

January 22, 2013

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Amy Barnes, J.L. Hunter, Dennis Pate, Lenore Schrader, Beth Miller, Steve Haring, Lee Johnson and Lynnette Forth.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting in the new Municipal Building. Mayor Stern then thanked Alderman Mark Macomber for spearheading this project. Alderman Macomber was chairman of the Planning Committee putting in many hours with meetings, phone calls, bidding process, etc. Mayor Stern honored Alderman Macomber by turning the meeting over to him as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Stern took a seat in the audience while Alderman Macomber took Mayor's chair at the head of the table.

After roll call, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the January 8th meeting as presented. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Burkholder-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from January 8, 2013 to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for December – Clerk/Treasurer reported funds will need to be transferred from savings in order to cover tonight's checks specifically \$133,568 to Ringland-Johnson. When asked, Clerk/Treasurer explained it will take approximately \$160,000 to cover tonight's checks using the 70% General Fund/15% Water Fund/15% Sewer Fund formula.

MSA Professional Services – Blair Parkway & East Lift Station – Steve Haring submitted project update and reviewed. Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services is working on grant application for this project. MSA has provided her with approximate costs of \$860,000 which includes Blair Parkway sanitary sewer, East Lift Station and some force main construction on Locust Street. After more discussion, the consensus was to discuss this further in committee meeting and include Nick Wagner and Sharon Pepin. Alderman Fehlhafer will set up a meeting.

Garbage Proposals from Moring Disposal – Denny Pate submitted proposal with several options and reviewed.

Option 1 – contract remains exactly the same – freezing price of \$11.18 per residence per month for another year

Option 1a – contract the same with change in yard waste by subscription at cost of \$10.80 per month

Option 2 – 65 gallon tote service for trash and recycling-10 year contract

Option 3 – subscription for yard waste (additional tote \$35)

When asked how soon the tote service could be administered, Pate reported April 1st. Moring Disposal would distribute the totes to each residence. Also discussed was a central recycling center as done in a few other communities. Alderman Fehlhafer reported the city's Monday branch pick up is just duplicating the services which we are paying Moring for. Too many residents put small piles of sticks at curb on Mondays for city pick up. If the city pick up on Monday is discontinued, that would free up one sometimes two employees for other work. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept option for two (2) containers with three (3) year period for two (2) three (3) year extensions with recycling every other week. Pate reported he will need to take this proposal back to Larry Moring for approval. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Burkholder-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Clerk inquired about dumpster here at the Municipal Building, Pate suggested using totes for now.

Audit Report – tabled until next meeting.

General Audience – J.L. Hunter of the Library Board reported the Library Board is looking at furniture with a new proposal next Tuesday. The Council is invited to attend the Board meeting Tuesday at 5:15 PM to be held here. Mayor Pro Tem Macomber requested quote for this room. Beth Miller announced she and her husband have put a bid on the old Shearer building. They would like to refurbish it to live in when retire. They plan to keep the front as the original in order to keep looking like Hometown USA. After a short discussion, the consensus was for her to go through the Zoning Board in order to rezone. Clerk reported the City has an ordinance which prohibits living on the street level floor in the downtown district. Mitchell agreed.

Committees

Personnel – Alderman Lindsay announced need to set meeting for reviews and mowing.

Purchase & Finance – Mayor Pro Tem Macomber reported Chief Magill is requesting purchase of 2013 squad and would like to get in next fiscal year's budget. A new model 2014 will require new equipment. Discussion ended with request got Matt Magill to be at the next meeting.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal reported the bid notice for the demolition of the downtown blighted buildings is in this week's issue of the Prairie Advocate. Bids are due back by 2:00 PM on January 30th in city hall and opened at that time. Approximately twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) people were at the Pre-Bid meeting.

Ed Mitchell reported we passed Nicor Ordinance in November. One of the provisions said it must be approved by Nicor within thirty (30) days. Mitchell received a call from Nicor stating it was not approved within that time and requested it to be extended. Mitchell updated on the Internet agreement. The levy numbers have been filed and copy to clerk. Mitchell received call from Jeanine at Expresslane. They have hired someone for behind the counter who is nineteen (19). She wanted to be sure there was no problem a nineteen (19) year old selling liquor. Mitchell read from city code book, selling liquor must be at least nineteen (19) years of age. Just wanted Council to be aware of this issue. Discussion then went to our ordinances supercede State Statutes. Mitchell explained the State supercedes municipality. Mitchell reported checking with Mark Hansen regarding the ASCAP license fees. The school is not paying this fee.

Clerk reported a resident of seventy (70) years of age recently learned about the senior discount and is requesting a refund or credit to his account. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to deny any refund but to award him the senior discount at this time. Clerk announced Sherry Burkholder has requested quarterly payments for the rent of Roger

Burkholder's storage building. Consensus was the owner usually sets the payments so quarterly payments will be made. Clerk announced keys to the Municipal Building were distributed just prior to the meeting. Clerk had several reminders: Mowing bid from Ardena Grant, proposal of \$5,980 for tuck pointing from Prowant Construction and filter at Eastland Motor Sports. Clerk announced receipt of bill for \$4,640 from Bray Architects. Clerk explained Bray's bill does not show all payments made by the City or the Library. Clerk will check with Sharon Pepin on this. Since no one thought to install a mailbox on the Municipal Building, consensus was to get a post office box. Clerk discussed the mats in the lobby with consensus being to use two (2) mats for now.

When asked, Mayor Stern announced he did not have any business tonight.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*