

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, John Mueller, Lyn Landherr, Randy Beverley, Carissa Ebersole, Jamie Truckenmiller, Josh Albertson, Jamie Woodley, Boyce Humphreys, Steve Haring and Ritchie Strohecker.

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 minutes of the February 21st meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-abstain (Weaver was absent at the February 21st meeting.) and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from February 21st to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Community Club – Old Settler’s Days (OSD) liquor license – John Mueller of the Lanark Community Club requested liquor license for OSD 2012. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve OSD liquor license and waive fee. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Mueller requested donation as in the past. Mueller announced that anything made at OSD goes back into the community by way of scholarships, post prom, etc. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve donation of \$3,500 to Community Club for OSD. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern asked Ed Mitchell and John Mueller to work out a lease agreement for the Heritage Center basement.

Jetter – possible purchase – Clerk announced Alderman Fehlhafer requested he be called to participate in this discussion. Immediately discussion began with whether this was legitimate to call and included in meeting. Mayor Stern announced this item would be moved down the agenda after Attorney.

General audience – Boyce Humphreys submitted letter to urge decision on grant for the Municipal Building and asked the Council to add their signatures to the letter which the Library Board members already signed. After a short discussion, it was agreed Mayor Stern would write a letter urging a decision be made on the grant for \$311,000. All Council members present agreed to sign. Within the next week, Mayor will draft a letter.

Jamie Woodley was present looking for update on Blair Parkway. Mayor Stern announced Alderman Fehlhafer has been working on this project but is not here to report.

Several high school students were present.

Committees

Personnel – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Water & Sewer – Mayor Stern reported he and Les Guenzler met with MSA to discuss the east lift station. Grant money is getting close to release. Mayor Stern reported Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services explained we can move forward with the engineering work including the permit. Cost for MSA to start is \$5,000. Nick Wagner and Steve Haring say we need to look at down stream a ways not just at the lift station. Need to be careful of pump size and pipes involved. Need to know what capacity is now. Need to know if pipes can handle new pumps. Steve Haring elaborated more. Alderman Lindsay questioned if we already paid engineering fees to ESI and why we are going with MSA since ESI has already given us a proposal. Mayor Stern reported Tony Malone has not been back. When asked if he had been called, Mayor Stern explained why Malone has not been back and what happened. Mayor Stern explained what Malone was trying to do for over \$600,000. This discussion continued with what was proposed by ESI and now MSA which also includes repeating work already completed and paid for. During this discussion, the aldermen present did not realize there were still problems with Well #4. Discussion then went to Blair Parkway and quality of water at Eastland Motor Sports. After more discussion, all seemed to agree to have a committee meeting in order for everyone to be brought up to speed on these projects.

Street and Property – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Ed Mitchell submitted resolution on fluoride as requested. Alderman Kocal reported House Bill 5383 is out of Rules Committee and on to the next – making good progress. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve resolution in support of HB 5383 which supports appeal of fluoride mandate. Alderman Kocal listed off several things where we get fluoride from. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Mitchell discussed request from Leigh Ann Piper of Pitter Patter Pantry of a letter from the city with tax exemption number and 170-C. Letter was written by Mayor Stern. Mitchell discussed but was not sure Pitter Pantry falls under City. Mayor Stern announced he talked with Dianne Adolph and found the grant check will come to the City, then the City would sign over to Pitter Patter. Mitchell suggested sending the City's tax exempt number and see if that is sufficient. No one objected. Mitchell will give update of the Aero contract next meeting after seeing what Savanna does.

Mayor Stern submitted resolution for Tractor Parade on July 20th. This year's parade will start and finish in Lanark. Mayor Stern highlighted some of the responsibilities of the City which were listed in the resolution. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve resolution for Carroll County Tractor Parade on July 20th. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Jetter – Clerk again reported Alderman Fehlhafer requested to be called in order to participate in this discussion. Mayor Stern reported copy of quote from Sewer of America in Chadwick were in folders. Several did not know there was a problem with the jetter. All seemed to agree to not call Alderman Fehlhafer and wait until they all had more information.

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

Clerk requested Mayor Stern to sign tonight's checks in Alderman Macomber's absence. Clerk reported paychecks for city officials are in their folders. Clerk explained since we do not have anything in writing regarding Alderman Strohecker's resignation, she issued a paycheck for half of this pay period as the Code Book requires. All seemed to agree. Clerk reported receiving two more foreclosure notices yesterday. Clerk reminded Council she will be on vacation April 1 – 8 and will miss the April 3rd meeting.

Mayor Stern reminded everyone starting on appropriations on March 20th. No time has been set as yet. Mayor Stern will set a Water & Sewer committee meeting. Mayor Stern reported Clerk will be absent April 3rd and he is not sure of his plans as yet. Alderman Weaver is not sure he will be in attendance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*