haverland is checking on when the next test is. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to set up and pay for IL Rural Water to come for one on one class for Matt Haverland. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Strohecker questioned the repairs of the backhoe. Our guys worked on backhoe for about one and a half days after brought back from being repaired. Alderman Strohecker announced we are not paying someone to come and get it again. Need to have bill faxed to us and have come here to fix. Alderman Strohecker inquired if

anything has been done about the Body Shop. Guenzler reported nothing has been done as yet. They have been working on Well #4.

Chief Matt Magill reported Zoning Board meeting for Forster Product. Zoning Board approved change. No one was at public hearing tonight at 6:00 PM. Chief Magill announced Bob Ruch is hoping for action tonight as the sale depends on rezoning. All agreed Chief Magill can tell Ruch okay to go forward. This will be put on the next agenda for formal action. Chief Magill announced there have been no building permits since the last meeting. Chief will have Neighborhood Vehicle Ordinance for the next meeting. Radio grant has been processed – four to six weeks to receive check.

Water, sewer and garbage rate increase – Mayor Stern submitted three ordinance drafts and reviewed. Mayor Stern discussed CIP (Capital Improvements Projects) and what falls under that. CIP would need separate fund. Detention pond would be under the CIP. Storm water will come out of General fund. Basically funding the General fund is property taxes. Alderman Fehlhafer read from Rockford newspaper raising sewer \$1.68 per month for next five years. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approved draft #2 immediately. Discussed further. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-nay, Alderman Lindsay-nay and Alderman Weaver-nay. Motion defeated. Discussed where to go from here. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to approve draft #1. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-nay and Alderman Weaver-nay. Mayor Stern announced motion was defeated. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to approve draft #3. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-nay, Alderman Fehlhafer-nay and Alderman Kocal-nay. Motion defeated.

Committees

Personnel – Alderman Lindsay reported Committee met to discuss wages for Maintenance Department. Committee's recommendation for rate increases:

Chuck Strohecker	\$1.50/hour	
Denny Johnson	\$1.00/hour	
Matt Haverland	\$.75/hour	(after licensed increase to \$14.75/hour)
Les Guenzler	no change	

Alderman Lindsay reported Guenzler is getting almost double the overtime than the others. Alderman Weaver inquired about giving Guenzler a 5% increase. Alderman Lindsay repeated these are the recommendations of the Committee. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Personnel Committee's recommendation of wage increases. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-abstain, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Lindsay announced when the sand filters come up, we will need extra help shoveling out sand. Alderman Strohecker would like to see Jeff Stern used for some landscaping and let others work on projects. The Committee would like to clean up by putting equipment up for sale. Ed Mitchell explained need to declare as surplus. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to declare batwing mower, Woods mower, small trailer, large frame trailer, furnace (house) and Modene furnace as surplus. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Lindsay announced the Committee recommends hiring Ardena Grant for mowing at \$195 plus \$25 to pick up sticks. Mayor Stern will write up agreement. Sticks should be no more than \$100 per month. Several questioned what happens if Grant is elected as alderman in April election. Mitchell will check Statutes. If sell mowers, we will need someone to mow those areas. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to

hire Ardena Grant to mow city properties for \$195/mowing and up to \$100 per month to pick up sticks plus \$50 to mow other two locations (by creek at sewer and ditch near Byington's) bush mow up to four times per year. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer reported when the farmers are in the fields, the sand filter will begin.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal announced CCDES meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 PM to discuss Municipal Building Codes. Discussed purchasing code book. Alderman Kocal will check on this tomorrow night and report back.

Ordinance – no report. Alderman Fehlhafer requested a notice be put in the newspaper about dogs running at large.

Police – no report.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell inquired if anything should be put in newspaper in regards to the Forestry Tax question on April's ballot. All seemed to agree nothing needed to be put in newspaper. Mitchell passed out copies of last year's appropriations as we need to get started working on next fiscal year. Clerk announced we have already started working on next fiscal year's appropriations. When complete, Clerk will get figures to Mitchell.

Aldermen did not have any additional business this evening.

Clerk reminded everyone to fill out and return their Economic Interest Statements soon. Clerk will be taking vacation in May.

Mayor Stern questioned when the pay rates would be effective. After a short discussion, all seemed to agree the rate increases will be effective for the first pay period in next fiscal year.

Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, announced as you look at projects for CIP, it is a good time to look at rate increases. It is difficult to increase rates when don't keep track of hours of each department.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk