

September 7, 2010

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 and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Tom Kocal was absent.

Also present were Les Guenzler, Steve Haring, Anthony Malone, Andrew Jarrett, Adam Holder, Jamie Soutar and Jeanine Kaylor. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM. Chief Magill arrived at 8:33 PM. Randy and Sharon Pepin arrived at 9:33 PM.

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

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept the minutes of the August 17th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept and pay the bills from August 17th to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stern announced he will skip Community Planning & Funding Services as Sharon Pepin will arrive later.

General audience – Jeanine Kaylor and Jamie Soutar were present to discuss gift received from Rock Falls Lions Club which is to be used for the community. Kaylor suggested several ideas: library, baseball diamonds and tennis courts. Kaylor reported she received complaints about Old Settler's Days (OSD) because some cannot walk through park. Handi-cap persons cannot get to bingo or beer garden. Kaylor would like to do something in the park to allow everyone to enjoy the park and festivities within the park. Possibly sidewalks or walking bridge over ditch. Soutar explained in California, they put wide sidewalks in park. Kids used for rollerblading. Alderman Strohecker had no objection to putting sidewalks in to new shelter house. The old shelter house needs new cement. Alderman Strohecker discussed problems at shelter houses. After some discussion, Kaylor announced she will take this all back to the Club. Kaylor feels handi-cap are discouraged to attend activities in the park. Kaylor reported she has talked with Tony Burkholder about his thoughts, ideas and costs. Lighting is another issue in the park. Kaylor also representing the 150th Committee inquired if there was a reason OSD activities cannot be moved to Main Street. Alderman Strohecker explained once it leaves the highway, IDOT will not let go back. Adam Holder suggested grant possibility for handi-cap issues at park. Deadline has been missed for this year but try next year. Kaylor announced the 150th Committee would like to bring back to Main Street. Discussed how Shannon days were done. The Go Fish concert was great. Kaylor will present suggestions to Club at tomorrow night's meeting. Kaylor will design something and bring back to Council.

Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2010 – Clerk inquired if anyone wanted the auditor to come to a meeting to review this report. No one felt that was necessary since it is now done in cash basis. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve audit report for fiscal year ending March 31, 2010. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye,

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

Statement of Qualifications – **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept all four qualified firms to do business with the City of Lanark. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Games/Schemes of Chance – Mayor Stern announced we do not need on agenda. Sherry Burkholder has a fundraiser in Heritage Center annually to raise funds for Breast Cancer – Basket Bingo for Cancer. Mayor Stern explained how this was done last year. Mayor Stern created a permit for this event last year. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver for Mayor to issue free permit for charity event. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Mowing of City properties – Alderman Strohecker suggested at committee meeting to hire at \$250 or less. Clerk presented two quotes received by Ardena Grant. Mayor Stern inquired if she has insurance. She will need to sign Prevailing Wage form. Mayor Stern is concerned with liability. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept bid of \$195 per time with certificate of insurance. Mayor Stern feels we need something in writing. Others did not agree. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Well houses' roofing/repairs – WWW Builders submitted a sealed bid. Alderman Strohecker announced we need at least two bids. Discussed putting on steel and trusses. No other bids were submitted. Alderman Weaver recommended tabling until the next meeting in order to secure another bid. Duane Plock refused to bid. D&L were asked to submit bid. Mayor Stern will check with D&L.

Well #4 repairs and grant application – Mayor Stern announced we will wait with this until Sharon Pepin arrives.

Committees

Personnel – no report.

Police & Public Safety – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Planning – Committee meeting September 9th at 7:00 PM.

Purchasing and Finance – no report. Mayor Stern received call from Clerk about writing a check for video camera per Chief Magill's request. Mayor Stern questioned the amount of approval of \$2,500 for Alderman Macomber as Finance Chair. Alderman Macomber announced he was comfortable with the \$2,500 and saw no reason to increase this amount.

Streets and Property – Alderman Strohecker announced he needs to know what we are going to have for employment this winter. Sidewalks are too long of list to finish. Alderman Strohecker reported there is a lot of stuff to do. Mayor Stern thinks we need another person come in. Ardena Grant is only mowing. Some feel Chuck Strohecker and Denny Johnson are being

wasted with doing chipping. Discussed what to do to get everything done. Mayor reported Guenzler is doing a lot of administrative work – reports. Mayor Stern inquired if everyone feels we got a lot done last year. It takes two guys to vacuum leaves. Guenzler explained the reason we went to leaf vac was to eliminate wear on the sweeper. Discussed how the leaf vac could be fixed in order for one person to operate. It was suggested taking out ordinance and allow burning again. Another suggestion was to hire someone to help vacuum leaves. (Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30. Chief Magill arrived at 8:33.) Discussion continued on possibility of hiring additional help – possibly have four full-time and two part-time for summer. Some felt these six would be in addition to mowing. Alderman Weaver feels we should bid out as many jobs as possible. Mayor Stern discussed garbage. Mayor feels there are more complaints when bid out jobs. Alderman Strohecker announced we need to have a plan in place.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer announced we will wait for Sharon Pepin to arrive.

Economic Development – no report.

Job description for Chief of Police – Mayor Stern feels State Statutes have changed and this is no longer needed. Chief Magill reported if job description as put together by Mayor is accepted, all is okay. Chief Magill announced audit was done recently and no problem with way things are. Mayor Stern does not think we need to take action on a job description. Mayor Stern feels problem has evaporated.

Chief Magill sent out emails on trees on east side of city park – take out to help eliminate vandalism at park. Several agreed to take down. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Lindsay trees in park – particular five trees – to be taken down. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. Chief Magill suggested early consideration to adopt a neighborhood vehicle ordinance which allows motor vehicles such as golf carts to use side streets. Chief will get some model ordinances. Must have license to drive. Chief Magill reported restrooms in park were trashed again. Alderman Strohecker suggested putting a camera on outside of restrooms. Chief Magill feels 11:00 PM closing time for park is extremely late and asked Council to consider dusk. Mayor Stern can use discretion for some occasions. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to follow the recommendation of Chief to change closing time from 11:00 PM to dusk. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Chief Magill will take care of signs. Chief Magill reported he is going after grass due to a lot of foreclosures on properties. Chief discussed more lighting with school. New addition causes more issues with obstruction. Letter received from Mark Hansen was submitted. Chief and Hansen have talked about crossing light which used to be at Franklin and Broad. Chief discussed speed limit on Route 64 at high school. Hansen also has concerns on speed limit and new driveway for buses. The School has asked for more lights out there. No one had objections to Chief working with School on lights as long as the school pays. Crosswalks have been painted. Mayor Stern received call from Dave's Place wanting to keep bar open until 2:00 AM. Labor Day Eve is becoming like Thanksgiving Eve. Mayor will work on ordinance for these. Chief thinks it is best for Mayor to give consent each occasion due to performance. All seemed to agree to leave Mayor as giving consent per need. September 23rd is Homecoming parade. Line up on East Pearl due to construction at high school. Chief Magill reported radar trailer was used in Shannon over the weekend.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). Guenzler reported Mississippi Valley Pump sent information. Haverland will take water test September

13th. IL Rural Water Conference in Rockford – Guenzler can get certified hours for water. Haverland will not be eligible until he passes test. Alderman Strohecker inquired if bill was sent to Rolling Hills. Clerk reported bill was sent and payment has been received.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell passed out flood ordinance last meeting. Mitchell has checked to see if we need to do more to belong to program. Mitchell has talked with IDNR and found we need to pass resolution and fill out page. Mitchell submitted copies. Mitchell filled out resolution and pointed out two blanks left in resolution. Need to appoint person – Chief Magill. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve resolution to apply to participate in National Flood Plain Program. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried. Mitchell discussed request to change Treasurer from elected to appointed. Mayor Stern inquired if person had to be resident. Mitchell read from Statutes – if village, no residency but city must be resident. Discussed collector – Utility Clerk is more of a collector, Treasurer not really collector. Mitchell reported Valente has requested information FOIA. Mitchell discussed and reported if we do not have, we do not have to create documents. Valente is asking for documents that do not exist. Chief does not feel we need to respond to his request. (Randy and Sharon Pepin arrived at 9:33 PM.)

Alderman Weaver discussed lift station repairs at Kevin Barnes' residence. Clerk submitted plumbing bill from Crouse for \$855.25. Alderman Strohecker feels we should pay this bill as it is our equipment but tell Barnes to call the city not private plumber. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to pay bill for Barnes' lift station. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Mitchell suggested Mayor vote. Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Discussed putting something in writing to Barnes. City should be contacted first.

Alderman Lindsay did not have any additional business.

Alderman Fehlhafer discussed pump repairs needed at sewer plant. Cost is \$225 if use current pump and new pump will cost \$4,750. (Mitchell left at 9:45 PM.) **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to buy new unit. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Fehlhafer presented quote from Peerless with Options 1, 2, 3 and 4. Alderman Fehlhafer announced Option 1 needs to be done no matter what. Alderman Fehlhafer reviewed each option. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to do Options 1, 3 and 4. Cost will be \$74,000 plus labor. Terry will be here September 13th to pull pump. Sharon Pepin will take longer due to applying for grant – emergency. Well is shut down. Four to five weeks for physical work. This does not include time for grant. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Sharon Pepin passed out grant information and reviewed. Sixty day time frame from date of invite which is end of September. Pepin's fees are \$3,500. Public Hearing notice is in this week's paper. Pepin explained cost is higher due to new application and more information needed. The next application should be less. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to proceed ahead with grant application with DCEO. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Pepin reported CD for municipal building was given to Clerk. Pepin announced the City was awarded Blackhawk grant for municipal building. Clerk reported the City has not received notification on this as yet.

Alderman Macomber did not have any other business tonight.

Clerk announced new business has requested year's free service. New business is Fleet Run Pet Rescue – retail pet shop. The Clerk recommended waiting to grant this until business is actually open due to the last new business receiving year's free service and to this day has not opened. All seemed to agree to table until next meeting. Clerk announced she will be taking vacation day on September 9th.

Mayor Stern received letter stating Thomson prison is for sale.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*