

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

February 15, 2011

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Anthony Malone, Matt Wagner, John Huggins, Chief Magill, Steve Haring, Randy Pepin and Sharon Pepin. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:30 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. After roll call, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). Alderman Strohecker questioned why the street lights were not fixed. Guenzler reported Nicor called JULIE locate today. The street lights are City's. Alderman Strohecker does not think Brian Ferry should be starting before Maintenance Department. Ferry starts about an hour before maintenance crew. Alderman Strohecker is concerned about liability. Discussed sewer back up at Forster Products today-very narrow easement, not sure whose tree, may be tree roots plugging line, private or City's line. Suggestions were to televise and foam. Alderman Strohecker reported we have discussed this before; need to put in manhole. Guenzler announced Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Committee has flyers available for "Greening Our Communities" on April 21st at Bucks Barn. Recycle collection day is April 3rd at the Farm Bureau building in Mt. Carroll – electronics, paints, etc. JoDavie County will host one in September. When asked, Guenzler reported FEMA application is due today but only received it yesterday.

Chief Magill reported the snow parking notice had good response. People moved vehicles after snow. Chief reported knocking on a few doors and recommended running notice again. No tickets were issued and no vehicles were towed. Chief Magill is working on ordinance for type of vehicles on streets. Chief reported he is working with the State on this. Chief Magill gave update on radio grant; the radios are here, one mobile is installed and one is being done now. Chief Magill announced the taser needs replaced. Cost is about \$600 which is over his authorized purchase amount. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to replace taser at approximately \$600. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Zoning – Chief Magill reported Ed Grant installed a car port. This is the only permit since last meeting. Chief Magill discussed officers and schedule. Chief Magill announced he is still emailing back and forth with US Cellular. He has set of plans from US Cellular. Tower will be on private property, will be a self standing tower and will probably happen in the spring or summer. Mayor Stern announced in the past there has been discussion of the need for more sirens for storm warnings. Alderman Strohecker explained when he was on the Fire Dept., you were liable if someone did not hear siren. John Huggins (general audience) questioned liability now if not enough sirens. Alderman Strohecker reported that would be the Fire Department to do not the City.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept the minutes of the January 18th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Weaver-abstain and Mayor Stern-aye.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept and pay the bills from January 18th to present. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the Treasurer's Report for January as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. When asked, Chief Magill reported the radio grant is \$7082 with the City's portion being \$1900.

Community Planning & Funding Services – Sharon Pepin discussed the CDAP grant. Resolution is needed to complete application. Detention Pond Project cost is \$266,400, CDAP grant is for \$202,650 and City's cost will be \$63,750. Administration is 100% covered on grant. Grants are awarded in September 2011. Pepin announced the CDAP grant of \$100,000 for the lift station is being challenged and is currently on hold. Pepin explained the State says to continue to move forward. The State is still processing applications. Mayor Stern called Bevins' office earlier today. Glenda told him to sit tight then added she called Springfield. Springfield says to continue moving forward as they are still working on what to do. Paperwork needs to be done before grant is approved. Discussion continued with who and why challenging. Alderman Weaver questioned why not move forward. Pepin explained if grant does not come through, City is not obligated to go through with project. Pepin reported the past few years the \$100,000 is paid up front to be used per agreement.

East lift station upgrade recommendations – ESI Anthony Malone gave background of east lift station. Main reason for lift station be put in is excess flow. EPA does not look at excess flow for reason to upgrade lift station. Malone explained there is not enough room for three pumps in lift station. Malone discussed pros and cons for going above ground or underground. Possibly put building over station to house controls. Holding tank will allow to discharge slowly. Need to get a better look at elevations-discussed in length. Pepin announced the application is mostly done-will need scope and cost of project. Pepin reported we have plenty of time.

Consider approval to update CIP (Capital Improvements Plan) – Mayor Stern inquired if anyone was interested in updating our CIP. Some feel we can put off as we have several high priority projects at this time. Others feel need CIP for grants. Pepin agreed, but no State Statutes require CIP. Funding is available for CIP. CIP helps identify projects five years out, maybe more. Pepin reported it is a good budgeting tool. Alderman Strohecker feels if we don't do another, we need to go through current and extend. Mayor Stern reported the east lift station is not in the current CIP; neither is the storm drainage. It is a good reminder of what needs to be done and should be opened up every year and reviewed. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to move ahead to approve CIP update. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

General audience – John Huggins passed out information on what the 150th committee has been up to. Lake Carroll Quilt Club has made quilt. Quilt Show will be May 14th 10:00 - 4:00 at the Heritage Center. They are looking at offering food. Huggins suggested possibly clean up the front of the Municipal Building to use for the food in order to keep food away from quilts. Huggins reported they have talked about having Old Settler's Days (OSD) on Broad Street but does not look feasible to do this. They are dropping this idea but hope IDOT will put off construction on Route 73 until after OSD. Car show in Elkay parking lot is in the works. Working on garden walk in conjunction with Shannon. Other ideas working on Eastland Motor Sports – thresh show, tractor show and tractor pull. Shop Hop is November 4-5 and 11-12. Huggins announced the committee has questions about insurance; who is responsible for what. They are working on having rides this year. Saturday after parade, bagpipe group will work with high school band and will also be in the parade. Huggins continued to discuss other ideas and the use of the Municipal Building. Clerk suggested checking with insurance company before committing to use of city building and property.

South Argyle drainage – revised contract terms with additional street work – Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann and City Attorney Ed Mitchell briefly discussed agreement. Need to pass Resolution of Commitment of Funds for CDAP grant. City is committing 24% of project \$63,750. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve resolution of support and commitment of funds for South Argyle project - \$63,750. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

IDOT agreement for resurfacing of Route 73 and resolutions – Mitchell reported he reviewed the agreement and feels okay to go ahead. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to pass resolutions A & B and IDOT agreement. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Water, Sewer and Garbage rate increase – It was agreed to wait until more were present.

Letter of Commitment to fund Municipal Building – agreed to adjourn to Wednesday.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell discussed proposed ballot. Mitchell wanted everyone to see how the question for the forestry tax read and asked if anyone had questions. Also discussed was the question of 1% sales tax (county wide) which is also on April's ballot. Mitchell reported Bob Ruch dropped off drawing for sewer line. Mitchell addressed emails concerning agenda and minutes on website. Complaint was received that City was in violation of updating website. Mitchell explained only mandatory if full time person is maintaining website. Since the City has a volunteer person maintaining website, there is no violation. Briefly discussed taking this off the website. Council feels this is a courtesy to include on website.

Aldermen did not have any additional business.

Committees

Committees did not have anything to report.

Clerk received notice of rate increase for uniforms.

Mayor Stern announced last year, first meeting in March the Lanark Community Club (LCC) asked for donation and will probably be coming soon-need to be thinking about what to do. Alderman Strohecker reminded everyone; Alderman Fehlhafer asked for a finance report last year but never received.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to adjourn to February 16th at 7:30 PM to consider letter of commitment of funds for Municipal Building. Mayor Stern called for roll call vote: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

At 9:25 PM meeting adjourned to 7:30 PM on February 16, 2011.

Council continued meeting from adjourned session on February 15, 2011.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call: Alderman Anne Lindsay, Alderman Ed Fehlhafer, Alderman Tom Kocal, Alderman Mark Macomber, Alderman Ron Strohecker and Mayor Ed Stern. Alderman Weaver was absent.

Also present: Randy Pepin, Sharon Pepin and Floyd Roberts.

Alderman Macomber gave review of letter of commitment for the Municipal Building. All were sent email with Sharon Pepin's letter of commitment. Total project cost is \$775,656. When asked what has been paid out to Bray so far, Clerk/Treasurer Hawbecker reported \$50,266. Alderman Macomber announced we need to commit to how we are going to pay for remaining balance after grants. Several feel this is a very good project and are getting good feedback. This total does not include Police Department only city hall and library. It does not include any green spaces. It does include HVAC and restrooms. Alderman Strohecker questioned how going to fund. Alderman Macomber recommended financing half with loan and remaining half from General fund. Alderman Strohecker suggested seriously looking at General fund as several projects will drain this fund. Alderman Strohecker announced cannot use Water & Sewer funds. Clerk/Treasurer Hawbecker explained the three-way split (20% General fund, 24% Water fund and 56% Sewer fund) would apply to the city hall portion of building due to being used for all of these funds. Alderman Strohecker suggested borrowing all of the cost and look at high number. Pepin reported there are competitive bids out there. Others agreed. Mayor Stern questioned if sweat equity could be used. Pepin reported it definitely could; can have in-kind labor as match for grants. Pepin announced she has letter of library's commitment for \$125,000. Alderman Strohecker reported we need to build something to store what's currently in the building. Pepin explained we would use grant money first. It usually takes two years to complete project.

Pepin reported when let bids, can set date of start of project. Pepin anticipates hearing back from this grant by March. Grants will be reviewed in March and awarded in April. Pepin explained we should not award project until hear from grant. We do not have to proceed if we do not receive grants. Randy Pepin inquired what City will do with this building. Several would like to see it sold. Pepin suggested if not sold rent out. Most did not want to rent.

Motion made by Alderman Kocal to formally commit to city hall and library complex. Alderman Strohecker would like to see where funds will come from. Alderman Fehlhafer seconded but would like to change city hall and library complex to Municipal Building. Others agreed with name change as it is the Municipal Building.

Discussion continued. Mayor Stern asked if Floyd Roberts had any input. Roberts talked about Freeport changing three small amenities into one complex. Roberts feels that is what we are trying to do with common room. This is something our community can be proud of. Alderman Strohecker is disappointed after all this planning and investing, we still don't know where money is coming from. There has been no investigating where money will come from. This is no way to do business. Some suggested getting loan. When borrowing money, need to get competitive rates from banks. Alderman Strohecker feels a lot of projects are being done, but does not feel anyone realizes how much money is being spent. Alderman Fehlhafer reported he has a list of projects with costs totaling \$400,000 and other projects not on list yet. Alderman Strohecker

wants everyone to realize will have to borrow funds and need to cut waste. Council members started adding up investments in the building so far:

Building purchased (April 2005)	\$ 50,000
MSA (engineering)	\$ 7,000
Bray (architect)	\$ 50,000
Roof	\$ 33,000
Gutters	\$ 2,500
Brownfield Grant	\$117,000

All seemed to agree City already has well over \$200,000 invested in the Municipal Building when adding in miscellaneous expenses like consultant fees, grant application fees, permit fees, Maintenance Dept.'s time plus disposal of interior debris. Mayor Stern questioned if we do not proceed will we have to pay back Brownfield grant. Pepin thought as long as it remains as City building, will be okay, but if sold then may have to pay back.

Mayor Stern called for roll call vote: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Strohecker-abstain and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*