

June 1, 2010

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Ed Mitchell (7:30), John Huggins, Randy Pepin, Anthony Malone and Dannie Libberton.

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

Clerk announced Water & Sewer Committee and Personnel Committee minutes are in chairperson's folders for review. Water and Sewer Committee minutes were handed out for review. Due to the absence of Alderman Weaver, Personnel Chair, those minutes were not submitted for approval. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept the minutes of the May 18th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept and pay the bills from May 18th to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services submitted project update with no one present (copy on file). Mayor Stern inquired if anyone received his recent email regarding monitoring wells. No one had received his email. Mayor Stern then explained he had sent email to MSA (aldermen and Clerk were copied) inquiring if the three monitoring wells at Southside were still needed. Mayor Stern will send again.

Architect contract – Mayor Stern reported contract was sent to Mitchell from Bray with a deadline of June 11th for resolution. Mitchell was not aware of deadline or resolution. Mitchell discussed Bray's contract. Mitchell does not have a problem with over all contract. Mitchell explained the contract: if stop and drop for sixty months, can ask to renegotiate; list of what will not do; things which have to contract out is cost of city; if there is a falling out, hire mediator. It is always best to mediate before litigate. Arbitrate was not checked on Mitchell's copy of the contract. Mayor's copy shows marked. Mayor's copy is a draft. Mitchell recommends taking out section on paying interest. Discussed change orders. Mitchell read section from contract. If little dispute, Bray settles. If they hire consultant, City pays plus 10%. No competitive bidding on change orders. Mitchell discussed arbitration pros and cons. When asked, Mitchell discussed difference between arbitration and litigation. Mitchell gave example of when sidewalks were done on business district – cracked and thought not done correctly. Arbitration took very short time. Mitchell announced interest is found in section 11-10-2 of contract. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve Bray's contract - drop 11-10-2 from contract – Library will pay half of initial fees of \$7,300. Alderman Strohecker inquired what total fee is, not just initial fees. Library is getting more square footage than City. Discussion continued. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried. All seemed to agree Mitchell would contact Bray tomorrow and Mayor Stern will sign contract once finalized.

Community Funding & Planning Services – Randy Pepin announced June 11th is the deadline to write grants. Pepin announced fee to write grants is \$900. There are two grants totaling \$100,000. Pepin is trying to get as

much as possible for the City. When asked for clarification, all seemed to agree if contract change is acceptable, Mayor Stern will sign contract. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer pending approval of contract, have Sharon Pepin write two grants at \$900. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

General audience – Dannie Libberton was present to discuss letter which was in everyone's folders. Clerk announced copy of bill for \$97.19 is on back of letter. It was pointed out Les Guenzler and Matt Haverland were attending conference when problem occurred. When asked, Guenzler explained manhole at Garner's, up the street, large cutter was used but went only part way then smaller cutter was used, then water came out. Guenzler announced low volume is running through now. Mass of roots must have blocked solids. When Alderman Strohecker asked if Tom Weber had problems in his new home, Guenzler reported he was not aware of Tom's problems. Alderman Strohecker announced he had problems with his house next to Libberton's. Libberton reported this in an on-going problem and is getting worse. Libberton explained city jetted out before. Guenzler agreed. Libberton reported he was not there every day, so not sure when it came up. This time was high enough to take out furnace motor. Mayor Stern questioned how to handle this. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed a problem he had years back resulting in insurance company saying no flood insurance. Alderman Fehlhafer feels this is an act of God. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Strohecker not to pay bill. All seemed to agree need to check out this line. Libberton reported no storm water, just sewer. It is gray water coming back up – not clear water. Guenzler explained need to get camera up through to see what's going on. Alderman Strohecker discussed doing other places after cut roots out and can line pipe. Discussion continued as what to do. Libberton is concerned with pumping raw sewage out into yard. Alderman Fehlhafer reported all can be done at the same time – jet, vector and televise. Anthony Malone announced if not going to put in liner, trees will continue to grow and eat away at pipe. If take tree down, roots continue to grow and will make cracks bigger. Alderman Lindsay asked if Pepin could look into funding. Pepin agreed. Alderman Strohecker suggested putting in a back flow valve. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to do – root cutter, televise and hydro excavate. Alderman Fehlhafer announced the length will be determined after televised. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Discussed liner and possible quote. Pepin can get rough idea of cost.

Mayor Stern asked Libberton to give update on Heritage Center. Libberton announced plaster is falling down on second floor, possibly due to leak in roof. Some came down last fall. Libberton is not sure if new or old damage. Clerk announced roof was done in June 2002 by Freeport Roofing for \$16,350. The room is not heated. Alderman Strohecker and Alderman Macomber both agreed roof may not leak, damage may be due to condensation. Need to determine if roof leaks or other problem. Masons use upper room.

John Huggins announced he had two people hired for summer VISTA positions. Huggins's daughter will do both positions as best she can. Planning for 150th celebration has already started. List of mayors is needed as they plan to have a book compiled with history. Mitchell announced ordinances used to be pasted in book – good place to start. Alderman Strohecker announced Ken Grant wants to have a tractor pull. Huggins is looking into. Huggins reported he put questionnaire in water bills for volunteers. Still working on volunteers for crossing guards. Daughter will go door to door to follow up on questionnaire. Huggins explained Shannon did same but a little less formal and got several back with just one question.

Seal coating resolution – Clerk presented resolution for \$75,000 – estimate of \$67,796.50 for seal coating and \$1,600 for engineering fees. County did not have any idea when will do. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve resolution for seal coating of \$75,000. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Prevailing wage ordinance – Mitchell submitted draft of ordinance #853. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to adopt prevailing wage ordinance. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-nay and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Tree Board ordinance – Mitchell presented draft and explained this repeals 6-5-12. Mitchell explained this is not on the agenda but we are not spending money. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to approve Ordinance #854. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell reported he checked into Mt. Carroll's tax levy for forestry and explained. Mitchell talked with County Clerk. If want to do, need to go to voters for referendum. Benefit is will get more tax money to take care of trees. Discussed further. Mitchell read from State Statutes. Mayor Stern feels this is something to think about. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to put this on April ballot. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern announced new members to appoint to Library Board are Pastor Ling, Kristy VanMatre and Chastity Welch. Mitchell will have resolution for next meeting. Mitchell left at 9:05 PM.

Mayor Stern had discussed with Alderman Fehlhafer to send out RFQ for engineering firms. Mayor can write up but wants to run it by Sharon Pepin. All seemed to agree to send RFQ to MSA, ESI, Willett Hofmann and Fehr-Graham. Discussed further. Pepin explained other communities are using two firms for competitive quotes. Mayor Stern will work on RFQ.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Guenzler announced the Girl Scouts want to do something at city park. Alderman Strohecker suggested washing equipment. Guenzler explained he has contacted donators in past and they paint. Pull weeds in and around flower bed. Want to have done before Old Settler's Days. Guenzler reported fax from Peerless for the second well is in folders.

Committees

Personnel – Tony Dunlap started work today. Alderman Strohecker discussed need for longer steel stakes. Purchased leaf blower. Alderman Fehlhafer will look into Peerless. Guenzler discussed repairs to well. Concern is if well down, there is no backup. Guenzler reported Brett Hanson of EPA gave some suggestions. All seemed to agree to get funding.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer discussed Leland Street, got to about Tim Garner's, went to Locust and needed crawler for about 15-18 feet. Discussed man hole and possibly have Fire Dept. pressure out. Guenzler suggested having Stan do while here. Alderman Fehlhafer contacted Jim Hazelbower about leak at Flynn's Automotive. It is already marked. Can get dirt from school and put in berm. Hazelbower told Alderman Fehlhafer to go ahead. Gas and electric are marked. Don't know where shut off is. Alderman Fehlhafer made an agreement with Hazelbower can get plumber or city can do and Hazelbower pay for. Alderman Fehlhafer announced he will work out payments as Hazelbower cannot pay for all at once, but agrees to pay. Alderman Fehlhafer also talked to Flynn to let him know water will be shut off and not sure how long. Alderman Fehlhafer would like to see done by Monday evening, June 7th.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Purchasing/Finance – no report.

Mayor Stern announced Personnel needs to have meeting.

Streets & Property – no report. Alderman Lindsay reported hole in highway at about Albertson's. Trucks and trailers hit it – very noisy. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed hauling ground to fill in – no tube at Linda Ludwig's, wants to go to property line. Richard Martz from Shannon will take out twelve stumps at 322 South Argyle for \$500. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to approve Martz's quote of \$500 to take out twelve stumps at 322 South Argyle. JULIE has already been called. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Stern announced demolition is scheduled for June 22, 2010. All information is ready. Cost is \$150. Mayor Stern announced need to hose down if dusty.

Building Permits Report – no report.

Alderman Strohecker reported Tree Board will meet June 8th at 7:00 PM. Board has identified forty trees. ComEd was shown fifteen but will only take down one. Will talk more Tuesday.

No other aldermen had any additional business.

Clerk submitted coverage on properties from IMLRMA for review. Clerk read thank you from summer baseball for use of city equipment and Guenzler's time.

Mayor Stern reported he met with Randy Prasse of TCEDA who is looking for contributions. Prasse wants to come to meeting and ask for funding. Alderman Strohecker announced he heard on radio TCEDA is reorganizing. Mayor Stern thanked Anthony Malone for the utility spreadsheets. Mayor Stern will approach Moring on garbage fees to see if we can get relief. Economy is still dropping. Clerk printed out budget reports.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*