

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Ed Fehlhafer, Alderman Tom Kocal, Alderman Mark Macomber, Alderman Ron Strohecker and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Anne Lindsay was absent at roll call but arrived shortly after (7:34).

Also present were Nick Wagner, Matt Wagner, Anthony Malone, Jamie Woodley, Scott Woodley, Mick Parsons, Floyd Roberts, Chief Matt Magill and Ed Mitchell.

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

Clerk reported correction to the September 6, 2011 minutes: page 2, end of last paragraph, line starting with CIP should read "CIP – Alderman Fehlhafer announced School Street should be east side not west side on page 22". Clerk clarified 28a of CIP reads West Side but it should read East Side. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the September 6th meeting with correction. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. (Alderman Lindsay arrived at 7:34.)

Alderman Fehlhafer inquired who authorized the purchase of the new lights at the city park. Alderman Fehlhafer went over to the park just prior to the meeting starting and reported he does not feel it is worth the expense. No one seemed to know who authorized this purchase. After locating the invoice, Treasurer Hawbecker reported it was for: four - vandal and vapor proof four foot bulbs-fluorescent. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept and pay the bills from September 6th to September 20th (September 20th meeting was cancelled). Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Strohecker requested the Zarnoth bill be changed to line item - Street Equipment Repairs. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept and pay the bills from September 22nd to present with change. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services – Nick Wagner submitted notice to give to public once dates are set for the smoke testing. Wagner explained why smoke testing – will give full picture with smoke test. Wagner submitted map with areas marked that are to be tested. Wagner explained these are new areas which have not been televised prior to this. Wagner suggested notifying the Fire Dept. also. MSA will test Eastland Motor Sports too.

150th fireworks – Alderman Kocal reported the community has come through so committee is good on the fireworks. Alderman Kocal suggested waiting until the end of the year for more 150th activities which may need City's funding.

Public Hearing for water bills – no one present.

Award Municipal Building contract – Alderman Macomber reported he and Sharon Pepin talked earlier this evening and decided to hold on this for now. We still have time.

Radar Equipment – Chief Magill reported these are mounted in vehicles and can read both directions and while moving. One has failed and the other is ten years old. Alderman Macomber recommended approving the replacement of two police radars. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve purchase of two radar units for Police Department. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried. Discussed fast traffic on Route 73. Chief Magill briefly discussed NIXLE. Anything you want to get out to public, this will get it out fast. To sign-up go to nixle.com. Gets information out fast.

Sludge permit – Alderman Fehlhafer reported he has checked and found we do need a permit to haul sludge away. If we keep it in-house, we do not need permit. Obtaining a permit could take up to nine months. Permit costs \$2,500 per year. Alderman Fehlhafer announced he has people coming in Friday to look at the project. These people have a permit in place. Alderman Fehlhafer reported he has equipment lined up (if it does not work out with people on Friday) to do in-house. He has sand lined up as well.

General audience – Anthony Malone of ESI announced their Stockton office has closed and are currently looking for a new building/location.

Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann & Associates reported we need to discuss final plans since the grant has been awarded for Argyle Project.

Floyd Roberts reported he is just here checking on the status of the Municipal Building.

Committees

Personnel – no report.

Water & Sewer – no report.

Purchasing and Finance

Planning – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Ed Mitchell announced new bill passed to be effective January 1, 2012 regarding FOIA (Freedom of Information Act). Mitchell explained that everyone (any elected or appointed person) is now required to take the test and get certified. However, there is no penalty if we do not. Mitchell explained in the past we could have absent aldermen call in with vote if necessary. Now we need to pass an ordinance to continue. Farm bids are done every three years. Mitchell has put together notice for paper. All seemed to agree to open the bids at the November 1st meeting. Discussed how this was going to be done this year. Mitchell suggested once bids are submitted, the top three can raise bids auction style. When asked how many times bids can be raised, Mitchell announced unlimited. After a brief discussion, it was agreed Mitchell would modify the notice and publish in paper. Flood insurance – Mayor Stern reported residents still

cannot obtain flood insurance. Mitchell announced we have done all that he knew needed to be done but will check into. Mitchell discussed the proposed contract from bidder of the Municipal Building. Document amendment to architect states City will pay travel expenses. Since they were doing the high school, there was no travel expense. Now the high school is done and need expenses paid - \$600 per trip, twice per month. Discussed briefly funding for library and what's available. Mitchell will make this information available to Council. Cable franchise agreement – copies were submitted to aldermen. Mitchell was asked to review. Prevailing wage – Mitchell announced there are new changes but it does not sound like it will affect Lanark too much. Penalties have been raised dramatically – now felony. Mitchell announced any contractor or subcontractors should be submitting certified payrolls. When asked, the Clerk reported at this time only Martin & Company (contractors doing storm sewer project at Municipal Building) is the only one submitting certified payrolls.

Alderman Strohecker suggested looking at (in the future) purchasing trash bags for leaf removal rather than Maintenance crew using the leaf vac which requires two persons to operate. The brush pick up was originally started for after storms only. Alderman Strohecker discussed doing away with City brush pick up as we are paying Moring for the yard waste program and paying our Maintenance Dept. – duplicating expenses. Mayor Stern announced it sounds like Moring is doing away with yard waste program. Alderman Strohecker was asked to put a plan together.

Alderman Kocal requested executive session to discuss potential litigation.

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

Clerk announced the office will be closed October 27th for vacation.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to enter into executive session to discuss real estate and pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 8:36 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:05 PM with no action taken.

Mayor Stern announced he is requesting bids for insurance as IMLRMA is not in best situation. Mayor Stern emailed Clark Carroll, Ron Gronewold and Rhett Coatney requesting quotes. We may have to make a few changes. When asked, Mayor Stern reported he has not contacted any temp service as yet. The prison has approved allowing inmates to help with sand filters. Possibly bring in dumpsters and City fills and haul away. We need to weigh costs, whoever does – may need to rent skid loader. Discussion went briefly to flushing hydrants and boil orders. Mayor Stern announced we need to sign ordinance to identify all signs. In 2012 need to have high reflectivity signs in.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*