

July 5, 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 Tom Kocal, Alderman Ron Strohecker and Alderman Ken Weaver were absent.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Anthony Malone, Mick Parsons, Katie Lindsay, Floyd Roberts and Steve Haring. Ken Weaver arrived at 7:40 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. After roll call, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the June 21st meeting. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

While aldermen were reviewing the Finance Report, Alderman Macomber inquired if all contractors have submitted certificates of insurance and signed prevailing wage waivers. (Alderman Weaver arrived at 7:40.) The Clerk announced not all have done this. Clerk/Treasurer explained the problem is she does not always know who has been hired to do services for the City until a bill is received. After more discussion, it was agreed to have the clerk send letter asking for certificate of insurance and prevailing wage waivers. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept and pay the bills from June 21st to present but hold checks until several contractors submit certificate of insurance and prevailing wage waivers. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer reported the Treasurer's Report for May is not ready as it does not balance and needs more time to reconcile bank statement. This will be ready for the next meeting.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services was not present but faxed report which was copied and put in folders for aldermen's review. Alderman Macomber gave review of hold up on bid letting. Martin & Company is doing the road work for the Municipal Building. Martin was to send a cost estimate but has not done so. IDOT will not allow road work to be done once Route 73 is completed. All road work must be done before or during Route 73 resurfacing. Route 73 project is scheduled to begin July 6th. Alderman Macomber inquired if the Council wants Martin & Company to do the work or find someone else. When asked what needs to be done, Alderman Macomber reported curb cut, do driveway, move light pole and put in water, sewer and storm sewer for the Municipal Building. Discussed what all is involved in this work which needs to be done before or during the Route 73 project. Pepin sent fax which included cost estimate by IDOT of \$28,655. Alderman Weaver suggested approving if within ten percent of cost estimate provided. Alderman Fehlhafer questioned the cost of water and sewer fees being included or not. Since this is an IDOT estimate, it probably does not include water and sewer costs. Alderman Macomber announced the engineer wants to go out the front of the building for water and sewer. Alderman Macomber placed a call to Pepin to address these questions.

Well #4 update – Anthony Malone, ESI reported since the last meeting, Guenzler has discovered the pump was not pumping like it was supposed to. Malone met with Guenzler last Friday.

Terry (from Peerless) had used old calculations. Therefore the pump is the wrong size. Malone gave review of the meeting on the 24th. The following week, Terry said he could not put another stage on the pump. Now Terry says he can put another stage on the pump for three stages. Malone announced there are three options:

1. Leave valve open as is
2. Add another stage
3. Redo some of water main

When asked what he recommends, Malone announced it depends on if going to replace old pipe in the future. If not, leave open as is. Alderman Fehlhafer recommended putting in eight inch pipe, starting where left off and take to the railroad. Malone showed on map where the line would go. Leave eight inch line in dedicated to the tower. This could be done before winter. Alderman Lindsay questioned if current projects will be done so we can work on this. Alderman Fehlhafer reported this can wait because it is doing what it is supposed to do. Mayor Stern announced this cannot be resolved tonight but can be done in steps. Concerns are main breaks come winter. Alderman Fehlhafer reported main breaks last winter and transferred around city. More head pressure means more leaks. Alderman Fehlhafer feels this should be done before winter but other projects need to be completed before this. Alderman Weaver would like to stay focused and get current projects done.

Alderman Macomber announced he talked with Sharon Pepin and quote does not include water and sewer. Pepin will call Martin & Co. tonight and text what she finds out. Discussed how to proceed with Municipal Building driveway work so that it is completed before IDOT completes Route 73 road resurfacing. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to go ahead if quote is within ten (10) percent (approximately \$30,000) of IDOT estimate. Mayor Stern questioned why we got in to this mess. Some thought it was due to IDOT. Others thought too many hands involved. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Public hearing for water bills – no one present.

IDOT highway permit application – Mayor Stern read from agreement with attached plans. Permit will allow curb cutting and water and sewer connections to be done. Mayor Stern announced a resolution needs to be passed. Mayor Stern asked Ed Mitchell to review resolution before signing.

General audience – Floyd Roberts reported Friends of the Lanark Public Library sent out fifteen hundred brochures to the 61046 zip code in the Prairie Advocate. Roberts is asking the City, Library and Friends of the Library to post these brochures on their websites.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer reported tomorrow morning Tom Newell will extricate our sewer plant. If beds are all dry, will loosen up sand. Later this month Newell will bring machine and flood the beds. Then will float to top for removal. Alderman Fehlhafer has a place to take sludge. When asked if the documents for Well #4 have been submitted, Malone announced they have been submitted. Operation permit has been received. Peerless and ESI working on paperwork for Community Funding & Planning Services.

Street and Property – Alderman Fehlhafer briefly discussed tuck pointing at the Heritage Center. Alderman Fehlhafer would like more Council members present to vote on this. When asked if this would be done this year, Alderman Fehlhafer was doubtful. Cost will be \$14/foot, totaling about \$40,000.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – Alderman Macomber reported we have been through most of it. Bid process has been backed up. Notice for farm lease will be in newspaper in October. Mayor Stern received letter from Amy Barnes, owner of Isenhart Realty. Alderman Macomber explained Barnes called him and he advised her to write letter to Council. Letter is dated today. Copy was given to Mitchell also. Letter referred to structural problems of Fogle's building next to Isenhart Realty. Since building fell down in Freeport recently, Barnes is now concerned about Fogle's building collapsing. Barnes is asking the City to address this issue. Mitchell reported this would be the same road as the Valente building. No one wants to revisit that again. Mayor Stern reported Chief Magill has had communication with the family of Fogle. Mitchell is not sure what will happen to the buildings. Clerk/Treasurer reported bill for garbage is on tonight's bills to dispose of Fogle's awning, which fell down recently. Clerk was instructed to send bill to estate for reimbursement. During more discussion, Malone suggested getting an environmental assessment done before taking on this building. Concerns are with collapsing, safety hazard of people walking on sidewalks or parking near building. Discussion continued on what could be done. Mitchell explained how State nuisance works. This will be similar to what happened with Valente. Mitchell recommended sending owner a letter with our concerns and inquire what will be done. While Don Fogle was still alive, he was trying to keep up with maintenance. Mayor Stern talked about International Codes – possibly adopting these codes. Alderman Fehlhafer suggested having Chief Magill approach the estate first. Discussion went to Fox's property on East Pearl Street. Mitchell has contacted Fox family. A resident has made an offer to buy. Mitchell has not heard from the Fox family for a couple of months. All seemed to agree to have Clerk discuss concerns of Fogle's estate with Chief Magill.

Personnel – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell submitted Resolutions for City Boards. Mayor Stern reported he has talked with Mitchell about combining some Boards into one. This can be done but would have to change Codes. Clerk announced Guy Pauley has replaced Don Kuberski. Alderman Macomber announced Rebecca Green has replaced Gina Shellhouse. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to pass resolutions for Zoning, Cemetery and Recreation Boards with corrections. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Mitchell submitted copy of last year's tax levy. Mitchell explained the next step of budget process is to pass tax levy. This must be done by December 31, 2011. All seemed to agree to table for now. Mayor Stern discussed combining Boards and give a new name. Tree Board, Recreation Board and possibly add Park Board. This can be done by passing ordinance. Mayor Stern receives a lot of concerns about city park. Mayor also receives comments on Broad Street planters. People want flowers and street lights on Broad Street. People want more green space. Alderman Lindsay suggested getting clubs involved. Mayor Stern reported people ask for permission to do things. All seemed to agree we need community involvement. If someone has an idea they should bring it to the Council. After reviewing the IDOT permit application, Mitchell discussed briefly. We need to list contractor and pass resolution. Instructions for surety bond from contractor. List when doing work and contact if any problems. **Motion** made by Alderman

Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve resolution pending contractor. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Mitchell requested executive session.

Alderman Fehlhafer recommended change in uniforms for Maintenance Department. Change would be safety shirts which will make the employees more visible and safer. Cost will be \$1.56 per shirt per day. Current cost is \$.72 per shirt per day. Increase of about \$40 per week. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to go ahead with new safety shirts. IDOT requires safety vests. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Lindsay received call about tall weeds approximately four feet high. This should be turned over to Chief Magill.

Alderman Weaver has received a lot of positive comments on the 150th Committee.

Clerk did not have any additional business this evening.

Mayor Stern also has received positive comments on 150th Committee. Mayor Stern announced he is trying to get signs from IDOT for the Boys Baseball team. The State says community is only entitled to two signs in Lanark.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to enter executive session to discuss operation of municipal utilities. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:16 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:32 PM with no action taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*