

August 7, 2012

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Matt Wagner and Boyce Humphries. Janie Dollinger arrived at 8:30 PM. (Sharon Pepin arrived shortly after meeting adjourned - picked up signed papers.)

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call: Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-abstain and Alderman Burkholder-aye. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept and pay the bills from July 17<sup>th</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Burkholder-aye. Motion carried.

Community Funding & Planning Services – moved to bottom of agenda as Sharon Pepin will be late in arriving.

Willett Hofmann – Argyle St. – Matt Wagner submitted progress report and reviewed. Argyle Street is basically done except for punch list. Wagner reported still waiting on Law Excavating to submit payroll reports in order to process first draw down request. Wagner discussed seeding at the detention pond. All seemed to agree to wait. When asked about the gates in fence, Wagner explained Les Guenzler and Reid Law discussed where these should be. Wagner will follow up. Blair Parkway – Wagner reported at the last meeting discussed Law's figure of \$98,000, \$24,000 of this is hot mix Pearl Street. Wagner ran figures for seal coating: Civil - savings of \$10,000 to \$11,000 County - savings of \$20,000. If wait with seal coating, Pearl Street will have gravel all winter. In order to save on seal coating, Council agreed to leave Pearl Street with gravel over winter with City Maintenance Dept. maintaining the gravel. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve Blair Parkway and award Blair Parkway bid to Law Excavating minus all hot mix and seal coating leaving graveled section with City Maintenance Dept. maintaining gravel. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Wagner reported Nicor and Frontier have been notified, may end up waiting on utilities. Wagner discussed additional costs to Willett Hofmann for inspection services (\$70/hour). Staking still needs to be done. When asked about start date, Wagner announced probably first of September.

TIF request – no paperwork has been submitted as yet.

Tax Levy Ordinance – Ed Mitchell submitted draft. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve Ordinance #870. Brief discussion included millage limits and 105%. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Burkholder-aye. Motion carried.

General audience – no one present had any business.

**Committees** – no reports.

Ed Mitchell discussed the collapsed Fogell building on Broad Street. Mitchell reported the fifteen day notice was sent out after the July 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Suit was filed on July 25, 2012. All persons involved have been served. They have thirty days to respond. When asked about the other Fogell building, Mitchell explained both properties (collapsed and adjoining building) are included. Mitchell feels we should be dealing with EPA at the same time. Mitchell discussed a class action suit on atrazine in water. If can show atrazine in water, we could possibly get \$5,000. Mitchell will check with Guenzler to check our water tests back to 1990. Mayor Stern inquired about easements. Mitchell explained he prepared easement for senior citizen complex which was placed in a land trust at Rockford bank. Mitchell finally received response reporting trust has been moved four times. Mitchell sent amended easement to Chicago title company last week. Mitchell will follow up by checking every couple days. Mitchell discussed request from James Hazelbower to release lien at café on Route 64. Hazelbower purchased café through tax sale and claims the lien is void. Mitchell explained if lien is voided, then we do not need to release. If not voided, why would we want to release the lien? Mitchell will check into this further.

Alderman Macomber received letter from Bray presenting the City with a clock which he presented to Council.

Alderman Lindsay discussed sidewalk at Steve Steffes' which was dug up last year to do sewer repairs. After some discussion, all seemed to agree our past practice is the property owner is responsible to replace the sidewalk or the City does and sends property owner a bill.

Alderman Fehlhafer reported he has talked with Ture Person who had turned in plumbing bill for sewer repairs. Alderman Fehlhafer explained from his discussion with Les Guenzler, the sewer problem is entirely the property owner's. Alderman Fehlhafer reported Person ran new sewer line and hooked into City's line. No hook up fee (\$500) was charged for this hook up. Person will take care of the plumber's bill.

Alderman Kocal and Alderman Burkholder did not have any additional business this evening.

Clerk reported she will be on vacation August 10 – 18.

Mayor Stern submitted pamphlets from JC WIFI. They are interested in putting tower on top of City's water tower. Mayor reported they have towers on several surrounding area water towers. We need to negotiate an agreement if we are interested. T-6 has purchased JC WIFI and Council has been made aware of problems with T-6 in the past. If interested, what fees do we ask for? Mitchell will have more information at the next meeting.

Community Funding & Planning Services – In Sharon Pepin's absence, Alderman Fehlhafer submitted materials from Pepin. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed change orders for the Municipal Building. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to go with payment of change orders 1, 2, 3 and 4. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Change order 5 is for \$24,053 to do tuck pointing. John Dollinger was asked to review the tuck pointing and confirmed it does need to be done and recommended a high quality sealant. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer to go ahead with change order #5 for \$24,503 with sealant.

Discussion of the sealant continued briefly. Alderman Macomber seconded this motion. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Hawbecker inquired how expenses would be paid, explaining the City's auditor recommended each (Library and City) pay expenditures out of their own separate accounts. Several aldermen reported it was decided all revenue and expenditures would go through the City's accounts. After more discussion, all seemed to agree to go with auditor's recommendation.

Alderman Fehlhafer reported another change order will be coming for electrical work on north side of building to provide for garden. A flag pole will be there but not sure what else at this time. Alderman Fehlhafer gave time line of project. The project should be done by Thanksgiving. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve draw down of \$58,405 to Ringland-Johnson and Bray. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Janie Dollinger briefly discussed donor's plaque which was discussed at the Library Board's meeting. The Library Board will discuss this further and bring recommendation to the Council. Alderman Macomber suggested running this by Bray which Dollinger already has. Next meeting with Bray is August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Burkholder to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*