

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Anne Lindsay, Alderman Ed Fehlhafer, Alderman Tom Kocal and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Ron Strohecker was absent. Alderman Mark Macomber was absent at roll call but arrived shortly after (7:33).

Also present were Ed Mitchell, J.L. Hunter, Jamie Woodley, Scott Woodley, Mick Parsons, Steve Haring and Matt Wagner.

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 Lindsay to accept the regular and executive minutes of the November 15th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from November 15th to present with exception of the check to Moring Disposal for further discussion. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Fehlhafer reported Maintenance Manager Les Guenzler feels there is a little more work to do at the sand filters. Denny Pate of Moring Disposal is coming tomorrow to meet with Guenzler. If the City does the work, we will reduce the payment to Moring. Moring and Guenzler will work out the details. When asked, Alderman Fehlhafer reported Moring cannot charge any more. Alderman Fehlhafer announced satisfaction is to come from Guenzler and Pate. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to hold check for Moring Disposal until Guenzler and Pate work out and agree how to complete. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Annual Treasurer's Report – Clerk/Treasurer explained change from last draft – added ESI \$5,014 to Vendors Over \$2,500 which changes the total expenses to \$975,639. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept Annual Treasurer's Report as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Community Funding & Planning Services – no report.

MSA Professional Services – Steve Haring reported he brought back Technical Memo (binder) for the Blair Parkway and gave to Clerk. Haring submitted report and reviewed. Haring reported the water mains are ready and waiting for city crew to start in the spring. MSA has prepared task order of \$13,900 for the Blair Parkway design, permitting and fieldwork. Initial target for potential grant funding is February. Survey work needs to be done and can get started ASAP. Technical Memo includes changes of what was discussed at the Water & Sewer Committee meeting. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to move ahead with \$13,900. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-nay-wants more discussion. Motion carried.

Alderman Fehlhafer began discussion by announcing the State of Illinois, where the grant funds come from, due to the City of Lanark already having a grant for water or sewer (Argyle Detention Pond) therefore, City does not qualify to apply for grant until 2013 for work to be done in 2014. If we want to go ahead with project, we will have to fund the project ourselves. Haring announced City can still apply for IEPA permit as it is good for two years. The February deadline is now void due to no grant funding. When asked if the detention pond could be transferred over to Blair Parkway, Alderman Fehlhafer reported it could not be transferred. Mayor Stern feels there is no harm in going ahead with Blair Parkway work by MSA. Some aldermen feel we should go ahead with the \$13,900 work by MSA and be ready when we qualify for grant. Some agreed we need to get roots cut out. Others agreed we need to decrease the flow in that area. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to rescind the move previously regarding task order of \$13,900 from MSA. When asked what he would do, Mayor Stern reported he would go ahead with task order as we are in good financial order and be ready when grant does come up. Discussion then went to City's finances. Possibly going ahead with any work on the Blair Parkway project could disqualify the City for grant funds. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Detention pond – Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann submitted report and reviewed. No firm decision has been made on the materials. Time line for plans and specs are finalized. Wagner reviewed the time line: January 4, 2012 bid advertisement, January 26th bid letting. Wagner reviewed the contract briefly. City Attorney Ed Mitchell has reviewed the contract and didn't see any problems. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve contract from Willett Hofmann for detention pond on Argyle Street. Discussed drain tile and water running through even though it is dry - consistent water running through the line. No one seems to know where the water is coming from. Wagner suggested testing for chlorine. It could possibly be a spring. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Wagner suggested having another meeting before the bid ads.

Burns/Bruce/Carroll water mains – bids received are:

Ferguson Waterworks	\$42,750.54
J&R Supply	\$34,092.00
HD Water works	\$31,849.45

Alderman Fehlhafer requested copy of the bids for review. All materials are supposed to be per MSA's material list. When asked about date bids expire, Mayor Stern reported 15 - 30 days. IEPA permit was granted earlier this year and is good for two years. Mayor Stern suggested purchasing the materials before prices go up. All seemed to agree to table, get copies of bids and review for next meeting. Copies were given to MSA for Nick Wagner to review.

Property Insurance – Mayor Stern announced the property insurance comes due December 16th. First installment is \$33,700 to IMLRMA. Mayor Stern reported premiums have been increasing over the past couple years. IMLRMA has suffered severe losses over the last two years according to their audit report. Mayor Stern has looked at three local insurance companies for quotes. Two have dropped out and third was \$45,324, a difference of over \$12,000. Mayor Stern discussed what it does and doesn't cover. The worker's comp. is the worst part of the premium. All seemed to agree to continue with IMLRMA for another year.

General audience – J.L. Hunter announced he was just checking on status of Municipal Building. Alderman Macomber reported the same as in the past six months – everything looks good.

Alderman Macomber talked with Sharon Pepin today and no news as yet. On the plus side, we have not been turned down as yet.

Jamie and Scott Woodley were present hoping for approval in their favor on the Blair Parkway drainage issue. Since this was already discussed earlier in meeting, Jamie inquired about temporary solution. One suggestion was for the Woodleys to install a back flow valve. This would be the Woodley's expense. Alderman Fehlhafer explained we need to take care of City's problems but need the residents to help out also. The Woodleys did not feel they should have to foot the bill for this as it is the City's problem. Woodley's next concern was what will happen to their foundation due to pressure if a back flow valve is installed. After more discussion, Alderman Macomber suggested sending this to Water & Sewer Committee and invite the Woodleys to attend. Water & Sewer Committee meeting was set for 8:30 AM on December 9th in city hall. The Woodleys will try to come.

Ed Mitchell reported the City of Lanark has been approved for flood insurance. Flood insurance can now be written. Mitchell reported the farm lease has been signed. Mitchell requested executive session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Lindsay requested executive session for personnel also.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – not report.

Planning – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Alderman Kocal announced news release today that several Representatives in State suggest schools would not fall under prevailing wage. This is a good thing if happens.

Remaining aldermen did not have any additional business this evening.

Clerk did not have any business this evening.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 8:53 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:40 PM.

Personnel Committee meeting was set for December 9th at 9:00 AM immediately following the Water & Sewer Committee meeting which is at 8:30 AM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*