

February 21, 2012

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Ed Fehlhafer, Alderman Tom Kocal, Alderman Mark Macomber and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Ron Strohecker and Alderman Anne Lindsay were absent. (Alderman Lindsay arrived at 7:50.)

Also present were Ed Mitchell, John Huggins, Anne Viglietta, John Mueller, Lynn Landherr, Randy Beverley, Steve Haring, Michelle Schurman, Scott Woodly, Matt Wagner, Randy Pepin and Sharon Pepin.

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

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the minutes of the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stern explained the bill from Siemens Industry, Inc. of \$3,087.51. This single part is for the SCADA system and is now obsolete. No more discussion. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept and pay the bills from January 17<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup> (Meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.) and from February 7<sup>th</sup> to present. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the Treasurer's Report for January as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Michelle Schurman, candidate for State's Attorney gave a short campaign speech. Schurman handed out brochures and asked to vote for her in the March 20<sup>th</sup> election.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services discussed the CDAP Infrastructure grant for Argyle Storm Sewer. Pepin submitted agreement with detailed services for \$11,400 which will be paid with CDAP grant funds. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to approve agreement with Community Funding & Planning Services for Argyle Storm Sewer project. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Pepin submitted invoice for \$2,850 for first quarter administrative services. Pepin explained information involved. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve administrative services invoice of \$2,850 for first quarter. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Pepin announced there would be more details in Matt Wagner's report. Pepin then gave update on the Municipal Building. Budget report has been revised and submitted to CDAP. After some discussion on making a phone call or road trip to Governor's office, it was agreed Pepin would set up a conference call with Mayor Stern and Alderman Macomber to Maureen Palmer in the Chicago office. (Alderman Lindsay arrived at 7:50.) Pepin reported we should receive grant agreement soon for the East Lift Station.

Award contract for Argyle Storm Sewer Project – Matt Wagner of Willett Hofmann reported bids were opened in city hall on January 26, 2012. The lowest bid was from Law Excavating for \$139,363.50. Law did not include the signature of qualifications with his bid. The next lowest bid was from Fischer Excavating for \$164,624.76 which is about \$25,000 difference. Wagner reported he checked some references on Law Excavating. Wagner reported Fischer had all required documents included with bid at the time of the opening. The Clerk reported Reed Law had contacted her regarding the missing documents. Mayor Stern reported Law had contacted him as well. Law was unable to be in attendance tonight. Alderman Fehlhafer announced he would like to keep the work local. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to waive formalities for Law Excavating for bid of \$139,363.50. Mayor Stern read letter from Reed Law. Law has submitted the missing documents to Wagner since the bid opening. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried. Wagner will send contract to Law.

Burns & Bruce Street water mains materials – Alderman Fehlhafer reported on the three quotes received with HD Waterworks being the lowest bid of \$33,241.97. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept bid of \$33,241.97 from HD Waterworks in Belvedere for Burns and Bruce Streets water main supplies. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried.

Annual Audit for current fiscal year – this year’s quote of \$9,650 from WIPFLI is up \$150 from the last two years. Mayor Stern reported Mt. Carroll has WIPFLI do their audit and is over \$10,000. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept quote of \$9,650 from WIPFLI for the current fiscal year audit. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Heritage Center basement lease – Mick Mueller reported the Lanark Community Club would like to rent the basement of the Heritage Center for their meeting place. Mueller explained their previous meeting place was sold and have lost their “home”. They have checked several resources with no success. Mueller announced they are willing to pay \$100 per month as they have been doing in the past. When asked about alcohol, Mueller reported they can supply certificate of insurance with \$1,000,000 in liability. They are not selling the alcohol. Discussion included possible work on the building. Anne Viglietta, Heritage Center Board member announced the basement has been completely redone recently. Viglietta questioned how the basement would be kept separate. Alderman Macomber questioned if this should be discussed with the Heritage Board first. Anne Viglietta and Alderman Fehlhafer are Board members and they did not have any problem with leasing the basement. All seemed to agree to \$100 per month rent to help with utility bills. **Motion** made by Alderman Lindsay, seconded by Alderman Macomber to allow the Lanark Community Club to lease the basement of the Heritage Center for \$100 per month. Mayor Stern questioned if Council was over stepping bounds. Mitchell explained the Council has final say as the owners. Roll call: Alderman Lindsay-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Fehlhafer-aye. Motion carried.

Conmat liability waiver – Mitchell reported he has reviewed the waiver requested from Conmat. Mitchell explained the Indemnity clause. Clerk Hawbecker has contacted IMLRMA and both Mitchell and IMLRMA did not like the language of the Indemnity. When asked why this was requested from Conmat, Mayor Stern reported the quarry is self service. After some discussion, all seemed to agree to stop using Conmat’s quarry.

Ordinance #859 question on ballot for up-coming election – Council discussed question on ballot and how to get information out to public. Brochures have been supplied by Mike Mudge at no cost. Alderman Lindsay suggested advertising in the Prairie Advocate like Shannon has. After discussion, all seemed to agree to put insert, slim down letter to residents and put in March water bills. Mayor Stern volunteered to create more Q & A to put out at bank and Shell, etc.

Ordinance – National Flood Program – Mitchell submitted Ordinance #864, an ordinance regarding participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve Ordinance #864. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Lindsay-aye and Alderman Kocal-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution for TIF Fund expenditures – Alderman Lindsay and Mayor Stern had met to discuss using TIF funds for Burns & Bruce Streets water mains. Burns Street is not in the TIF District therefore cannot use TIF funds. Sharon Pepin discussed projects in TIF District. When asked, Pepin explained can form a second TIF District or amend the current district. Mayor Stern discussed Advisory Board. Pepin reported this could be the Council. Wagner and Pepin agreed most communities do not have Advisory Board. Pepin suggested getting information out to businesses and try to keep the ones we have.

Lease Agreement with Aero – Mitchell reviewed agreement and his response to Aero. T6 has bought branch of Aero. T6 had problems in Chadwick. When asked, John Huggins recommended having an agreement. JCWIFI is new in town.

General audience –

Scott Woodley was present looking for update on Blair Parkway. Alderman Fehlhafer reported we are still working on. We are proceeding on with slow process.

John Huggins, Chamber of Commerce President, reported CCEDS is paying for two persons to go to annual conference in Peoria on March 7 & 8 if anyone is interested in going with him.

### **Committees**

Personnel – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber recommended Christmas decorations be replaced half this year and remaining half next year. Alderman Lindsay suggested getting community clubs (Lions, Chamber, Community Club, etc.) involved.

Planning – no report.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Fehlhafer announced the jetter needs major repairs. Alderman Fehlhafer will check with Sewer in Chadwick. Current jetter was purchased used in 1978. After more discussion, it was agreed Alderman Fehlhafer will get information.

Street and Property – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Ed Mitchell reported received a FOIA request by email on the farm lease. Mitchell explained public is entitled to this information and will send out. Mitchell requested executive session for Personnel.

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

Alderman Kocal discussed the House Bill 5383 which repeals the mandated fluoride requirements. Alderman Kocal would like to see Lanark be the first to sign resolution of support of this bill. Alderman Kocal will send Mitchell resolution to possibly approve at the next meeting.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Lindsay to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:00 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:10 PM with no action taken.

Clerk reported the Old Settler's Days (OSD) Committee would like to use city hall to begin planning this year's events. When asked why they are not using the Heritage Center, Clerk reported she was told there are too many other meetings there and could not accommodate their meetings. All seemed to agree to have them use the Heritage Center not city hall as that is the purpose of the building. Alderman Fehlhafer volunteered to be the contact person if there are problems or need of key. Discussion also included the Heritage Center's uses and costs to use. Clerk reported new owner of the building located at 104 North Broad plans to renovate the upstairs into an apartment and the office which is not currently rented. Clark Carroll Insurance is renting one of the two offices. The owner is inquiring how many water, sewer and garbage bills he will receive for this building since only one office is rented. After a short discussion, all seemed to agree the billing will remain as in the past which is one per each office and apartment for a total of three bills.

Mayor Stern reported foreclosures are popping up around town. A business has closed. There are several projects which needs funds to complete. This led to setting a meeting March 20<sup>th</sup> to begin work on appropriations for the next fiscal year. Alderman Macomber reported he will not be here on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Stern reported he may not be here April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clerk reported she will not be here April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Stern reported Dan Payette wants to come and do presentation and suggested using the Heritage Center.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*