

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

September 6, 2011

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

Also present were Nick Wagner and Jamie Woodley. Scott Woodley arrived at 7:52 PM. Sharon Pepin arrived at 8:00 PM. Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:22 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 Weaver, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the August 16th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept and pay the bills from August 16th to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stern announced Sharon Pepin would arrive later.

MSA Professional Services – Nick Wagner submitted project update and reviewed. Wagner met with Guenzler today to discuss the water main on Burns and Bruce streets. When discussing water pressure, Wagner reported the residents will see a difference. Residents will not lose pressure when neighbor is using water at the same time, which is currently happening. Wagner submitted proposal for Blair Parkway. Televising was done. Wagner submitted task order to do some studies to see what needs to be done to correct problems. Wagner explained he will review televising tapes from Stan and provide recommendation, possibly in phases. MSA will look at where current line goes and where it should go. Cost is \$3,500 for basic services plus \$1,200 additional services. Wagner reviewed services. Wagner reported in 2003-2004 about 80% of city was televised. However this section was not. Smoke testing was also discussed – Wagner explained how it is done and what it will show. Wagner suggested doing smoke testing in October as it would be drier and before freezing. Mayor Stern signed papers. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to move ahead with \$3,500 MSA services plus additional \$1,200. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. (Scott Woodley arrived at 7:52.) Wagner suggested sending notice to residents before smoke testing and also notify the Fire Department. MSA will prepare notice.

Audit reports for fiscal year ending March 31, 2011 – Mayor Stern discussed briefly. Mayor Stern feels we are getting back to where some of the elected officials came into office. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve audit reports for fiscal year ending March 31, 2011. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Tree removal and trimming – Mayor discussed additional cost of \$10,000 for tree removal and trimming. One tree is in limbo as resident does not want tree removed. Mayor Stern announced

he is bringing in an arborist to assess this tree. The aldermen were concerned about the cost of an arborist. Mayor Stern announced he will be paying for the arborist not the city. Mayor Stern reported a tree needs trimming at Jessica Kuhlemeier's residence. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve additional cost of removal and trimming of trees. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Due to a tie, Mayor Stern voted-aye. Mayor Stern asked the clerk to call Alderman Kocal for his vote. Upon calling Alderman Kocal, the clerk read the motion and briefly explained the discussion. Alderman Kocal voted-aye. Mayor Stern announced the motion carried. (Sharon Pepin arrived at 8:00 PM.)

Eastland Motor Sports water quality – Mayor Stern explained he has been flushing the hydrant every three weeks with the last time being in August. Extra water was used for the tractor pull, which caused the need for the line to be flushed sooner. Mayor Stern and Wagner (MSA) discussed what was done and why done that way. Mayor Stern concluded we cannot flush the problem away. Wagner reported when he comes down to do Blair Parkway, he will look at Eastland Motor Sports.

Radar equipment purchase - Police Department – Alderman Fehlhafer reported the unit in the black Tahoe no longer works and the other one is fifteen years old. Cost is \$1,399 each plus \$150-\$200 for installation. These expenses can come out of the DUI fund. Alderman Macomber is concerned with duplication since they have hand held unit. All seemed to agree to table for now.

Trick or Treat hours – discussed what has been done in the past. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to set Trick or Treat hours from 5:00-8:00 PM on October 31st. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services reported the Well #4 problem has not been resolved as yet and discussed. Assumptions were made which were not accurate. Mayor Stern reported the SCADA system was put in 1998 which should probably be replaced. Mayor Stern feels we should pay Peerless their balance of \$6,795. Pepin presented paperwork for Draw down to pay Peerless. (Ed Mitchell arrived at 8:22 PM.) **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Draw down #6 to pay Peerless remaining balance of \$6,795. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Pepin announced the City has been awarded storm sewer grant for South Argyle. Grant is for \$202,650 and City's portion will be \$63,750. Pepin reported it will probably be next spring for construction. Grant on lift station – should hear in a couple of weeks. Pepin explained when grant agreement is received, we should receive \$25,000 up front. Municipal Building – pre-bid meeting last week with three contractors for walk through. Pepin submitted Planholder List. Bid opening is scheduled for September 14th at 2:00 PM. Pepin suggested a Planning Committee meeting after bid opening. Pepin inquired if City wanted to salvage anything from the building. All seemed to agree to save the overhead doors. Alderman Macomber will contact Mike Hacker at Bray to inform him the City will waive building permit fees and to salvage the overhead doors. Pepin announced the Library has not received a check as yet for the Live and Learn grant. Construction has been extended ninety days. Pepin explained the application for Energy grant of \$9,500 has been submitted. Martin & Company should be starting soon. CIP – Alderman Fehlhafer announced School Street should be west side not east side on page 22. Pepin has asked Council to prioritize projects in recent email.

General audience – no one had any business this evening.

Tax Levy – City Attorney Ed Mitchell submitted ordinance for levying annual taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2012. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Ordinance #862. Mitchell discussed millage limits. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Fehlhafer left the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Mayor Stern reported he sent letter to IDOC requesting help with sand filters. Clerk Hawbecker called September 1st to confirm receipt of the letter. Material is being tested to see if it can be taken out to a farm. If not, we may have to store it.

Personnel – no report.

Planning – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

City Attorney Ed Mitchell reported he has received a couple of notices of class actions but does not think we are involved. Mitchell suggested not doing anything. All seemed to agree. Mitchell reported he was given a copy of water bill from Freeport and asked to check into the fees. Mitchell explained Freeport is home ruled and Lanark is not. If we want to levy for storm water fee, we must pass a referendum. Freeport's bill has CIP surcharge. Alderman Macomber would like this investigated since we just spent \$62,000 on storm water. There is an endless list of projects. Discussed projects, expense and income – need to have a better handle on projects and expenses. Mitchell announced the assessed value is going down 7% next year which will reduce City's income. Current substantial projects are:

- Burns/Bruce streets
- Blair Parkway
- Lift Station
- Argyle drainage
- Municipal Building

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Aldermen did not have any additional business this evening.

Clerk announced the office will be closed September 15th as she is taking a vacation day.

Mayor Stern read letter of resignation from Matt Haverland – effective September 16, 2011. Discussed briefly what to do and agreed to send to committee.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk