

May 15, 2012

Public Hearing #2  
Electrical Aggregation  
7:30 PM

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

Also present were Richard Montgomery, Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Jeanine Kaylor, John Huggins, Boyce Humphreys, Lamoille Poffenberger, Scott Woodley and Jamie Woodley. Matt Wagner arrived at 7:33, Anne Viglietta arrived 7:37 and Sharon Pepin arrived at 8:08.

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

Mayor Stern introduced Richard Montgomery of Rock River Energy Services, Company. Information sheets were distributed. After reading an introduction sheet, Mayor Stern opened up the meeting to questions from those present. Richard Montgomery fielded several questions. A summary guide will be available from City Clerk.

Mayor Stern closed the public hearing at 7:45 PM and immediately moved on to the regular City Council meeting.

Ordinance – Plan of Operation & Governance for the Aggregation Program – Mitchell submitted ordinance draft and explained quorum. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to adopt Ordinance #866. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from May 1<sup>st</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer announced the Treasurer's Report for April is not complete due to errors on the bank statement. Treasurer's Report will be ready for the next meeting.

General audience –

John Huggins, Chamber of Commerce President asked the Council to consider financial help for Old Settler's Days.

Lamoille Poffenberger reported the plaque from the corner building was removed and mounted on stone in cemetery. VFW's cost to refurbish plaque was \$950 plus \$750 for the stone. Alderman Macomber suggested approaching the Cemetery Board for financial assistance.

Blair Parkway – Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann reported the Detention Pond Storm Sewer part is nearing completion. Survey crew was sent out again yesterday. Wagner suggested scheduling a Water & Sewer Committee meeting next week. Meeting was set for May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Blair Parkway – MSA Professional Services – no one was present from MSA. Ed Mitchell announced this was probably on agenda for the easements. Mitchell was given the okay to move forward with easement documents to property owners.

Ordinance – Heritage Center – Mitchell submitted ordinance draft for the Heritage Center. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve Ordinance #867 as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Heritage Center Lease – Ed Mitchell submitted third draft of lease agreement for leasing the basement of the Heritage Center to the Lanark Community Club. Anne Viglietta announced she talked with Beverley and he did not have any problem with lease. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept lease with Heritage Center Board and Lanark Community Club. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Mitchell recommended signing three copies: City, Heritage Center and Lanark Community Club. (Sharon Pepin arrived at 8:08 PM.)

Absentee Ownership of Property – Ed Mitchell and Mayor Stern recently attended meeting at Heritage Center and discussed briefly. City does not have building codes. Plumbing is State. Mitchell discussed Valente building and process. The Fogell building was put in a trust. Relatives are trustees and do not want anything to do with building. Mitchell explained someone has been paying back taxes on the building. This person does not want the building and is willing to sell to the City for about \$9,000 but not definite. Mitchell inquired how involved the City wants to be and does the City really want to own the building. Discussed hauling away the debris. Mitchell is waiting to hear back from City's insurance on liability. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Stern inquired about declaring the Fogell building a nuisance. Mitchell explained there are forms to fill out. All seemed to agree to have Mitchell proceed with forms to declare as nuisance. Sharon Pepin suggested offering TIF funds to help fix up buildings.

Community Funding & Planning Services – Sharon Pepin received close out letter from DCEO. Pepin submitted CDAP Argyle Street Storm Water Project and reviewed. Pepin announced there will be \$77,876.45 remaining from the CDAP grant. Lift Station – Pepin has received grant documents. Pushed date back to December 2013 to complete portion of project. City will receive \$25,000 up front with grant agreement. All seemed to agree to have Mayor Sign. Municipal Building – Pepin talked with Kathy Orr (TIF Attorney) to see if City can use TIF funds for renovations. Orr will prepare ordinance to use funds for renovations of Municipal Building. When asked if amount can be left open, Pepin reported she will check. Mitchell reported Lonnie Prowant contacted Mayor Stern and can do cheaper than current two bids. When asked why he didn't bid when bids were let, Mitchell explained Prowant was too busy last year to bid. Now he has time. Concerns with issues it will cause if waive bidding and award to Prowant. Clerk reported Prowant came in requesting copies of bids received for this project. Prowant claims discrepancy in bid specs. Some feel already waited too long, bidding out will delay even longer. It was suggested Prowant contact Bray possibly as sub-contractor. Discussion included legality of increase in bid. Mitchell explained nothing wrong with renegotiating expired bid. All seemed to agree to put on June 5th agenda to award bid.

Discussion went to finding storage for equipment currently at building, equipment and cost of sweeper. Alderman Macomber questioned if using sweeper to pick up leaves, why did we purchase leaf vac? Alderman Macomber is concerned with wear and tear on sweeper. Sweeper will be very expensive to replace. Mayor Stern announced he will look for place to store equipment by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Others feel equipment needs to be out by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Committees**

Water & Sewer – no report.

Streets and Property – Alderman Kocal volunteered as Chairman of committee. Alderman Lindsay inquired if Chief Magill is getting anywhere with lawns needing to be mowed. No one seemed to know where this issue is at this point.

Personnel – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Alderman Lindsay, Alderman Kocal and Alderman Macomber did not have any additional business this evening.

Clerk reported realtor is requesting reduction on water bill or waive late fees at 324 North Broad. Request denied. Clerk announced our next step in the Electric Aggregation Plan is to review the bids. When asked who will review the bids, all seemed to agree the full Council would at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Stern did not have any additional business. Alderman Kocal inquired if Mayor would appoint someone to fill vacant see in Ward II. Mayor Stern announced there are five persons interested. Discussed how to proceed.

**Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 9:23 PM to discuss personnel.

Exited executive session at 9:44 with no action taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*