

August 4, 2009

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Chief Magill, Tony Malone, Steve Haring and Holly Mason.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. After roll call, Alderman Fehlhafer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Strohecker requested a correction to the minutes: Alderman Strohecker asked for the wording under Alderman Macomber's business to be changed to: Tree Board report was submitted which only certain people received – Mayor Stern, Alderman Macomber, Les Guenzler and Clerk. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the minutes of the July 21st meeting with correction. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk announced a correction to the bills as Chief Magill was unavailable prior to meeting for consultation – bill for Ray O'Herron for \$121.79 should be moved from Police Equipment to Purchase New Squad as it is equipment for the new squad. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from July 21st to present with correction. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file) and reviewed. **Southside Utilities Extension** – Haring reported the sewer portion should begin soon. Haring has been in contact with Senators Bivens and Sacia regarding the \$100,000 (Bivens) and \$50,000 (Sacia). Bonds have not been sold therefore, funds are not available yet. It will be another 60 to 90 days to complete the bond sale. Haring has drafted a quick thank you to both for Mayor Stern's signature. **Phase 2** – still under review at IEPA. Council discussed setting a Water & Sewer Committee meeting.

Chief Magill announced still waiting on shipment of squad. Should be about two to three weeks after delivered to Decatur.

Les Guenzler, Mt. Supervisor submitted written report. Guenzler reported need to replace pump which was struck by lightning. Alderman Strohecker inquired if there was a surge protector in place. Guenzler announced there was not but he has checked with Scott's Electric and it could be done. The Clerk suggested checking with insurance to see if covered. Mayor Stern questioned if we should buy now or repair. It will be replaced next year when we redo the lift station. Alderman Strohecker announced we need to change discharge – look into this winter, otherwise when we upgrade the lift station, we will still have the same problems. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to repair pump and see what insurance will pay. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. First Brethren Church wants the City to seal the alley. Guenzler reported approximate cost is \$193.00. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve the City paying for sealing of alley at First Brethren Church for \$193. Voice vote showed Alderman Strohecker as nay and all others ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Stern submitted list of sidewalks

with 657 linear feet already completed. Mayor Stern reported the Mt. Dept. is keeping a record book. Mayor announced the bulk of the sidewalk work has been done on the east side of town – 500 plus east of Broad and south of tracks, churches and schools. Guenzler reported he wanted these done so that it didn't interfere with school. Alderman Strohecker discussed the concrete being used. Guenzler reported Quality Concrete was poor quality. Mayor Stern confirmed as he also saw rocky concrete. Alderman Strohecker announced it should have been rejected and discussed with Quality Concrete. Mayor Stern feels Quality will get the idea. Alderman Strohecker instructed Guenzler to inform employees overtime applies to all.

Mayor Stern asked for a motion to accept city employee's reports. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve city employee's reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

General audience – Tony Malone reported he was at the last Council meeting and just wanted to stop back to meet the mayor. Holly Mason was here to get answers to questions regarding her drainage issue and see what Council is doing about ordinance. Alderman Strohecker wants Guenzler to dig hole on parkway and put in four inch tile. They will have to dig across street. Alderman Kocal questioned why the City is still involved with this issue. Alderman Strohecker announced because the City approved permit but no drainage included – pooling problem due to garage built, reroute water run off to Mason's drive and possibly deteriorate foundation of garage. Alderman Weaver questioned if improvements cause run off, is City responsible? State Statute says cannot drain off on another's property. Discussion continued with why and what to do. When Alderman Strohecker asked Mitchell what he suggested, Mitchell explained we have never asked for drainage exhibit. By not requiring expense of survey, we have tried to keep costs down due to small town and small projects. When asked about cost to drain across street, Guenzler announced he had no idea. Alderman Kocal feels that's saying the City takes responsibility. Mason questioned the validity of Smith's permit. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to send this to committee. All ayes. Motion carried. After a brief discussion, Alderman Strohecker instructed the Clerk to post meeting for 8:00 AM, Saturday, August 8th.

Payment schedule – Alderman Lindsay reported Dale Swanson has \$12 in late fees and \$25 in NSF fee and is asking for some relief due to mail being forwarded while in Chicago with Josh. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to void late and NSF fees.

Appointments to Library Board and treasurer – Mayor Stern suggested talking about this in executive session.

AEDs – Alderman Fehlhafer announced he still needs more information. All agreed to put on next agenda.

Building permits – Bill VanMatre is putting up new storage shed same size as before only higher. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve VanMatre's permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committees

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal reported at recent CCEDS group met to address building permits/zoning. They discussed possibly hiring a building inspector for the county – commercial not residential. Municipalities would share the cost. Milledgeville is considering a patching machine. Also discussed what others are interested in leasing or renting. Shannon

rents our sweeper. Alderman Strohecker explained when company rents equipment, they rent with operator rather than others using – nothing to lose. Alderman Kocal agreed. We send operator with ours.

Ordinance – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – Alderman Macomber announced he has some things for next agenda – still working on. Sharon Pepin works on grants for Mt. Carroll. Possibly get quotes from MSA and Pepin.

Personnel/Police – Alderman Lindsay inquired if there were classes coming up that Matt Haverland can take. Guenzler announced Blackhawk offers in the fall. All seemed to agree need to get something lined up for Haverland.

Street and Property – no report.

Water & Sewer – no report.

Ed Mitchell requested executive session to discuss pending litigation. Mitchell reported he had sent letter of agreement to Lanark Ag. It has been sold and is now Lanark Ag LLC. Mitchell passed out copies of draft for mayor's signature. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to have mayor sign letter and get this taken care of. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Strohecker requested executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation.

Alderman Macomber inquired where we were at with the drainage fee. It was agreed to discuss this at Saturday's meeting.

City Clerk did not have any business this evening.

Mayor Stern announced he has been hit by a lot of good requests and questioned how to pass these on, by emails? All seemed to agree emails were best to get information before meetings. Mayor reported the city park has electrical supply issues. Old Settler's Days had more vendors than usual. Mayor Stern was not sure he interpreted the IDOT sign correctly but feels he is making progress. Fire hydrants is dragging out, etc. Alderman Fehlhafer has a rough estimate for sand filters but would like another. Others agreed. Some feel we can do with our own people. Others feel it would tie up four people and four trucks for several months. It can be done but impractical. Discussed direction for Guenzler to take regarding the three homes on one water line. It was agreed to have Guenzler get prices. Mayor Stern reported he gets hit up by people when out in public – Aaron Hubbard is happy, Jerry James is happy and five people want treasurer's job. Mayor Stern feels people are opening up.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 8:45 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:45 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to appoint Linda Ludwig as treasurer effective September 1, 2009. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*