

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF CARROLL)SS.
CITY OF LANARK)

May 4, 2010

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Anne Lindsay, Alderman Ed Fehlhafer, Alderman Ron Strohecker Alderman Mark Macomber, Alderman Tom Kocal and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Ken Weaver arrived at 7:33 PM.

Also present were Les Guenzler, Linda Ludwig, Sharon Pepin, Randy Pepin, Steve Haring, Norm Brinkmeier, Anthony Malone and John Huggins. City Attorney, Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:37 PM.

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

Motion made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept the minutes of the April 20th meeting as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept and pay the bills from April 20th to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stern moved the Cemetery Board up on the agenda due to Norm Brinkmeier needing to get to another meeting. Norm Brinkmeier submitted annual cemetery report and reviewed. Six lots were sold last year. Thirty-six graves were dug. Lanark Lions Club donated \$5,000 toward shrubs. A CD was purchased for the General Fund. New hedges were purchased from Sweitzer for \$29,724.75. A new trailer was purchased. Retirement plan was started for caretaker. Brinkmeier reported they are very happy with the new hedges and trees. The Cemetery Board wants to straighten up old stones and some repairs – future project. There may be more trees to take down.

Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services submitted project update. **Southside Utilities Project** – Nick Wagner will be at the next meeting for close out of the Southside Utilities project. **Phase 2** – Haring reported City received bill for \$3,448.07 from EPA for time and materials to review the final report in order to issue the NFR (No Further Remediation) letter. There is still \$2,300 left on contract with MSA. MSA will write this off as a gift to the City. Haring congratulated Les Guenzler, Maintenance Manager and City for Wastewater Plant of the Year. **Miscellaneous** – Asbestos Inspection – Alderman Strohecker inquired as to who was privy to the asbestos inspection report. Haring announced only the Council members – no other agencies.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding and Planning Services submitted project update and reviewed. Bray Architects was chosen for the municipal building project. Bray is also the architect doing the school's addition. Pepin has contacted the others to inform them of the Planning Committee's choice and thanked each for their time and interest. Next step is to put together a detailed and comprehensive scope of services. Also need to look at the budget – is \$500,000 the project's budget? Pepin received memo from Bray of things they would like to

have. City and County have done topographic mapping. There is no reason to duplicate work. Bray is in town every Wednesday. Discussed setting a Planning Committee meeting and agreed on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM. It was agreed to try to have reports available for the meeting. Duane Smith provided letter with USDA Rural Development grant information. Smith is concerned with farm being included in City assets. Pepin suggested informing Smith about cemetery. Pepin provided funding matrix. Pepin discussed funding. Income survey is complete 56.7% LMI (low to moderate income). Pepin reported the next step is to complete income survey map which must be submitted to DCEO. DCEO will review and inform City if we qualify for future funds. Pepin announced her fee was \$2900 for income survey, but she reduced to \$2500 due to the community's good response by mail resulting in less time needed in follow up. Council thanked Pepin for doing the survey.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Alderman Strohecker asked Guenzler to list projects which need to be completed at this time. Guenzler started with storm sewer drains. Storm catch basins at Will Street need dug up and replaced. Alderman Strohecker explained he just wanted everyone to know there are more projects to do than what is listed on Guenzler's report. Mayor is aware of much work to be done. Mayor had suggested hiring someone at the last meeting. Mayor Stern discussed hiring more help. Guenzler would like someone to be hired for mowing. Discussion continued on what new hire would be expected to do and what wage would be. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to hire someone for mowing and chipping brush for up to thirty hours per week at minimum wage. Discussed when new hire would start and minimum wage. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Guenzler thanked Council for sending him to conference and announced there was good completion for Plant of the Year. Guenzler requested a sign for Plant of the Year 2009 to be put along the highway. All seemed to agree. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer to put up signs for Plant of the Year. Chief Magill will get more information on signs from DOT. Motion died due to lack of a second. Alderman Lindsay requested the work be completed at Carroll and Broad in order to eliminate the barricades. EPA is coming to inspect the water system.

Mayor Stern reminded everyone of Chief Magill's request at the last meeting for a credit card. Mayor announced the auditor recommends keeping credit card under lock at city hall. When asked, Guenzler explained how expenses were taken care of at wastewater conference. Registration fees were paid in advance with Council approval. Lodging fees were paid with check which was also Council approved.

General audience – John Huggins reported he will be returning the \$100 which the Council donated in order to order new software for Chamber of Commerce. Huggins announced there have been two sesquicentennial meetings so far. Committee is gathering prize money. All were in agreement to allow Huggins to keep the \$100 donation and use towards prize money for slogan contest. Huggins discussed sharing equipment with other communities. Chadwick has purchased a skid loader. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to donate \$100 to the logo contest. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Anthony Malone announced ESI has moved from Elizabeth to Stockton – better centrally located.

RC&D donation – Mayor Stern reminded everyone of John Huggins’s request at previous meeting. Huggins announced a grant of \$10,000 is no longer available. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to donate \$500 to Blackhawk RC&D for John Huggins’s services. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

TCEDA donation – Last year, donation was given of \$1.50 per capita. TCEDA is focused on job creation. Whiteside, Carroll and JoDavies counties make up TCEDA. Pepin explained contributions vary greatly. She has seen anything from \$200 plus. (City Attorney, Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:37 PM.) Some Council members feel if give \$500 to one, need to do for the other. All seemed to agree to table this issue.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell reported he and City Clerk, Treasurer and Mayor received subpoena for Andy Schott and Rob Groharing trial in Buffalo Grove. Mitchell called several times. He does not have to appear but maybe clerk and treasurer. Mitchell called Monday evening but Attorney Thomas McGuire did not know as yet if he will need clerk and treasurer. Mitchell had explained to McGuire treasurer has injury and cannot travel. It was suggested possibly a supposition could be taken. Mitchell announced clerk does not have to go tomorrow. Mitchell reported NFR letter was filed with County. Mitchell reviewed response to EPA. Filed copy was sent to EPA. Mitchell feels ordinance for appropriations is too simplified. Mitchell reviewed past requirements. Mitchell pointed out there is no line for library renovations. Mitchell suggested adding more information. It was agreed the treasurer will work on for next meeting. Mitchell discussed his concern of coyote citing on West Locust Street last week. Others reported other wildlife within city limits – fox, ground hogs, turkeys, etc.

Water, sewer and garbage rates – Mayor discussed increase process. Mitchell did not think rate increase requires a public hearing. Pepin thinks it is good public relations. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed water, sewer and garbage income and expenses – possibly adding line for CIP (Capital Improvements Plan) fund. Alderman Fehlhafer also wants to include in ordinance a rate increase percentage for the next couple of years. When asked if it will be used for emergencies only, Alderman Fehlhafer reported that will need to be looked at. Alderman Fehlhafer feels Alderman Macomber has best idea to install water meters. It would be done in phases with City paying half and customer paying half. Customer’s half would be put on their property tax bill. Mitchell did not know if this could be put on property tax bill. Alderman Fehlhafer announced it is done in other states. Pepin suggested getting estimates for meters. There are grants available for water system. Alderman Fehlhafer feels the State is going to come in and require us to put in meters or no more funding. Funding discussion continued. Pepin explained need to have all four components to figure rates – debt, operation costs, maintenance routine and reserve. Committee meeting was set for May 10th at 7:00 PM.

City park electrical – At the last meeting, it was questioned if we need a licensed electrician. Mayor Stern announced there is no State requirement. The Clerk checked with IMLRMA. Certificate of Insurance is required. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve Option B of Scott’s Electric’s quote. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Purchase trailer – Alderman Fehlhafer submitted information on trailers. Trailer is 8’X25’ with ramp. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to buy first trailer for \$1500. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman

Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Purchase demo hammer – Alderman Strohecker recommended purchase. Guenzler questioned why hammer was needed. Guenzler feels it would be better to have hydraulic on back hoe. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to purchase from PDC. After more discussion, it was agreed to table this purchase.

Building permits – no report.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report as all was discussed earlier.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker inquired when Maintenance would fill in pot holes. Guenzler reported they will get to it soon. Alderman Strohecker inquired if Rolling Hills was sent a bill yet. Guenzler reported not yet. Alderman Strohecker requested a short executive session.

Purchasing/Finance – no report.

Personnel – Mayor Stern announced the committee needs to schedule a meeting to renew the insurance. Also need to discuss the vacation policy. Committee meeting was set for 8:00 AM on May 12th.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal discussed article in newspaper on prison. Lanark is keeping up. Sounds like it will be Federal prison come September. Lanark is keeping website up to date. Transfers are tech savvy – need to keep up. Thirty mile radius is favorite spot. Lanark needs to be proactive.

Planning – Meeting was set for May 19th at 7:00 PM.

Ordinance – no report.

Alderman Lindsay received complaints about Fischer and Burkholder's properties. Others were mentioned in discussion. Since they are businesses and on highway, they need to be cleaned up.

Alderman Macomber received call from Robert Kalina about trees. Alderman Fehlhafer and Alderman Macomber went to Kalina's prior to meeting. Several trees need to come down. Others have also received complaints regarding trees.

No other aldermen had any additional business.

Clerk read response from Jim Sacia regarding the recently passed resolution not supporting Governor's reduction in State funding to municipalities. Note read "I agree."

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to enter executive session to discuss real estate and personnel. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:42 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 10:12 PM.

Mayor Stern reported we need to have Tree Board to be Tree City USA. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay to abolish present Tree Board to reevaluate what is needed and what wants to do. Alderman Strohecker, Alderman Lindsay and Alderman Macomber are all willing to serve as Tree Board members. Several feel Matt Haverland would be good asset to Tree Board. It was also suggested the clerk serve on the Tree Board as she is usually the first to be contacted. Motion died due to lack of second.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*