

March 20, 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.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Chief Magill, John Huggins, Scott Woodley, Jamie Woodley, JL Hunter and Boyce Humphreys.

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

Motion made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the March 6th meeting. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-abstain (absent March 6th) and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept and pay the bills from March 6th to present. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk reported the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) audit for 2010 and 2011 has been completed. Clerk has approval to transfer \$92,512.36 from MFT fund to General fund. The clerk and Alderman Macomber, Finance Chair will make a few adjustments to zero out the MFT checking and transfer the approved MFT funds. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Kocal to accept the Treasurer's Report for February as submitted. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Mowing bid – Mowing bid from Ardena Grant was submitted for \$275/week plus \$25/week to pick up sticks in city park. Discussed price of gas. Alderman Macomber would like to see another just for comparison. Discussed counter offer. Due to the nice weather mowing will start earlier which will add more expense. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to counter offer \$250/week plus \$300/season for sticks to Ardena Grant. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Jetter-possible purchase – Alderman Fehlhafer discussed quote of \$48,109 from Sewer Equipment Company of America in Chadwick. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed current jetter and new unit. Alderman Fehlhafer did not feel the pendant option (remote control) of \$1,893 was necessary. Eliminating this option will bring price down to \$46,216. Alderman Fehlhafer continued discussing the jetter. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Kocal to relinquish or forego outside bidding in order to purchase this unit. Ed Mitchell discussed quorum explaining 2/3 of quorum and mayor cannot vote. Clerk was instructed to call Alderman Lindsay and ask her to call in so that she may vote. Mayor Stern announced this will be pushed to the end of the meeting in order to have Alderman Lindsay participate in vote.

General audience –

JL Hunter, Library Board reported there is a new person in place on grants. Alderman Kocal, Mayor Stern and Sharon Pepin made conference call to person in charge of grants, however they

were unable to reach him. They waited for call back but received no response. Mayor Stern reported he did not write letter. It sounded like the grant person did not know Lanark had a grant application in.

John Huggins, Chamber President reported Old Settler's Days (OSD) committees have started meeting. There will be rides this year. Fund raiser was held recently. Terri Fineburg will give presentation May 8th to city which will be very informative on down town deterioration. Council and community are welcome. May 8th at 5:30 PM at the Heritage Center. Janie Dollinger and John Huggins have completed grant application for work stations and classes for computers – Bridging the Digital Divide grant of \$42,000.

Jamie and Scott Woodley were present looking for update on Blair Parkway. Alderman Fehlhafer announced there is nothing to report at this time.

Chief Magill reported he has applied for squad car grant of \$20,000.

Committees

Water & Sewer – When asked about the committee meeting Monday, Alderman Fehlhafer announced it was short lived. Mayor Stern discussed note from Eastland Motor Sports. Quality of water is poor – rusty. Alderman Fehlhafer suggested putting in a non-approved hydrant. EPA does not have to approve – just put it in and will make huge improvement. If the line had more users sediment would not be nearly a problem. Discussed looping back across to Brother's Restaurant. Mayor Stern read letter from IDOT permit. Alderman Fehlhafer announced he would like to try the non-serviceable hydrant first. During this discussion, the clerk reminded everyone of the resident on Burns Street with poor quality who came to meeting with sample of brown water. Alderman Lindsay called in as requested at 8:30 PM. She will come in to participate in the vote on the jetter. Discussion continued. (Alderman Lindsay arrived at 8:35.) Mayor Stern gave a quick review of the jetter discussion explaining the motion has already been made to waive bidding. Mayor Stern called for roll call vote: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. Discussed option. **Motion** made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Macomber to purchase jetter for \$46,216 from Sewer Equipment Company of America in Chadwick. Roll call: Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Kocal-aye and Alderman Lindsay-aye. Motion carried. (Alderman Lindsay left at 8:50.)

Streets and Property – Mayor Stern read quote of \$540 from Civil to repair parkway at Albertson's on North Broad. Alderman Fehlhafer suggested this could be incorporated with Argyle Street repairs. Mayor will work on recognition signs for Eastland School. Mayor Stern discussed OSD parade stating that IDOT requires a permit. After a short discussion, all seemed to agree except Mayor Stern not pursue IDOT permit for parade as one has not been obtained in the past. Mayor Stern discussed the work on the railroad crossing on Broad Street. The Council has already approved a detour route for this work. All agreed it would not be good to have this work during OSD. Chief Magill reported he has a call into the railroad. Chief will keep informed of progress of this project.

Personnel – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber reported already covered earlier in meeting.

Planning – Mayor Stern reported come April it will be a year since City applied for \$311,000 grant. Alderman Macomber announced we risk losing other grants. John Huggins reported we have not been disqualified as yet. JL Hunter announced he thinks the Live & Learn grant will be extended.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Police – no report.

Ed Mitchell submitted lease for Heritage Center basement. Mitchell quickly reviewed. One issue of concern was locking the door at the bottom of the steps so not everyone would have access to basement. Huggins reported an issue last weekend when blowing fuses. If door is locked, cannot access fuse box, will need a key readily accessible in cases like this. Alderman Ron Strohecker submitted written, notarized letter of resignation. Mitchell explained past practice has been to acknowledge resignation formally but do not have to. Resignation is effective as of today. Appropriations are to be put on April 17th meeting. Mayor Stern inquired about the Fogell buildings. Mayor Stern announced we need a plan of action, need to have meeting and see how to move forward. Huggins reported this is kind of what the meeting in May is about. It was suggested we have a meeting to get started and be better prepared for the May meeting. Meeting was set for March 28th at 3:00 PM.

Alderman Fehlhafer reported we need to clean up streets and property where snow plows tore up. Safety clothing for city employees should be worn during working hours. Mayor Stern reported tree stumps last fall, areas have settled and need more fill. Chief Magill has talked with several residents regarding burning in town. Don Dietz wants tree planted. Tree Board Chair, Ron Strohecker has resigned.

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

Clerk discussed water and sewer bills. Two new businesses in town: Adam's Collision (body shop) and Kara Weber opening photography studio on East Pearl (old laundromat). Past practice has been free water and sewer service for one year (If metered, equivalent to standard rate.) All seemed to agree to free year once the doors are actually open for business. Clerk read letter from Eastland Post Prom Committee requesting a donation. **Motion** made by Alderman Kocal, seconded by Alderman Macomber to approve \$200 donation to Post Prom Committee in fiscal year 2012 – 2013. Roll call: Alderman Kocal-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye and Mayor Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stern announced final figures near end of fiscal year are up from past years. Mayor Stern reported Sharon Pepin feels it will be hard to get grants due to excess funds. Mayor Stern reported possibly the Detention Pond and Blair Parkway projects could be grouped together. East Lift Station – trying to get some direction. Discussed Blair Parkway. Alderman Fehlhafer reported we need to find out what water is running continuously through line, finding this out is the first thing we need to do. If we can stop this water, that will solve part of the problem. So far it has been determined water coming from as far back as the manhole in intersection at Don Hart's. Discussion went to possibly using TIF funds. Mayor Stern reported we need to try to solve problem at Eastland Motor Sports with water looping. Possibly add others into project. Alderman Fehlhafer would like to try "band aid" fix first. Mayor Stern then discussed the Detention Pond project. Mayor Stern questioned if fence is needed. Clerk read from Code Book 5-2-21: OPEN BODIES OF WATER, FENCING REQUIRED:

A. Definition: "Swimming **pools**" and "manmade bodies of water" are hereby defined as a receptacle for water or an artificial pool of water, having a depth at any point of thirty one inches (31") or more, whether or not intended for the purpose of immersion or partial immersion therein

of human beings, including portable or temporary-type pools of plastic, rubberized cloth or similar materials, installed either above or below ground elevation, and including all appurtenant equipment constructed, installed and maintained in or above the ground outside of a building. Mitchell agreed. Discussed what type of fence and cost. Mayor reported top complaints for garbage are starting too early; do not pick up yard waste, ruining trash cans, etc. Mayor Stern announced we need to start making plans.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*