

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Ardena Grant, Alderman John Huggins, Alderman Mark Macomber and Mayor Kevin Barnes were present. Alderman Ron Strohecker was absent.

Also present were Les Guenzler, Conrad Aschenbrenner, Leroy Hasbrouck, Scott Burkholder, Jeri Beverley, Ramona Giedd, Chief Page, Marty Beranek, Laurie Gungel and Kara Brinkmeier.

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Barnes recommended to the Council the appointment of Jeri Beverley to Alderman of Ward II. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to appoint Jeri Beverley to Alderman of Ward II. All ayes. Motion carried. In Ed Mitchell's absence, Ramona Giedd administered the oath of office. Upon completion, Alderman Beverley took her seat at the Council table.

Motion made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the October 2nd meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept and pay the bills from October 2nd to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marty Beranek of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file) and reviewed. Phase 2 Site Assessment – Letter was submitted two weeks ago (October 16). We cannot do anything until the letter is reviewed. Then we can set up a schedule. MSA's Senior Hydrogeologist, Richard Lyster would like to come to the next Council meeting on November 20th to provide more information and review some of the state Site Remediation Program (SRP) requirements. He will give a projected schedule. Since we are working with DOT right of way, we will need a utility permit. Mayor signed. Beranek announced we need to have a Water & Sewer Committee meeting to review flow monitor report and then finalize. Beranek reported Sharon Pepin has reviewed the DOT agreement with Craig Foust at Medallion. The Clerk will send in the resolution with DOT agreement. Beranek reported he and Nick Wagner met with Alderman Huggins to review the potential south side development and discussed utility extensions under more defined terms. The City opted to go with the lift station for providing sanitary sewer service. Beranek presented a detailed engineering service fees summary for the Council's consideration. Total services fee is \$49,456. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept contract for engineering services for water and sewer lines to Eastland Motor Sports property. All ayes. Motion carried. Beranek presented copy of water and sewer rates comparison report explaining this is the first time doing this. Beranek reported this will be very informative. Compiled data will show how Lanark fairs compared to surrounding neighbors. MSA plans to do about every two to three years. Beranek left copy for the city. Mayor Barnes thanked MSA for the legislative dinner.

Resolution designating Leland Street as a truck route was in folders for review. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept resolution for truck route. Roll call:

Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Beverley-aye. Motion carried.

A resolution for IL E-Pay was submitted for approval. **Motion** made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept E-Pay resolution as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Beverley-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Huggins recommended making a donation to the Chamber of Commerce to help fund the marketing flyer that was recently mailed out. Alderman Huggins announced the Chamber put a lot of money into website. Huggins suggested a \$500 donation. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to reimburse the Chamber \$500 for advertising. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Huggins presented Ordinance #830 with regard to municipal utility service to multi-unit buildings. Alderman Huggins explained changes. If one business, then submit a letter of intent to put all under one business. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to approve Ordinance #830. Roll call: Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Beverley-aye. Motion carried.

No one was present for the public hearing for water bills. The Clerk was instructed to proceed to the next step.

Laurie Gungel of Carroll County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) was present looking for a representative for Lanark. Alderman Huggins reported he already serves on SUDS and recommended Alderman Weaver. Gungel announced the committee meets on the first Thursday each month. Gungel is looking for a commitment of twenty-five hours per month. Alderman Weaver agreed.

Scott Burkholder asked Mayor Barnes to read the two letters which were submitted prior to the meeting. Mayor Barnes opened the letters and read aloud. One letter was from Scott Burkholder and the other from Ken Grant. After reading the letters Mayor asked if there were any comments. There were none. Mayor announced since Ed Mitchell is not here, there is no answer from the County. Alderman Grant announced Brinkmeier turned the report over to Whiteside County for review. Whiteside County will contact State Police. Alderman Beverley inquired why this was sent out of Carroll County. All seemed to agree they would be neutral. Alderman Grant explained Whiteside will contact the two State Police officers who did the investigation. Alderman Beverley inquired if all prior complaints had been addressed in committee meetings. Alderman Grant will get minutes to Alderman Beverley. Burkholder announced if he went around a bus with the lights on and arm out, he would receive a ticket. Alderman Macomber reported Burkholder would also get a fair trial. Alderman Huggins reported he talked with school official. Bus driver has discretion of turning in or not. Hasbrouck announced it is still illegal to pass a bus with arm out. Alderman Huggins announced our hands are tied. It is out of our hands. Burkholder reported he heard a Council member went to the County and said he did not want to press charges. Burkholder hopes this is not true. Alderman Weaver feels proper action was taken on the bus issue. Burkholder agreed. Burkholder announced there are other problems besides just the bus. Alderman Weaver feels we have addressed each issue as it arose. Burkholder reported there were twenty complaints the first two months the Chief was here. Alderman Huggins explained we had a list and went through it. Most complaints were: he was rude to me. Alderman Huggins announced he is hearing the Chief is doing a good job – getting programs in school, etc. Since discussing issues with officer,

the complaints have decreased. Hasbrouck announced the Chief screamed at his daughter and made her cry. Burkholder reported kids at school do not want to come to this town. Parents feel Chief is harassing kids. Mayor Barnes reported he received a phone call tonight prior to meeting. Parent talked about child passing bus in the morning and officer gave a ticket after school. Parents wanted to check out. School says they have camera. Their attorney took to court and showed innocence. The officer went down and chewed out attorney. At this time, Chief Page said, "No." Mayor Barnes announced apparently if the bus driver does not like you, he can get you a ticket. Alderman Beverley reported if we are getting repetitive complaints more and more, we need to take steps to get results. Alderman Weaver announced we went through the list and officer addressed each one. Alderman Grant feels the only reason he addressed it was he was trying to flip it back on her. Council discussed backing in parking space at school. Chief reported he is telling kids in the lead car with three to four cars behind them, backing in could possibly cause accident. Alderman Grant will get copies of complaints to Alderman Beverley. Alderman Huggins recommended the Police Committee look into this further. Alderman Macomber encouraged Burkholder to get more letters. Also encourage people to call their aldermen if they don't want to write.

Two building permits were submitted:

1. Edward Fehlhafer – putting on new deck and door.
2. William Meador – putting on roof over existing patio.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to approve both permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report. Alderman Macomber inquired about the Safe Route To School (SRTS). Alderman Huggins reported we are still waiting to hear.

Streets & Property – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver reported he wants to get together with Guenzler.

Police – Alderman Grant announced she will get notes to Alderman Beverley and maybe set up a meeting. Chief Page reported a minor problem with the truck route resolution. Resolution does not give width – really handicapping these guys. Chief suggested putting in 8 feet 6 inches width. Mayor Barnes announced we need to do resolution to move forward with funding. Mayor will talk to Mitchell about that.

Economic Development – Alderman Huggins reported we need to form a TIF committee. He suggested the Economic Chair, Finance Chair and director of CCEDC. Director would be non-biased and could also be helpful in other funding. Committee is to screen out applications. No applications as yet. Alderman Huggins announced he went to broadband conference a couple weeks ago. The US is twelfth or fourteenth as for rural coverage. Forty-five percent coverage right now. Trying to bring more band to the area. Huggins announced MIT is coming up with computer at \$100 each. November 15th, can get \$399 laptop and send one to child in another country. Alderman Huggins was to meet with Frontier but was cancelled. He will reschedule.

Ordinance – done.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Mayor received call from resident who was upset about water being shut off (for hydrant replacement). Mayor suggested giving more notice next time. When asked about the roof at the Hart building, Guenzler reported it is leaking in three or four places. Alderman Grant announced it is leaking in the area where the books are kept. Need to get bids before it falls in. No one felt it is that bad. We are waiting to hear from EPA. Alderman Weaver feels we need to get offices done and move in. Alderman Beverley explained it has been used for businesses for years past. Nothing toxic has been stored or used. Phase 2 is to check wells. If it comes in OK then move forward. When asked about Chuck being done at Thanksgiving, Guenzler announced still more hydrants to do. When asked if he has a license yet, Alderman Grant announced he is working on – taking classes.

Chief Page submitted written report. Alderman Huggins inquired about donations for class on protecting your identity. The Prairie Advocate bill was \$37.50 for flyers. The Clerk announced she received a statement of \$120.00 from the Prairie Advocate which was donated for the class. Chief reported he was unsure of other donations. Alderman Huggins was inquiring as a comparison.

Alderman Weaver, Alderman Huggins and Alderman Macomber did not have any additional business tonight.

Alderman Grant inquired if sick days were to be used only if sick. Mayor Barnes announced if sick kids it would be OK to use. Alderman Grant announced Chief had two sick days on calendar two weeks before. How do you know that far ahead you are going to be sick? Chief reported his wife had a medical procedure. All seemed satisfied with his response.

The Clerk announced at a committee meeting Chief was instructed to bring in the Police Handbook to be copied. The Clerk inquired how many copies and how to copy. It had been discussed whether to take to Staples or to copy here. No decision was made. After seeing how thick the handbook is, all seemed to agree to have Ed Mitchell review before any copies are made. Ed Stern contacted the Clerk regarding being paid for his time on the Council for the month of April. The Clerk explained due to the lateness of the April election, Stern served as alderman the month of April. It would be \$166.66 for one month's salary for an alderman. All were in agreement to pay Stern for April. The Clerk announced the TIF monies have been deposited. Is she to transfer them to General Fund? **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to transfer TIF monies to General Fund. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk asked for clarification regarding the recent decision of the Chief's salary reduction. She announced Chief will not be covered under city insurance until November 15th. She had interpreted the reduction to be effective as soon as the Chief was on our insurance. Also there was no discussion regarding the insurance co-pay. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to reduce wages and deduct co-pay as of November 12th. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk announced ComEd will be doing tree trimming this quarter. No specific date – only a few trees in town. The Clerk received call from David Pistorius inquiring if the Council was interested in calling bond – must do ninety days prior to next payment which is May 1, 2008. Interest rate has dropped. Mayor Barnes announced there was no interest from local banks in the last attempt. All seemed to agree. The Clerk reported Duane Smith of USDA Rural Development is sending grant application. Grant has to be used to aide small business. The water and sewer project to Eastland Motor Sports would qualify. Grant is for \$99,000. According to Smith, project could be built first and then reimbursed. All seemed to agree it doesn't hurt to try. The Clerk will be on vacation November 27-30. She inquired if there was any preference when to send out next quarter's billing:

- a. send before vacation – bills will show previous balance as the November payment is not due until the 20th. Many wait until then to pay. Will need to print by the 19th or 20th.
- b. Wait until after vacation – bills will be several days late in mailing due to recording all payments before printing.

No one seemed to have a preference. Alderman Grant instructed the Clerk to make the decision. The Clerk played a couple phone messages from resident who is delinquent in payment. The Clerk was instructed to turn water off. The Clerk reported a residence which is delinquent is now in foreclosure. The Clerk was instructed to turn water off and put lien on property. The Clerk announced Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association is offering a two percent discount if annual premium is paid by November 16th. Semi-annual payment is due in June. All seemed to agree not to pay at this time.

Mayor Barnes read a letter from Mark Hansen thanking the Police Dept. for completing rapid deployment. Mayor Barnes also received letter from Lisa Libberton, Tree Board Chair. Mayor Barnes had sent out email to everyone regarding the Tree Board appointments. It seems there is resistance from the new members. In the past, Mike Feltmeyer was a member. Council felt one from the City should serve on Board. At the last meeting, it was stated Guenzler was not a member because he is not a resident of Lanark. The ordinance states resident of Lanark. Libberton feels Guenzler should be grandfathered in. Alderman Weaver inquired what is broken. Alderman Grant announced Libberton has drained funds and nothing saved for a storm. Alderman Huggins reported he asked for a list of trees a year ago. Nothing has been received as yet. The Clerk suggested someone from the Council serve on the Tree Board that way they would know what the Board is doing and how their money is being used. Alderman Huggins would like a list. He has called her about a couple of trees. He would like to see if they were taken care of. Council discussed leaving or putting Guenzler on Tree Board. Alderman Grant suggested putting Alderman Macomber on Tree Board and leave Guenzler on. Alderman Grant announced Chief was not at last meeting, questioned why dog was not quarantined after biting two people. When asked who the other bite was, Grant reported the mail lady was bitten. Chief announced there is nothing in our ordinance about quarantine. The mail lady did not report bite. Chief announced the County Health Dept. has to quarantine. Libberton was not notified if dogs had shots.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*