

June 5, 2012

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Chief Matt Magill, Matt Wagner, Steve Haring, John Huggins, Mike Mudge, Chris Markley, Janie Dollinger, JL Hunter, Anne Viglietta, Lance Leverton, Boyce Humphreys, Denise Krysiak, Kristy Van Matre, Carol Kruzek, Steve Kruzek, Karen Sturtevant, Connie Knutti, Jan Gillfillan, Jodi York and Floyd Roberts. Sharon Pepin arrived at 8:20 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 Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to accept the minutes of the May 15th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-abstain, Alderman Weaver-abstain, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report was not available at this time due to software problem.

Award Bid for Municipal Building – All seemed to agree to wait until Sharon Pepin arrives since she was a significant participant in this project.

Willett Hofmann – Matt Wagner reported he will have numbers for Truman Avenue project at the next meeting. When asked for guesstimate Wagner reported low cost \$60,000 and ultimate \$110,000. Wagner then gave update on the Argyle Street project. Curb and gutter are in except where Nicor needs to move line - still waiting on Nicor. Mayor Stern reported he contacted Nicor and is waiting to hear back. Project should be done in another couple of weeks. Blair Parkway project – Wagner discussed stub and man hole. Wagner reported need permits from EPA which takes time.

Review Bids – Electric Power Aggregation Plan – Mike Mudge announced the second ordinance was passed May 15th and submitted bid sheets which four were received. Mudge reviewed bid sheets going through each explaining what they will and won't do. Also discussed the option of one year or two. Mudge highly recommends if accept two year contract, to bid out at the end of the contract. It is still six weeks out to see rates – August or September start date. Mudge announced "opt out" letter will be sent out by bidder. The letter only needs to be sent back if anyone wants out. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept bid from Verde Energy for two years for both residential and commercial. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried. Mudge gave Mitchell contract to review. (Sharon Pepin arrived at 8:20 PM.)

Prevailing Wage Ordinance was submitted by Ed Mitchell. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept Ordinance #868 for Prevailing Wages.

Consider Donations – John Huggins explained how the monies will be used for Old Settler’s Days (OSD). Carnival with ten rides and kids games. Huggins has arranged for the Senior Citizen van to take people to and from parking areas. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Weaver to donate \$3,000 to OSD Committee. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-abstain and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. Discussion then went to railroad repairs. Chief Magill gave update as this was to start in May. When the discussion went to donation for VFW several agreed to wait until the Cemetery Board has been approached on this.

Community Planning & Funding Services - Sharon Pepin recommended Mayor Stern sign grant agreement. Pepin reported Reed Law has a pay request in. Pepin does not recommend approving this at this time as she is still waiting on payroll reports. Pepin announced the remaining balance of the Argyle Street grant can be used for Blair Parkway project. Pepin reported the Lift Station project must be completed by December 2013.

Award Bid for Municipal Building – Pepin reported she checked to see if we can go with current bids and found it is okay. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to award bid to Ringland-Johnson (R-J). Alderman Kocal announced he sent out an email about his opinion in regard to local contractor. Others feel to re-bid will take more time and we have waited long enough. Pepin explained the process will take 30-45 days until start date. Pepin will talk with R-J again to review project and time line again. Contractor should stick with time frame just different dates. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. Pepin will contact R-J about ground breaking. Janie Dollinger announced the OSD parade draws a crowd also the Hometown Days parade. Bivens and Sacia have been invited to the OSD parade possibly ground breaking could be scheduled following the parade. The 150th book will be released at 9:00 AM at the Heritage Center. (Marcia Claussen arrived at 8:45 PM.) Dollinger read a statement thanking the Council for making the Library a priority.

Ordinance allocating TIF funds for renovation of Municipal Complex Building – Pepin explained this does not require City to use TIF funds for this renovation, it just gives option. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to approve Ordinance #869. Alderman Kocal feels TIF funds should be used to generate more property taxes – use for blighted buildings. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

General audience – Connie Knutti announced Lanark Fire Dept. Trustees would like to meet with the City as they have interest in the current City Hall/Library building when vacant. It was suggested the Streets & Property Committee start this discussion. Fire Dept.’s next meeting is June 13th at 7:00 PM. John Huggins inquired about the pile of rubble. Ed Mitchell was asked to start the nuisance process which he is still working on. After a lengthy discussion, all seemed to agree the City cannot do anything with bricks until the City owns the property. As a result, they will not be removed before OSD. Huggins reported the City’s website has a new design. Discussion went back to blighted buildings and the seminar which was held at the Heritage Center recently. Pepin will send information on similar seminar. Mayor Stern discussed grant available through Rural Development for downtown revitalization. Huggins announced the Chamber of Commerce is willing to help if called upon. The Council does not have to do all by

themselves. Janie Dollinger discussed list concerning the Municipal Building, Replacement Tax and possibly historical marker sign for Cotta Car. When asked where to start to get sign, Chief Magill suggested contacting IDOT.

Committees

Personnel – Alderman Lindsay announced the Personnel Committee met and decided to go with the new proposed health insurance plan. Cheaper premium for the City and will only deduct \$25 per month for employee’s share – currently deducting \$25 per week from employee. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve new proposed health care plan and only take out \$25 per month rather than \$25/ week. During discussion, Chief Magill was okay with new plan but Les Guenzler prefers the current plan. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-abstain, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Lindsay discussed automatic flusher for Eastland Motor Sports. Possibly use automatic flusher until Council can decide what to do. When asked for solution, Guenzler would continue water main over and north to restaurant (Brothers) – water loop. Some feel this would be wasted money if it did not work. Burns Street project was originally started in 2010. Alderman Fehlhafer and Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann will look at this soon. Mayor Stern announced Eastland Motor Sports needs to be done this year. With school out for summer there is not much usage of water. Wagner explained with ten inch line there isn’t much flow. A filter will probably not help. Alderman Fehlhafer requested executive session to discuss real estate.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Planning – no report.

Street and Property – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Alderman Weaver received two reports on dogs.

Alderman Lindsay received request for sidewalk. Haley Lott wants sidewalk so her dad can use his scooter to get to her house.

Alderman Fehlhafer announced training on the new jetter is scheduled for 8:00 AM tomorrow. After a short discussion, all seemed to agree to put ad in paper accepting bids.

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

Ed Mitchell had been asked to check into adding Alderman At-Large and redistricting wards. Mitchell explained if the number goes up we can redo. Re-district could redraw wards without referendum. Alderman Weaver reported he is unable to attend the next Council meeting. Alderman Kocal will probably not be able to attend. After more discussion on how to change, it was clear wards are the easiest to change. Alderman At Large would require a referendum.

Clerk did not have any business this evening.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to enter into executive session to discuss real estate acquisition. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:50 PM.

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

Mayor Stern discussed the zoning of Roger Burkholder's lots across from the maintenance building. After a short discussion, it was agreed to wait to see what Roger wants to do before rezoning and ask Roger to give a proposal. Mayor Stern reported he sent in request to IDOT for track sign. IDOT no longer honors once that sport starts next season. All seemed to agree to purchase signs. Mayor Stern announced IDOT is looking for viable projects.

Alderman Weaver and Alderman Fehlhafer will not be able to attend the June 19th meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*