

October 16, 2012

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Anne Lindsay, Alderman Ed Fehlhafer, Alderman Tom Kocal, Alderman Weston Burkholder and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Mark Macomber was absent. Alderman Macomber arrived at 9:05 PM.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Amy Barnes, John Huggins, Mike Leslie and JL Hunter.

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 Burkholder to accept the minutes of the October 2nd meeting as presented. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from October 2nd to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve the Treasurer's Report for September. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Burkholder-aye. Motion carried.

Willett Hofmann – Blair Parkway/Truman Ave./Argyle St. – Mike Leslie submitted Progress Report. Willett Hofmann has received payroll reports from Law Excavating. Leslie announced workers should be here tomorrow or Thursday to start on Truman Avenue. Leslie submitted and reviewed Demolition Report and Budgetary Estimates for 105 N. Broad Street. Report included estimate of debris material from collapsed building. The three (3) options investigated are:

Option 1 \$240,000

Demolition of 105 N. Broad Street and construction of a new stair access to the second level of 107 N. Broad Street

Option 2 \$340,000

Demolition of the additions to 105 N. Broad Street and rehabilitation of the original two story construction

Option 3 \$200,000

Demolition of 105 and 107 N. Broad Street

After much discussion, Streets & Property Committee scheduled a meeting for October 23rd at 5:00 PM in city hall to discuss further. Attorney Ed Mitchell reported he called Freeport to see what it cost them to clean up collapsed building - \$115,000 but not sure if that included everything.

Municipal Building – Alderman Fehlhafer submitted pictures showing brick facing coming off. Alderman Fehlhafer submitted change order #16 for \$5,146.00. This change order includes all labor, materials and equipment to install three (3) entry lights and fascia board above the “City of Lanark” sign on the Broad Street side of building. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve change order #16 for \$5,146.00. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed color choices for the bench which will be located in the lobby. All seemed to agree on

medium stain. Alderman Fehlhafer reported the gas meter is sealed. The Clerk will call Nicor tomorrow. During discussion of concerns with the building to the south, Alderman Fehlhafer reported Martin & Company have taken many pictures for documentation of crack.

General Audience – John Huggins reported the trees in city park which were planted by the Lions Club have died. Sweitzer Nursery does guarantee their trees however the City did not water properly. Mayor Stern and John Huggins attended a recent workshop on websites. Information such as Annual Audits, Treasurer Reports, etc. were recommended but not required at this time to have on websites. Discussed agenda and minutes requirement. Huggins reported agenda and minutes must be on website.

Committees

Mayor Stern reported he has received an application for TIF funds. Mayor Stern appointed TIF Committee: John Nelson, Jim Wyeth and Ken Viglietta. Mayor Stern added John Huggins tonight. This committee will review the TIF application and bring recommendation to Council.

Street & Property – Alderman Kocal submitted minutes from Streets & Property Committee meeting on October 9th. The committee agreed to wait on debris until they know about the second building. Committee discussed and agreed to proceed with Fox property on Pearl Street as nuisance like the Fogell building. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal to allow Ed Mitchell to begin nuisance procedure of Fox property. After more discussion which included several other blighted properties, Alderman Kocal amended his motion to include all blighted properties discussed. Discussion continued on blighted properties and nuisance procedure. All seemed to agree to Attorney Mitchell sending letter to all five (5) properties discussed: 128 W. Franklin, 316 E. Pearl, 314 S. School, 311 N. Broad and 101 S. Broad. Motion died due to lack of second. Discussed sidewalk on south side of 102 N. Broad Street (Platinum Performance). Alderman Kocal had asked Alderman Burkholder to prepare specs for removal and replacement of sidewalk. Alderman Burkholder submitted specs for review. After some discussion, all seemed to agree to put out for bids after the first of the year to do in spring. JL Hunter inquired who is responsible for sidewalk repairs which were torn out for sewer repairs. All seemed to agree property owner is responsible for replacement. Alderman Kocal announced he would like to have Maintenance Supervisor, Les Guenzler and Chief Matt Magill to attend meetings again in order to be better informed. Briefly discussed Burns Street Water Mains project. Alderman Fehlhafer does not think it will get done this year. Mayor Stern gave update of recent maintenance work. Discussion continued on water mains – yet this year or next spring? Materials have been in since early this year. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to instruct Maintenance Dept. to do Burns Street water mains this year to be completed by December 1st. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Burkholder-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern briefly discussed Truman/Pearl Street project deadline of November 9th. Discussion went back to the collapsed Fogell building – cost so far for demolition when collapsed approximately \$600 and whether or not to treat debris as hazardous material due to asbestos. Mayor Stern explained misunderstanding with EPA when reported the building collapsed. Mayor Stern reported EPA inspector was on site October 3rd. Mayor Stern sent letter to EPA with \$300 check for demolition permit. Permit fee was doubled due to being past deadline of ten (10) days prior to demolition. (Alderman Macomber arrived at 9:05.) Alderman Kocal inquired about the filter for Eastland Motor Sports. Alderman Macomber questioned who will pay for installation and maintenance. After some discussion, all seemed to agree the City would pay for installation and Eastland Motor Sports would maintain filter. Due to the filter recycling and regenerating, there will be more water usage. Alderman Macomber will discuss with Jeff Lessman (owner of Eastland Motor Sports) and proceed with installation of filter. Alderman

Kocal discussed Bill Piper's request for sidewalk repairs. Piper is proposing replacement of first step from house to street - approximately forty (40) feet of city sidewalk. Piper will pay half \$875 and City will pay half \$875. Quote from Jim Green. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Burkholder to approve Jim Green repair Bill Piper's sidewalk for \$875 and approximately forty (40) feet of city sidewalk for \$875. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye, Alderman Macomber-abstain, Alderman Fehlhafer-nay, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Mowing bid from Ardena Grant was tabled until February.

Water & Sewer – no report.

Purchasing/Finance – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Attorney Ed Mitchell, Open Meetings Act Official submitted required certificate of annual training. Mitchell reminded everyone who serves on a City Board must take the required on-line training and submit certificate to City Clerk when completed. Mediacom contract – Savanna recently did. Mitchell will contact them and draft similar contract for Council's review. Nicor fifty (50) years contract – Mitchell will review.

Alderman Fehlhafer reported he finally received quote from Prowant Construction for tuck pointing at Heritage Center for \$5,980 (\$8.75/sq. ft.). Alderman Fehlhafer discussed water damage to section of wall upstairs and downstairs. Roof must still be leaking. During discussion, concerns were whether Prowant Construction does tuck pointing or will sub out.

Clerk announced Elkay Manufacturing has donated water coolers for the Municipal Building and suggested Mayor Stern send a thank you to Elkay. Mayor Stern agreed.

Mayor Stern did not have any additional business.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*