

May 1, 2012

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Sharon Pepin, JL Hunter, Boyce Humphreys, Kristy Van Matre, Kathy Weber, Janie Dollinger, Ramona Koning, Karen Sturtevant, Darcie Feltmeyer, Jodi York, Anne Viglietta, Carol Kruzek, Steven Kruzek, Matthew Wagner, Denise Krysiak, Norman Brinkmeier, Connie Knutti and Tamara Kniss.

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

Clerk announced corrections to the April 17th minutes: Ringland Johnson was misspelled and they were not awarded the contract for the Municipal Building. Ringland Johnson was the lowest of the two bids received. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the minutes of the April 17th meeting with corrections. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from April 17th to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Appropriations ordinance – City Attorney Ed Mitchell submitted Ordinance regarding Appropriations for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2013. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve Ordinance #865 Appropriations for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2013 as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Community Funding & Planning Services – Sharon Pepin submitted Draw down request #2 for the Detention Pond project and reviewed. Pepin explained the lull in the project is due to utilities (gas and electric) which needed to be moved. Clerk reported the \$3,311.55 to Willett Hofmann was included in tonight's bills. All agreed to go ahead with this payment and reimburse city upon receipt of CDAP funds. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve CDAP Draw down #2. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Pepin announced the DCEO application has been approved. City will received 25% with the grant agreement. Pepin reported we can move forward even though the grant agreement is not in place.

Library Bid – The Flex grant has been approved. Pepin reported Ringland-Johnson's fee will increase \$12,650 over their bid from last fall. Mitchell discussed process to waive bidding. Award bid will be put on the June 5th agenda. Discussed having a refresher meeting of the Planning Committee. Alderman Macomber, Planning Committee Chair did not feel one was necessary. Alderman Lindsay agreed.

Library Report – Janie Dollinger submitted information sheets to review at leisure and gave background information of the city library. The newly formed Friends of the Library help out with costs for special programs. Discussed internet usage. Dollinger reported there is not enough room for all that’s needed. The 150th time capsule was made by Eastland Fabrications and delivered today.

Detention Pond - Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann reported work will begin again tomorrow. ComEd has moved line.

Blair Parkway – Matt Wagner submitted photos and discussed findings. Wagner would like to have televised within the next couple of days if weather permits. Discussed 10 and 100 year storms. When asked, Wagner explained nothing we did would have handled the storm three years ago. Wagner will try to have proposal for the next meeting.

Cemetery Board Annual Report – Norm Brinkmeier submitted copies of annual report and reviewed. Ivy Monuments are working on repairs to stones. New purchase of JDX740. Brinkmeier thanked Council for the help with trees, etc. Mayor Stern announced the City should raise the fees for digging grave. Brinkmeier agreed as this cost has been the same for 15-18 years.

Heritage Center – Mayor Stern read letter of resignation from June Kingery. Clerk read resignation letter from Lenore Schrader. Mayor Stern suggested honoring June for many years of service. City Attorney Ed Mitchell submitted another draft of lease which includes Anne Viglietta’s changes. Viglietta announced the Lanark Community Club (LLC) should not have free reign on what they can do to the building. Viglietta reported she has secured the schedule for rentals. Currently Jim Eckburg and Anne Viglietta will be taking reservations. Viglietta inquired if she could put this on the city’s website. No one objected. Mitchell submitted draft ordinance of the Heritage Center Board for the City Code Book.

General audience – no one had any additional business at this time.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Lindsay would like to schedule a committee meeting soon. Mayor Stern announced we need to review the health insurance by June 15th. Information is in folders – please review.

Purchasing and Finance – Mayor Stern submitted finance information over the last fiscal year. Mayor Stern announced the City is sitting with best numbers ever. A bill was submitted for plumbing due to back up in basement (507 N. Broad). After a short discussion, it was agreed to discuss with Les Guenzler before making a decision.

Planning – Alderman Macomber questioned what we are going to do with the equipment stored in the Municipal Building.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Ed Mitchell discussed the Fogell building. Code Books need updating – drop off at Mitchell's office.

Alderman Fehlhafer reported lawns need to be mowed. Chief Magill is looking into. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed drainage at Forester's. Guenzler needs to be made aware of this to get started. Alderman Fehlhafer announced when the Tree Board is established again, there are low hanging branches all along Locust Street. Materials have been purchased (\$40,000) for water mains – will this get done this year? Mayor Stern reported it needs to be done this year. April 23rd was date to start railroad crossing repairs but nothing yet. When asked, Clerk reported Eastland Motor Sports has not paid their bill as yet. Discussed what to do about this issue. Discussion included hydrants, water mains and current expenses – new jetter purchased, Library \$300,000 and Burns Street main. Several problems were listed but not getting anything done. Mayor Stern explained emergencies come first. It was suggested Guenzler come to the next Council meeting. When asked, Wagner participated in the discussion of the Eastland Motor Sports' problem. Water and Sewer Committee meeting needs to be set. Discussed issues of Well #4 project.

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

Clerk asked for clarification regarding free service for one year to new business once “doors are open for business”. Adam's Collision on North Broad works from referrals and word of mouth, no set business hours. All seemed to agree to give free service from when purchased business. Clerk reported received check from Marcia and Marty Claussen for \$700 to cover the “free service” which they received when they were going to open for business. As of yet they have not opened for business and wanted to pay the City back. Clerk reported the “free service” which was credited to their account was only \$612. Clerk recommended refunding the difference of \$. All agreed.

Mayor Stern is concerned about where the funds will come from to pay the balance after grants for the Municipal Building. After listing the totals of grants and matching of grants an excess of approximately \$350,000 remains to be paid. Who is coming up with the excess? JL Hunter, Library Board reported the Library has a lot of internal for the Library to do. The Library Board does not think they can commit to anything more at this time and are looking to the City to pick up the remainder of costs. Discussed financing options. Alderman Macomber suggested \$100,000 from General fund, \$100,000 from TIF fund and \$100,000 loan from bank. This discussion brought up the subject of water and sewer rate increase. The equipment (currently stored at Municipal Building) will need to be stored elsewhere. TIF funds are “free” monies and need to be used.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*