

August 2, 2011

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Anne Lindsay, Alderman Tom Kocal, Alderman Mark Macomber, Alderman Ron Strohecker and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Ed Fehlhafer and Alderman Ken Weaver were absent at roll call. Alderman Fehlhafer arrived at 7:50 PM.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Mick Parsons, Nick Wagner, John Huggins, Ken Viglietta, Brian Witkowski-ESI, Scott Woodley, Jamie Woodley and Dave Sloan.

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

While Council was reviewing the Finance Report, Clerk Hawbecker explained several line items were over budget. At the end of the report, was a print out of these line items so that everyone could see what the expenditures are. Clerk Hawbecker reminded everyone that the line items can be over budget. It is the total number which cannot be over budget. Alderman Strohecker announced the \$3,500 for the police software and computer should come out of police funds. When asked, the Clerk suggested taking the software out of Office Supplies and the computer out of Police Equipment. All seemed to agree. The Tractor Maintenance line item is over budget due to the backhoe repairs.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the July 19th meeting and pay the bills from July 19th to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Community Funding & Planning Services – Mayor Stern announced Sharon Pepin would not be here tonight. A print out of Pepin's email on project updates was submitted. Ed Mitchell reported Alderman Macomber had given him a copy of supplemental contract, which is controlled by master agreement. Mitchell suggested a few changes in the master agreement. Mitchell did not realize he was to go over all of this. Alderman Fehlhafer asked Mitchell today to review documents. It was agreed to have Mitchell call Bray tomorrow on a couple changes.

Blair Parkway – Mayor Stern moved this item up on the agenda due to three residents in attendance. Dave Sloan, Scott and Jamie Woodley were present to discuss sewage back up in their basements during the recent storm. Alderman Lindsay announced televising and jetter will be here Friday. Alderman Strohecker reported they have narrowed it down to two manholes – in front of Lamoille Poffenberger's and in the driveway at Circle Drive apartments. The stump at Poffenberger's was removed five years ago. Alderman Fehlhafer, Alderman Strohecker, Matt Haverland and Les Guenzler were all out helping with Blair Parkway during the storm. Alderman Strohecker popped off the manhole lids and found two were full but the third was not. Alderman Strohecker thinks the problem is at Poffenberger's. When all is dry, we need to get elevations to make sure line is all down hill. The ten inch line goes into an eight inch line. Woodleys reported they had sewage back up and so did Wilhelms. Alderman Strohecker reported he walked through Woodley's home during the flooding and confirmed it was sewage. Last year's problem was storm water, this year it is sewer. Scott Woodley reported they were aware there were problems when they bought the house. (Alderman Fehlhafer arrived at 7:50 PM.) Jamie Woodley commended these guys for their response when Guenzler did not answer

his phone. Alderman Fehlhafer reported it is set up with camera and jetter coming on Friday. A small area was done on East Pearl last week and found a large log. Alderman Fehlhafer announced this will be done two years from now because he will hammer on the Council until it is done. Woodleys stated that they, Shellhauses, Wilhelms and Sloans all had sewage in basements. Scott Woodley asked if curb and gutter would help. Alderman Fehlhafer explained that is storm water which is not what we are talking about here. Alderman Strohecker talked about backflow valve – City would not do this, it would be homeowner’s responsibility. Mayor Stern inquired what to do if we find something on Poffenberger’s property. Mitchell explained it may be difficult to find if there is an easement or not as not all easements are filed. Discussion went to possibly rerouting the line and abandoning the current line. Scott Woodley reported the first time he saw water come out of drain was last year. Alderman Strohecker reported as soon as they started pumping, it went down. Alderman Strohecker discussed problem of people mowing and putting twigs in gutters which plug up the drains. One suggestion was to publish ordinance regarding this. At 8:15 Mayor Stern asked if there was anything else. Woodleys and Sloan thanked the Council for their time.

Well #4 update – Brian Witkowski of ESI submitted letter from Anthony Malone and discussed call for chlorine. Guenzler is concerned this is not working correctly. Alderman Strohecker explained if the pump is not pumping properly, concern is of too much chlorine. Alderman Fehlhafer, Water & Sewer Chair, inquired what it will cost and who will pay to correct this. Alderman Fehlhafer and Alderman Strohecker both agreed this new system runs differently than the old system. Alderman Strohecker announced he did not read anything that they were going to make any changes. Discussion also included if changes would affect the operating permit. Witkowski reported it shouldn’t. Council members all seemed to agree both wells should operate the same. Discussion then went to contract with Peerless and electrician. City does not have contract with electrician – Peerless contracted electrician. Alderman Fehlhafer asked ESI to look into making it work like it did before. Witkowski reported ESI became aware of difference in systems when doing records. Alderman Fehlhafer understood the flow meter was not working correctly and was to be replaced to work like system did before. Alderman Strohecker instructed ESI to ask Peerless why they did what they did and what cost will be to correct, if needed.

East lift station – City has received final approval for project from IEPA.

Water main – Nick Wagner of MSA Professional Services announced he sent out email with information – looking at October to start work. Discussed when to do work – yet this year or wait until next year. MSA can have paperwork ready for September meeting. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to go ahead with engineering on these two projects. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern signed task order for \$6,800.

General audience – John Huggins announced activities for 150th:
August 20 – antique tractor show at Eastland High School
August 20 – tractor pull behind Eastland Motor Sports
800 motorcycles for “wear pink motorcycle ride”

Huggins reported Chief Magill has been notified of these activities. Possibly have vendors at high school. People will probably be walking back and forth on Route 64 from school to Eastland Motor Sports.

Ken Viglietta announced he was here about a year ago concerned with safety of children at elementary school. Viglietta is the crossing guard. Viglietta reported a year ago it took him five months to get street painted and that resulted in Mayor Stern and Viglietta doing the painting. Viglietta reported this year he would like to have the tree taken down at Kniss's due to the safety of the children. A large branch is hanging which could fall and injure children. Viglietta explained the trees have been marked with X for three months and nothing has been done yet. Viglietta and Mark Hansen want the two trees near elementary school removed before the first day of school. Viglietta is very passionate about safety of children. Viglietta announced he heard the City had a law suit once on tree and heard there could be another. Alderman Strohecker, Tree Board Chair reported this tree is on the list to be removed and a tree service has been contracted to remove several trees. Tree service has ninety days to do the work. Alderman Strohecker explained he can politely ask the contractor to do this tree first. Alderman Strohecker will try to find out when tree service is coming and possibly get this done first. Viglietta inquired if City could do alternate arrangements to take down tree before school starts. Alderman Strohecker explained this has been contracted out. Viglietta asked the Council to please think about this as there are many children who pass under it twice a day. Viglietta asked if possibly barricades could be put up if not done before school starts. Alderman Strohecker will call tree service tomorrow to see what can be done. Clerk gave Strohecker tree service name and phone number.

Sand filters – Alderman Fehlhafer reported sometime tonight man is coming with his equipment. He needs to flood one bed and then the others. With this weather it may take some time to get dried out. Need to get cleaned out with possibly outside help. Sludge can be taken out to local farm. Guenzler is working on permits. The old sand will be removed. Months ago talked about where to get sand. Alderman Strohecker thought we were going to haul in and stock pile so it was here when we were ready to do. Discussed how to get sand into the beds. Alderman Fehlhafer reported will need track equipment and possibly a conveyor. Mayor Stern thinks the County has list of equipment. Discussion also included possibly leasing or purchasing equipment. When asked how long to do bed, Alderman Fehlhafer announced drying time is about two weeks. Alderman Strohecker suggested if buying equipment, he would prefer skid loader with tires – tracks are high maintenance. Alderman Strohecker announced our John Deere will work and possibly our drag box too. Discussion continued on what to do, how and who.

Committees

Streets and Property – Alderman Fehlhafer inquired about our contract for mowing. Long grass is standing around horseshoe pits in city park. Mayor Stern announced we do not have a written contract. Some feel mowing high due to dry weather. After a short discussion, Alderman Strohecker agreed to discuss with Ardena Grant.

Water & Sewer – no report.

Planning – Mitchell will review documents.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal reported TCEDA is now JoCarroll Development. When asked what happened to the funds we gave to TCEDA, Alderman Kocal explained he hasn't had much involvement since Randy Prasse left but it is a good question. Alderman Kocal gave outline of territory involved. When asked about fluoride, Alderman Kocal reported he has several communities which are going to support trying to revoke mandate and to leave up to the community whether to use or no.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Police – no report.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell discussed Bray's contract with Alderman Macomber, Planning Chair. It was agreed Mitchell would keep in file. Mitchell discussed the resolution for tax levy. If we stay under 105%, we will not have to have a black box meeting. Mitchell announced we will need to levy for \$225,900 to stay under the 105%. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to pass truth and taxation act under 105% which is \$225,900. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Strohecker-nay. Motion carried. Mitchell submitted resolutions to appoint Heritage Center and Library Board members. Jodi York will replace Pastor Ling. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve board members for the Heritage Center and Library Boards as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-nay and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried. Mitchell requested executive session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Strohecker would like to discuss personnel in executive session.

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

Alderman Strohecker requested detailed financial reports from Heritage Center and Library Boards as the Cemetery does annually. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker to require detailed financial reports from Library and Heritage Center Boards annually. Alderman Macomber suggested adding a due date for report. All seemed to agree to add "reports are due thirty days after the end of fiscal year" to this motion. Alderman Fehlhafer seconded this motion with addition of deadline. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. Clerk inquired who would notify the Boards about these reports. All seemed to agree something needs to be in writing. Mayor Stern feels we need an ordinance for Heritage Center Board so he will write notices to the Boards requesting financial reports annually. All seemed to appreciate the Cemetery Board's annual report.

Clerk did not have any business this evening.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:30 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:58 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to have Water & Sewer Committee Chair look into 1 – 2 outfits to maintain our water and sewer systems. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stern reported we have not received check for water tower annual rent as yet. Mayor Stern announced he had applied for IEMA funds for snow removal last winter due to the blizzard. We have been approved for \$3,024.00. It should take about six to eight weeks to receive check. Discussion went to FEMA and IEMA due to the drainage problems caused during the recent storms. Mayor Stern would like to add a couple more projects to the project update received from Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services – Blair Parkway drainage. Last year's problems on Blair Parkway were due to storm water. This year's problems are due to sewer back up. Mayor Stern announced Truman Avenue has heaved up. Mayor Stern wants to get started on that. Mayor Stern then discussed water looping from water tower to Glenn Luther's. Pressure is low and poor quality when Ready Mix is filling trucks. Alderman Lindsay announced she does not able to get water when filling trucks.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*