

March 1, 2011

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Anthony Malone, Randy Pepin and Sharon Pepin. Bob Ruch arrived at 8:20 PM.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. After roll call, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the February 15th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept and pay the bills from February 15th to present. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Community Planning & Funding Services – Sharon Pepin gave update on well project. Pepin passed out information and reviewed. Pepin explained the grant draw down request of \$565.24 to ESI. This will be done monthly. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to authorize Mayor to sign current invoice for \$565.24. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. Lift Station – Pepin reported the State says to move on with grant application. Pepin recommends moving on. Other communities are submitting application. Grant is for \$100,000. The hold up is the actual numbers - must be over \$100,000 in order to get the full \$100,000. Pepin questioned if need committee meeting to discuss further. Anthony Malone of ESI had submitted proposal of his recommendations a few weeks ago. Alderman Fehlhafer and Malone briefly discussed and set meeting for March 4th at 8:30 AM in city hall. Municipal Building – Pepin reported grant application was submitted. Grants will be awarded by April. Need to consider work on building and Route 73. Bids cannot be let until grant applications are reviewed. Since application is due April 8th will probably have public hearing the first meeting in April. All congratulated Pepin on her appointment to TCEDA as Interim Director.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor, submitted written report (copy on file). Guenzler reported all three roofs are completed. Guenzler announced he is thinking if take out wall and put in overhead door at Well #3, could store generator and other equipment. Alderman Strohecker questioned why. Guenzler explained we need to find space to store equipment which is currently in the Municipal Building before renovations can begin. Alderman Strohecker did not think this would be a small project to cut out wall and support. Guenzler will start tomorrow on well project now that the backhoe is back. Alderman Strohecker inquired if parts for the air leak are in yet. They are in but have not been delivered yet. Alderman Strohecker inquired if Guenzler had contacted Rural Water for Matt Haverland yet. Guenzler reported he has tried but office was closed for conference but will keep trying. Guenzler reported mowing season is

coming up and would like to be on top of this year. Alderman Strohecker suggested having the same person as last year for the same price. Others agreed. After more discussion, it was suggested the price be raised as we no longer have Pat Eckburg picking up sticks in the park. Mayor Stern announced we need to write up a contract for mowing. When asked, Guenzler reported he asked Plock for a quote on overhead door. Some feel need second quote for cost estimate.

General audience – Anthony Malone of ESI reported the final deadline of the well project has passed. Peerless is done as far as can until the City works on it. Electrician wants to do all in one day. Guenzler will coordinate with electrician. City is doing pipe. When pipe is done, Peerless can finish up.

Water, Sewer and Garbage rate increase ordinance – Several inquired as to which draft we are considering. Mitchell announced the last one was dated January 4, 2011 but can change date. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve as written. Alderman Strohecker inquired if this included the automatic increase. Not all were in agreement with the automatic increase each year. Some feel garbage and sewer fees should not be increased only water and addition of CIP fee. (Bob Ruch arrived at 8:20 PM.) Some agreed once the storm water is moved out of the Sewer Fund, the sewer rates should be adequate. No one is disputing the need to raise rates. Discussed what to do. Mitchell explained added Fire Department paragraph. Alderman Macomber questioned if the out of town customers will pay the CIP and pay double. Another questioned if the Fire Department will pay CIP. All seemed to agree to send back to committee. Committee meeting was set for 9:30 AM on Friday, March 4th in city hall. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Bob Ruch announced he was here to answer any questions anyone may have about sewer problem last week. Ruch thanked Guenzler for getting out there so quickly. Alderman Strohecker announced it sounds like tree needs to come down. Ruch and Guenzler were not sure this would solve the problem. The plan is to measure out and dig up once it dries up. Problem is about 104 feet from manhole. Ruch just wanted the Council to be aware of the urgency of this problem. Ruch discussed possibility of expanding his business and may need to have rezoned. Pepin announced possibly get grant for sewer problem.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell reported he reviewed the contract with Willett Hofmann and did not see any problem. It is ready to sign. Mitchell announced Mayor Stern had talked to him about sewer problem at Lanark Body Shop. Drawing was submitted. Shawn Smith had drainage problems back in 1986. Mitchell explained past issues. Mitchell reported he found big chunk of abstract from Bob Morris's files but is not finding easement which is not unusual as not all easements are filed. Question arose, who fixes Smith or City? No one seemed to know at this point. Some think it's a service line therefore Smith would be responsible as property owners are responsible for sewer line from house to main. Discussed what to do. Mayor Stern announced we need to move on.

Committees

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber announced appropriations meeting March 15th at 6:30 PM.

Before Ed Mitchell leaves, Alderman Kocal discussed fluoride. Alderman Kocal inquired if the law was rescinded, would City pass resolution to eliminate use? Mitchell announced Council could pass resolution of support. Alderman Strohecker announced he would like to have an executive session and suggested Mitchell be present.

Streets and Property – no report.

Water & Sewer – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Planning – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Economic Development – Alderman Kocal announced CCEDS group meeting on the 16th at 6:00 PM at Carroll County Courthouse. They will be discussing building requirements by June. County is discussing hiring a couple building inspectors on as needed basis. State mandated this but will not furnish inspectors. When asked if the City would have to purchase a Code Book, Alderman Kocal reported the hope is the County will purchase several and communities have use of them.

Aldermen did not have any additional business.

Clerk reported Ardena Grant dropped off bill of \$325.00 today for hauling backhoe. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve payment of Grant's bill. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stern did not have any additional business.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:06 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:10 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*