

June 21, 2011

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

Also present were John Huggins, Anthony Malone, Mick Parsons and Sharon Pepin. Steve Haring arrived at 7:45 PM. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:02 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept and pay the bills from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer reported the two deposits highlighted on the Treasurer's Report are utility payments received by ACH. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the Treasurer's Report for April as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services submitted report and reviewed. Pepin reported problems with paperwork from Peerless. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve drawdown of \$4,158.48 and pay respective person. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Lindsay. Motion carried. Pepin submitted Drawdown of \$4,158.48 for Mayor's signature. Alderman Strohecker inquired about added expense involved with the extra testing to get water samples passed. Pepin and Malone both reported there have been no extra costs as yet. Discussed chemicals used. Anthony Malone of ESI reported our line was not pressure tested. This is not required by EPA, but Malone did not know of any municipality which does not pressure test. Malone explained he does not know if the line leaks. Malone reported Terry (Peerless) sent pump curve information sheet. Malone explained pump sizing. Malone feels calculations were wrong. He did not know who did the original figures. Malone announced there will be a meeting at 9:15 Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss well project. Malone suggested Council members attend this meeting. The new pump was to produce 625 gallons per minute. Malone reported it's obvious not getting anywhere near that. When asked how to correct this, Malone announced a new pump would need to be installed. Malone announced he did not know who is responsible for this. Malone reported basically not getting much more than before project started. Malone showed map of water flow. Malone feels his figures are correct. Malone reported we do have two wells back in operation. Malone announced he is looking for guidance where to go from here. Mayor Stern read from agreement with ESI. Malone announced ESI was to do operation not design. Malone will be meeting with Guenzler Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 at the well. Malone discussed the pressure gauge.

Pepin submitted draft of CIP (Capital Improvements Plan). Pepin suggested meeting prior to the next Council meeting to discuss the CIP. Meeting set for July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Pepin submitted DCEO grant for Mayor's signature. Grant is for \$100,000. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Kocal to authorize Mayor to sign off on the DCEO for first two phases. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Municipal Building – Briefly discussed the good article in the Freeport Journal Standard. Pepin gave timeline of the Municipal Building:

June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Plans and specs available
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-bid meeting – no time set yet.
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bid Opening – 2:00 PM in city hall

Pepin received a couple comments from Library Planner, Fred Schlep. He would like carpet squares rather than the plush, full roll out as planned. Pepin suggested having a Planning Committee meeting. Council members suggested taking care of these comments/requests here tonight. Pepin reported another request was to have the circulation desk mobile rather than permanent as planned. All seemed to agree to leave as permanent. After a short discussion, all present seemed to agree to change to carpet squares but to leave the desk as permanent. Bray has suggested moving the air conditioning unit to the roof and building a platform rather than hanging on outside wall. Bray does not feel this is good due to weight on wall. There will be additional costs for this. All agreed. Council also agreed the retaining wall put in as an alternative if money comes in. Pepin announced the front end documents have been sent to Ed Mitchell. Pepin discussed the energy grant of \$700 which was turned down. Pepin feels we will have a better chance of receiving more dollars. We should hear soon about the Flex grant of \$311,000. Mayor Stern will contact Alderman Macomber, Planning Committee Chair to inform him of these changes.

Anthony Malone, ESI announced EPA letter was submitted and looks good – verbally satisfied. Mayor Stern and Malone discussed Well #4 pump again briefly.

General audience – John Huggins submitted OSD (Old Settler's Days) brochures. Huggins reported on street closings for OSD. Huggins inquired since there are so many bugs this year, could City spray. Several commented this has not been done before and did not know who could do it at this late date.

Tree Board – tree removal bids. Alderman Ron Strohecker reported four bids were received for tree removal:

Fransen Tree Service	A \$7,216.00	B \$7,174.00
D & G Tree Service	A \$7,000.00	B \$8,000.00
Ron Hertel	A & B \$45,000.00	
Morgan's Tree Service	A & B \$9,000.00	

Alderman Strohecker announced the Tree Board recommends accepting the lowest bid of \$9,000.00 from Morgan's Tree Service. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to go with committee's recommendation of Morgan's Tree Service for bids A & B of \$9,000.00. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Surplus equipment bids – Alderman Strohecker reported three bids were submitted but two came in after the deadline of May 30<sup>th</sup>. After a short discussion, all seemed to agree to only open the bid which was received before the deadline. Alderman Strohecker opened bid from Ken Grant:

Item #1005	furnace	\$75.00
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Item #1009 poly tank \$100.00

Attached to the bid was a note which was an additional bid of \$100.00 for item #1007 batwing mower. Mayor Stern asked City Attorney Ed Mitchell how this should be handled. Mitchell feels Council can do whatever they want. Council discussed how to handle this issue. Some felt since the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled, we should accept all the bids submitted. Others feel only the bid received before the deadline should be considered. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal to accept surplus equipment bids of the one received on time. Mayor Stern feels the batwing mower would sell for iron scrap of \$500.00. Motion died due to lack of second. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to sell furnace and poly tank to first bidder and reject all others. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Prevailing wage ordinance – Ed Mitchell submitted draft of Ordinance #860, ordinance concerning wages of employees on public works act. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept Ordinance #860. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Appropriation ordinance – Ed Mitchell submitted draft of Ordinance #861 appropriating funds for fiscal year ending March 31, 2012. Clerk/Treasurer Hawbecker recommended looking at the Motor Fuel Tax appropriation. Clerk/Treasurer is concerned that not enough is appropriated if City will be using Motor Fuel Tax funds to pay for the resurfacing of Route 73. All seemed to share Clerk/Treasurer's concerns as not enough was appropriated to include Route 73. Council instructed Mitchell to change the Street Maintenance appropriation to \$120,000 and all figures involved. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept Ordinance #861 as changed. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

### **Committees**

Personnel – Alderman Fehlhafer recommends new safety clothing for our maintenance employees. This would be a safety shirt rather than a vest. Many maintenance crews have gone to using these. Our residents need to be more aware of our city workers. Alderman Fehlhafer will know more on costs at the next meeting. Alderman Fehlhafer reported tuck pointing on the Heritage Center needs to be done. This can be done in two phases at a cost of \$14.00 per square foot – roughly \$40,000.00. Alderman Fehlhafer announced will look at spouting while doing tuck pointing. Mayor Stern feels more are needed to be in attendance before voting on this. Council briefly discussed damage due to leak. Alderman Lindsay questioned if the Heritage Center Board is charging enough to help themselves. Alderman Fehlhafer reported they are not. Alderman Fehlhafer reported he has not visited with the contractor for the sand filters yet. (Alderman Strohecker left the meeting at 9:00 PM.)

Water & Sewer – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Street and Property – Mayor Stern announced the revamping of Route 73 will begin July 6<sup>th</sup>. Estimated time of completion is about forty-five days for the seven miles (1 mile in town and 6 miles north to county line). Pepin reported the curb cut for Municipal Building will be included in the project. Mayor Stern and Pepin discussed storm water drainage in greenway spaces.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell reported the City farm lease is every three years and explained the bidding process. All seemed to agree to go ahead with the same process and timeline. Mitchell announced the Clerk was served a summons for property foreclosure at 406 E. Franklin. Mitchell recommended not proceeding with this. Mitchell received a payoff request for 310 W. Pearl. Mitchell administered the oath of office to Alderman Fehlhafer who was re-elected in April 2011. Mitchell reported Mr. Mudge has inquired about ordinance. This ordinance was passed May 5, 2011. Alderman Lindsay inquired what could be done about the house where basement collapsed due to flood in June 2010. Alderman Lindsay has seen kids crawling in and out of the house. Mayor Stern is mowing the yard. Chief Magill has been in contact with the owner. Clerk questioned the liability of Mayor mowing the yard. Mitchell agreed there is some liability. Clerk reported three planters were planted with flowers prior to OSD by Kathy Carroll and Cathy Sweitzer. Clerk presented bill for the flowers purchased at a cost of \$67.89. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to reimburse cost of flowers for the planters. All ayes. Motion carried.

Aldermen did not have any additional business this evening. Alderman Lindsay read from Prairie Advocate on Fudge Shop in Mt. Carroll. Alderman Lindsay feels this is a very positive step.

Clerk explained a bill of \$350 from Ivy Monuments to repair a stone which was damaged during snow plowing. All seemed to agree to have the Cemetery reimburse the City for this repair bill.

Mayor Stern announced Matt Haverland, Matt Magill and himself went to OSHA training at \$10.00 each. Mayor Stern discussed water drainage at Paul Carpenter's residence. Alderman Kocal thought this problem was fixed twenty years ago. Alderman Fehlhafer explained the grate is in the wrong direction. Water just runs over grate plus build up of seal coating. Alderman Fehlhafer and Mayor Stern feel that area needs some work. Alderman Lindsay reported Burns Street has higher priority.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*