

August 16, 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, Sharon Pepin, Anthony Malone, Mick Parsons, Jamie Woodley, Scott Woodley and Dave Sloan. Floyd Roberts arrived at 7:45 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 Strohecker to accept the minutes of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-abstain and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Fehlhafer inquired why we are still getting a bill for lift station from ComEd. Clerk will check with Mike Mudge. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept and pay the bills from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

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

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services announced there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to discuss Well #4. Clerk has received check for draw down #5, checks have been cut and Peerless is not paid in full as yet (as instructed by Council). Alderman Strohecker discussed chlorine system. When original pipes were taken out, all equipment was in the building. Somehow during discussion, it was decided to take out. Someone took out for Terry (Peerless). All was in place when Terry first looked at. Alderman Strohecker reported Terry would have seen all in building when first came to the project. Malone feels the chronological order is very important. Alderman Strohecker confirmed all was in place before Terry. Terry told Les to take out.

Municipal Building – Martin & Company has not started yet. They have called JULIE locate and hopefully will start soon. (Floyd Roberts arrived at 7:45.) Pepin submitted bid information. Pepin has also submitted an electronic copy to put on City's website. Mitchell will work with Mike Hacker on the contract. Flex grant should be announcing this week. Pepin discussed Energy grant with ComEd. When ready, Pepin will bring to Council for signatures. Lift Station – Pepin reported she has sent information to DCEO for \$100,000 grant. Pepin announced the 147C letter has been updated as needed. CIP – Pepin will send off to Council after revised. Economic Development project to discuss later, possibly in executive session.

General audience – Scott and Jamie Woodley announced they were here to see what City found and where we are at. Mayor Stern reported the area was televised a week ago and has video tape. Mayor Stern went on to explain the findings of televising. Mayor Stern announced he is not sure where we should go from here. Mayor Stern wants to go to engineering for assessment.

Council discussed what to do and how to do. Discussion included size of the line under Route 64 and possibility of rerouting the current line. Mayor Stern announced he will write a letter to MSA asking for cost estimate. Mayor Stern reported there should be another tape of the area due to MSA televising most of the lines in Lanark. Smoke testing and flow monitoring was done years ago. Discussed sizes and location of lines. Mayor Stern told Woodleys he will contact MSA to see what needs to be done. Dave Sloan suggested setting up program to work on sewer system each year in phases. Alderman Lindsay explained that is what the CIP will do once it is prioritized and then do in phases. Mayor Stern gave brief summary since he became mayor two and a half years ago.

Mayor Stern inquired if Floyd Roberts had any business. Roberts just wanted to encourage progress on the Municipal Building.

### **Committees**

Trees – Alderman Strohecker reported a list of trees for removal and trimming was given to Morgan Tree Service for quote. Quote received is for \$10,000. This is in addition to budget. Council discussed list. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer to go ahead with this. With more discussion, decision was reached to put this on the next agenda in order to take action. Mitchell explained Open Meetings Act. Agenda must be posted forty-eight hours and explained how it works – can discuss and agree but cannot take formal action until next agenda. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Personnel – no report.

Planning – no report.

Street and Property – Alderman Strohecker recommended having city crew load up surplus equipment and take to Hazelhurst to sell. Alderman Strohecker also suggested cutting back streets, grind down and do correctly.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer reported the sand filter guy hopes to be done by the end of this week. Clean out when dries up.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal will discuss in executive session. CCDES meeting in September.

Purchasing and Finance – Mayor Stern discussed comparisons with the first four months of this fiscal year and last year's budget numbers - less money coming in this year. Mayor Stern reported the trend shows sometime in the future revenue is not going to be excess revenue if keeps going. Mayor Stern gave review of last year's predictions tracking like he thought. Mayor Stern feels we need to look at adding storm water fee. We need to look at list of projects. Mitchell reported he looked into storm water fees in Freeport as asked. Since Alderman Macomber had requested this information, Mitchell will wait until Macomber is in attendance.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell discussed briefly tax levy for taxes. Mitchell will put together numbers for next meeting with this on the next agenda. Mitchell requested executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Aldermen did not have any additional business this evening.

Alderman Strohecker inquired if all were in agreement to take equipment to Hazelhurst. All seemed to agree.

Clerk submitted bill from Dave Kent for additional work due to recent storm. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve additional fees to Dave Kent. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-nay. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to enter into executive session to discuss city utilities, pending litigation and personnel. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 8:43 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:15 PM with no action taken.

Mayor Stern announced copies are in folders from IDOT on railroad tracks. To repair crossing on Broad Street/Route 73 agreement is in place. It will probably be next spring and take about ten days. IDOT wants detour around to Carroll and Boyd. Mayor Stern signed detour acceptance form. Mayor Stern read from list of projects from last year that we were going to do. Well is almost done. Route 73 and sand filters should be done this year. Municipal Building next year. Two blocks of water lines on Burns (Greens) not sure when. Mayor Stern reported we are doing pretty well with 2011 projects. Mayor Stern would like to see projects for 2012. Mayor has no idea of cost of Burns Street as yet. Discussed projects that need to be completed. Grant has been applied for detention pond. Phase 1 and 2 for lift station – all of 1 and part of 2 included in grant. Mayor Stern reported Lanark has a busy weekend – 800 motorcycles fund raiser for Breast Cancer, tractor pull and antique tractor show.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*