

April 5, 2011

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Chief Magill, Anthony Malone, Mike Mudge, Carl Berg, Mick Parsons, Joel Harms, Steve Haring, Floyd Roberts, John Huggins, John Mueller, Lynn Landherr, Randy Beverley and Sharon Pepin. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM.

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

**Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Fehlhafer reviewed the minutes pointing out Draft #2 was defeated then Draft #1 was defeated and questioned why Draft #3 was defeated when we had a quorum. Mayor Stern explained must have four yes votes to pass. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-abstain, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-abstain. Mayor Stern announced motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept and pay the bills from March 15<sup>th</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services submitted Quarter Report for Well #4 Rehabilitation Project with draw down #3 with invoices. Anthony Malone announced Terry from Peerless talked to ComEd about needing transformers to handle load. Rental fee is \$12.81 per month. ComEd will put together a contract. There is a four week delay from time ordered to installation. City needs to review contract. Malone questioned if City could approve so we don't have to wait two weeks for next meeting. Malone will check to see if there are any additional fees and also check to see if excess grant monies can be used. If we don't upgrade transformers, will have to drop pump size, which is back to the same as before. Just pipe and lights will run off transformer. Pepin suggested possibly pay up front costs to avoid monthly fees. Malone is looking for guidance how to proceed. All seemed to agree to find out costs up front. Guenzler announced the pipe was delivered today. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve invoices as submitted for \$1,759.86. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. **Municipal Building** – Pepin submitted information sheet and reviewed. CDAP grant is available for \$300,000. City's cost is \$97,971 and Library's cost is \$677,685 minus the \$300,000 grant leaves Library's balance of \$377,685. Pepin submitted resolution and read through explaining this is required for the grant application. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve resolution. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

General audience – John Mueller, Randy Beverley and Lynn Landherr of the Lanark Community Club (LCC) were present to request liquor license for Old Settler's Days (OSD). **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve liquor license and waive

fee. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Mueller then asked for donation. Alderman Fehlhafer requested a finance report. He was not satisfied with this year's report. Alderman Fehlhafer wants to see how money is distributed and net profit. Mueller announced the LCC is not in this for the money. They are doing what the public wants. The Sesquicentennial Committee is working with the LCC this year. The Sesquicentennial Committee is doing games, rides and vendors. The tent will be shared. Mueller reported the rides will cost approximately \$3,500 to \$5,000. Mayor Stern recommended donating \$3,500 the same as last year. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to donate \$3,500 to the LCC for OSD. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

John Huggins, Chamber of Commerce President, reported he would like to get the Economic Development Committee up and running again. Huggins is willing to help. Mayor Stern suggested setting up a meeting. Huggins announced the Farmer's Market starts June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Joel Harms shared his views on the Municipal Building. The Council is spending all this money. Money being wasted scares him. Harms would like to see Lanark grow but a new library won't make it grow. Library isn't even open all the time. Libraries are getting obsolete. Harms referred to the Freeport library several times. Harms feels this does not make economic sense. He feels city hall should move to the Heritage Center and the library can use this space. Discussion went to empty buildings on Main Street and on to vacant homes in town then on to the Kraft Building in Mt. Carroll.

Electrical Savings Agreement – Mike Mudge passed out savings figures announcing they are slightly higher than last meeting. All seemed to agree electrical costs will not be going down. Mitchell reviewed the agreement. Mudge recommended one year agreement for street lights and three years for pumping. When asked, Mudge explained his fee comes from company who the municipality signs with. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to authorize Mayor to sign agreements - three year and one year contracts. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried. Mudge explained how to proceed in order for residents to sign up for savings. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to put on next ballot to buy electricity for residential. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Mudge will send ordinance language to Mitchell for the next meeting.

Revised proposal for lift station – Anthony Malone submitted revised proposal for lift station and explained changes. City's responsibilities which were not necessary were removed. Mitchell reviewed contract and reported it is consistent with last agreement. The grant for \$100,000 was awarded but is held up. Malone reported this project can be done in phases. Alderman Macomber recommended tabling this for now. Alderman Fehlhafer feels this has been on going for years. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept proposal. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Liquor licenses renewal – Clerk Hawbecker reported all paperwork is in order for the renewal of liquor licenses for Dave's Place, Lanark Food Center and Expresslane. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to renew liquor licenses as submitted for

Dave's Place, Lanark Food Center and Expresslane. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Rezoning Ordinance – Mitchell submitted draft of ordinance and explained rezoning of property purchased by Foster Products to expand business. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Ordinance #858. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution for tractor parade – copies were submitted for review. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept Carroll County Farm Bureau tractor parade resolution. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Neighborhood vehicle (golf cart) ordinance – Chief Magill recommended tabling this so he can check with the State. Chief proposed polling the citizens to see who is willing to invest \$200 to \$300 to make cart legal per State requirements. As it stands, anyone on east side cannot cross Route 73 only at four-way stop. We will have to ask IDOT for special permission to cross Route 73 without four-way stop. We need an ordinance to allow, otherwise it is prohibited. If City does not do anything, it is still illegal. Chief listed requirements for carts. This affects golf carts only. All seemed to agree to table.

Les Guenzler – Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Alderman Strohecker questioned the sewer problem at Lanark Body Shop. Shawn Smith dug up but may need help. Guenzler reported he cannot get down with jetter. Alderman Strohecker inquired if the parts are in for the sewer yet. Guenzler reported they have arrived. The street light at the comfort station is still broke. Alderman Fehlhafer questioned if the project which was discussed Monday morning was in the works yet. Guenzler reported it was worked on today and will have moved out. Library has high school students moving books over to Kipp's rental. Floors in Heritage Center are being varnished.

### **Committees**

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Street and Property – Alderman Strohecker discussed surplus equipment. More has been added to the list – lights, water tank, table and chairs. Alderman Strohecker recommended declaring these as surplus to add to the list. All agreed. Alderman Strohecker suggested putting in window front and outside to see so Maintenance Dept. does not have to show. Trees – Tree Board met Monday morning and will meet again next Monday morning. We are making lists of trees to be trimmed, removed and planted. We will finalize on Monday.

Water & Sewer – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Police – no report.

Planning – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Ed Mitchell announced there is some confusion on State Statutes which are going into effect June 2011. This pertains to new commercial buildings not single dwelling. Buildings must be inspected and meet new building codes. This does not mean we have to hire an inspector. We can pass our own codes. There has been some talk about the County hiring an inspector. John Huggins announced the Municipal Partners' discussed and agreed the contractor would be responsible for inspection and fee. Mayor Stern submitted the following list of codes which he received from Mayor Galen Wirth of Milledgeville:

- 2009 International Fire Code
- 2009 International Mechanical Code
- 2009 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2009 International Energy Code
- 2009 International Plumbing Code

Discussed whether or not books must be ordered to comply with State requirements. Mitchell did not read that we must have books. Mitchell explained if an owner builds after June 14, 2011, owner must have inspector according to Statues. We do not have to have our own building codes. Mitchell reported we need to get clarification before we do anything. Others agreed. Discussion went to Fox's property on East Pearl, which led to other houses which were demolished and what all was involved.

Alderman Macomber announced Ice Cream Social Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Sunday begins National Library Week. Social is a kick off fundraiser. Police Dept. will put up cones and sign for traffic back and forth from Heritage Center to Municipal Building.

Alderman Kocal discussed issue with Jackie and Jeff French's water bill. After some discussion, it was agreed French would have to submit proof of water being turned off during time in question. Alderman Kocal questioned if anyone was interested in the time scan which was sent in recent email. It was agreed to have a committee meeting to discuss.

Alderman Lindsay, Alderman Fehlhafer and Alderman Strohecker did not have any additional business this evening.

Clerk received letter from Post Prom Committee asking for donation. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to donate \$200 for post prom. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-abstain, Alderman Strohecker-abstain and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Mayor announced motion carried. Clerk announced the annual water report needs to be distributed and questioned if Council wanted to put in June's water bills as done in the past or did they want to see what it will cost to put in newspaper. Alderman Kocal will get price to put in newspaper. Alderman Fehlhafer inquired about making a decision on water, sewer and garbage rates by June. CIP fee can be used for mostly big projects. Mayor Stern is concerned with what it is used for. All seemed to agree mostly storm water drainage. Mayor Stern explained we must be careful what it is used for. Discussion continued on the water, sewer and garbage rate increases.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*