

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

July 19, 2011

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

Also present were Les Guenzler, Sharon Pepin, Mick Parsons and Nick Wagner. Mark Reeser arrived at 7:35 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 Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the July 5th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-abstain. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer explained the first bill of \$7016.00 for Route 73 is included in tonight's bills. The Clerk received approval from IDOT to pay the bills for Route 73 directly out of MFT funds which was done for tonight's bill. IDOT will be sending written approval soon. The Clerk/Treasurer explained a MFT certificate of deposit (CD) will need to be redeemed as the funds are low in the MFT savings. The Clerk/Treasurer requested approval to move funds from MFT savings to MFT checking as needed in order to make the monthly payments to IDOT. The Clerk reported the total for Route 73 is \$62,341.58 Rather than the \$105,248.00 as previously estimated. Mayor Stern announced he talked with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA). At the last meeting the clerk was instructed to hold several checks until certificates of insurance and Prevailing Wage Waivers were received from vendors. Mayor explained according to the Local Government Act, municipality, school or township must pay bills within sixty (60) days. The City must release the checks which were held back at the last meeting. Mayor suggested the Personnel Committee establish a policy of requiring certificate of insurance.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to authorize Clerk/Treasurer to move MFT funds as needed for IDOT payments. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Kocal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from July 5th to present. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the months of May and June as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

General audience – Mark Reeser was present to discuss his water bill. Reeser reported he has not received a water bill for the past year. He explained this same thing happened a year ago. Reeser announced he talked with Alderman Strohecker and he did not do anything. Reeser also talked to Mayor Stern and he did not do anything. Reeser announced the Clerk will not sort

through 700 bills to be sure he receives a bill. Reeser explained he gets all of his mail except his water bill. The Clerk explained she has Utility Billing Reports which show bills for Reeser have been generated. After some discussion, it was agreed the Clerk will sort through the 700 water bills to be sure one is mailed to Reeser. Reeser has agreed to pay for a full year to avoid paying late fees. Council agreed to waive the \$12 late fees for the past year. The Clerk was instructed to send Reeser a bill even though a payment may not be due. No one seemed to understand why Reeser was the only one out of 700 plus water bills who was not receiving a bill for over a year. Reeser has lived in Lanark for over 14 years and knows the water bills are mailed quarterly.

Water main – Mayor Stern announced he asked MSA Professional Services to look at the water main on Carroll Street. Nick Wagner submitted design and reviewed. Discussion included laying in a new line and abandoning the six inch line. Some were concerned about main breaks. Guenzler reported there are only several lines which go under the railroad tracks and recommends not abandoning the six inch line under the tracks. Alderman Strohecker agreed. Mayor Stern is concerned with South Burns Street issues. Others agreed. Wagner reviewed route where capped and tied in. Wagner announced a single permit will be needed to do this. Wagner suggested permitting all three and doing as City wants or needs. MSA will need to design and tell what is needed for materials. Discussed Pearl Street to Prairie on Burns Street. Install new line from Pearl to Prairie with fire hydrant at Franklin. Alderman Strohecker inquired how this was going to be done – hire out or maintenance crew. All were concerned with how much we can afford. Time is an issue. Discussion went to sand filters and time involved. Wagner announced \$8,300 to design and permit two blocks on Burns and one on Pearl. We are looking at October to get permit. Wagner can get a hard price for the next meeting. Council was split on whether to contract out or Maintenance Dept. do the work. When asked about grants, Wagner reported very limited on grants. Pepin announced it could take a year to do grant. Alderman Kocal feels with time issues, it would probably be better to contract out. Wagner reported could bid out in February. Wagner will send Clerk information and she can forward to Council.

Community Funding & Planning Services – Sharon Pepin submitted copies of email from Tony Malone regarding the Well Project. The electrician is unable to connect the recorder. Pepin recommends draw down for Peerless of \$60,169. Pepin does not have all the paperwork from Peerless that is needed – payroll, restitution, etc. All paperwork which is in is satisfactory to Pepin. Pepin is comfortable with first draw down for Peerless but suggests waiting on draw down #2 until this is resolved. Pumps do not run automatically. Change order needs to be signed by Mayor Stern. Contract date was extended to June 17, 2011. Pepin submitted DECO/CDAP Well Rehab Project page three payment request. Page 4 revised twice. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve draw down #5 of \$62,302.67. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried. Pepin recommended \$6,795 be held back from Peerless. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approved change order #1 as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

Municipal Building – Pepin reported at the last meeting, Council designated dollar amount of under \$30,000 for Martin & Company to do the water, sewer and storm sewer work. After reviewing proposal from Martin & Company, Alderman Strohecker announced we are being gouged for moving the street light. Pepin reported proposal from Martin & Company of \$24,924 did not include everything. Proposal from Fischer is \$45, 952. Pepin explained Martin's original quote did not include light. To include the moving of the light, Martin's quote is

\$35,163.60. Alderman Strohecker recommended taking out the light. FS can pull out the light. Scott's Electric can unhook and seal out rather than moving it. Pepin submitted drawings of storm sewer, water and sewer. Pepin discussed Phases 1 & 2. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept Martin & Company's original bid of \$24,924 which does not include moving the light, the City will do in house. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Strohecker will stay in touch with Guenzler to get the light taken down. Current hold up with bids is documents which need to be reviewed by Ed Mitchell, City Attorney. Pepin was not sure if documents have been given to Mitchell yet. Documents were given to Alderman Macomber. Pepin will send these out to everyone via email. Pepin announced she is currently revising Energy Grant application. DCEO Flex Grant should make an announcement soon.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer announced sand filter contractor is coming at the end of the month. Alderman Fehlhafer gave quick review. We will probably need a permit to dispose of the sludge. Alderman Fehlhafer pointed out Guenzler is wearing new safety shirt for maintenance employees.

Street and Property – Alderman Strohecker discussed seal coating Crestview Court. Resolution for MFT funds of \$2,500 needs to be approved. Alderman Strohecker explained process of what was done last year - Crestview Court was ground down and put double coat last year but needs another this year. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve resolution of \$2,500. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Strohecker reported he has looked at the situation at Green's. City policy book states City does the approach. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker to let Jimmy Green repair and City pay for the materials. After more discussion, Alderman Kocal seconded the motion. Discussion continued – sidewalk and approach are one piece. They will be separated this time. Guenzler will talk with Green on how needs to be done. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Strohecker instructed Guenzler to have Quality Plumbing give quote to replace the water cooler. Maintenance needs to have water on hand during this hot weather. Clerk volunteered to check with Elkay Manufacturing for cooler. Alderman Strohecker suggested making a list of surplus equipment and take to Hazelhurst rather than bidding out. Mayor Stern inquired if a decision was made in regard to the email on tree inventory. Alderman Lindsay feels we should do it since it is free. No one has responded to the email.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Alderman Fehlhafer announced sand filters should take about ninety days to complete.

Alderman Lindsay did not have any additional business this evening.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker to reduce mayor's salary to \$2,500. This will be effective for the next mayor's term in 2013. Some did not feel anyone would want to run for mayor if salary is so low. Mayor Stern was hoping to reduce city expenses during his term in office by reducing his salary. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Alderman Weaver announced he has had several phone calls and would like to thank the Prairie Advocate and Mick Parsons for "isolationist tendencies" which was in article in last week's Prairie Advocate.

Alderman Kocal reported the International Codes have been topic of interest for the CCDES group. We need to look at what goes on downtown. Alderman Kocal feels there must be something we are missing. There should be something we are able to do about deteriorating buildings. Alderman Weaver and Alderman Strohecker agreed they did not want to go through legal costs as done with the Shumway Building. Alderman Kocal is concerned with the building in the center of the block. Discussed what, if anything, could be done about vacant, deteriorating buildings on Broad Street. When asked about water fluoridation, Alderman Kocal reported he is still working on. Several communities are also investigating this issue. Alderman Kocal inquired if our community will continue to do so, if no longer mandated. Guenzler reported probably not.

Clerk asked for approval to pay Ardena Grant when she submits a bill for mowing rather waiting until the next meeting which could be several weeks. Council has already approved the rate per mowing. All seemed to agree.

Mayor Stern announced we need to tell people up front that we require a certificate of insurance. Mayor Stern explained IMLRMA's standard approach is all services performed by outside vendor/contractor must provide certificate of insurance with at least \$1,000,000 in liability. Not all communities abide by this. Small businesses do not carry this much insurance. Mayor Stern feels if simple project, should not need certificate. Mayor Stern reported Aschennbrenner's bill is less than the cost of insurance. Mayor Stern suggested the Personnel Committee come up with a policy for certificate of insurance. All work done to date **must** be paid.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*