

## **Minutes of the April 3, 2012 Lanark City Council Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Lanark City Council was called to order April 3, 2012 at 7:34 pm at City Hall.

Roll call: Present were Aldermen Ken Weaver, Anne Lindsay, Ed Fehlhafer, Mark Macomber and Tom Kocal, and Mayor Ed Stern. Also in attendance was Attorney Ed Mitchell, Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services, Matt Wagner of Willett & Hoffmann, Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services, Dan Payette of Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Boyce Humphries of the Lanark Library Board, and citizen Scott Woodley.

Mayor Stern appointed Tom Kocal as recording secretary in the absence of Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Hawbecker.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Macomber made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting; seconded by Kocal. Motion carried 4-0, with Weaver & Lindsay abstaining, as they were absent 3/20/12.

Weaver made a motion to accept and pay the bills from March 20, 2012 to present; seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 5-0

Motor Fuel Tax Audit Report – Macomber submitted a report (copy with Clerk). Mayor Stern added that the MFT records are in great shape, with the state auditor very complimentary of the superb record-keeping by Clerk Hawbecker. No action.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services – Sharon presented the 2012-2015 Capital Improvement Plan. A pdf version will also be made available to Clerk and /or Council.

Sharon reported that BHRC&D will present a check for \$1500 to the City for partial reimbursement of the fees for completing its CIP.

Sharon said that Matt Wagner of Willett & Hoffmann will be giving an update on the Argyle St. Storm Water Retention Pond Project.

Re: the DCEO Flex Grant for the Municipal Building Project, Sharon, as well as other council members who placed calls to DCEO for a status report of the grant, had not received a call-back. A possible trip to Springfield may be arranged.

Dan Payette, BHRC&D: iFiber Project Overview – Payette made an informative Power Point presentation of the broadband expansion project here in Northwest Illinois, and how it ties in with 4 other areas of the state. Council will be kept up to date on the potential benefits of participating in the future.

Liquor License Renewal – Weaver made a motion to approve the renewal of 3 liquor licenses presented - Dave's Place, Express Lane, and Lanark Food Center; seconded

by Lindsay. Motion carried 5-0

City Property Mowing Bid – After discussion, Weaver made a motion to accept the counter-offer of Ardena Grant for 2012 Mowing. The counter-offer was for \$275 per week (expanded to include more property), and \$25 per week for picking up stick/debris in the City park; seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 4-0, with Fehlhafer and Macomber abstaining.

Mayor Stern said that Ms. Grant had requested all Council members sign the agreements, which they did, and submitted to Clerk for filing.

General Audience – Scott Woodley asked about "easement at Blair Parkway," but no information was available. After discussion of the storm/sanitary sewer situation, the **Water & Sewer Committee will meet Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 1:00 pm at City Hall.**

Argyle St. Storm Water Retention Pond Project Update - Matt Wagner of Willett & Hoffmann presented a bid from Law Excavating for fence options at the retention pond (attached). This item will be discussed at 4/10/12 W/S committee meeting, as well as additional grant money available for other storm water projects due to the cost of the retention pond project coming in under estimates.

Matt said that a fiber optic line running down Argyle St. has delayed construction briefly until it can be moved by Frontier Comm. - no charge to city. A gas line will also be relocated.

Alderman Fehlhafer asked that the water running into the pond be tested to see if it is spring water or city water.

#### Committee Reports

Water/Sewer: Chairman Fehlhafer presented the order confirmation for the Model 545 Jetter purchased from Sewer Equipment Co. in Chadwick, IL. The actual price is \$45,501, less than the originally approved cost of \$46,216. He also read a thank you note from the president of the company.

Fehlhafer is keeping tabs on proposed action by the City of Sterling regarding a \$3 per household per month storm sewer funding proposal.

Electric Aggregation - Waiting for contact from supplier re: 2 public meetings in May.

Consumer Confidence Water Quality Reports: Motion by Macomber to approve \$480 for publishing the report in the Prairie Advocate News; seconded by Weaver. Motion carried 4-0, with Kocal abstaining.

Bulk Pick Up Day for Lanark, conducted by Moring Disposal, is set for Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Appropriations: Chairman Macomber reported that modifications will be given to Attorney Mitchell for review at the April 17, 2012 Council meeting, with possible

approval at the May 1 meeting.

Resolutions to approve "GASB 54" federal requirements re: funds/budget transparency will be reviewed by Attorney Mitchell and discussed/approved at April 17 meeting.

Tree Board: Discussion as to whether or not there was a running list of tree projects, and if so, who has it. Aldermen Lindsey and Kocal will meet with Clerk Hawbecker in the near future to review.

Attorney Report – Mitchell said the Lanark Community Club lease for the basement of the Heritage Center is ready, but he will report after attending the April 4 Heritage Center Board meeting.

Discussed options concerning the 2 "Fogel Buildings" at the corner of E. Locust and N. Broad Sts. in downtown Lanark. Mitchel reported that both buildings have been sold for taxes; titles may be available by Aug. 2012; TIF funds could be utilized to make an attractive offer for potential buyer(s).

Alderman Weaver requested a review of the street at 320 W. Ieland re: difficult navigation of the area for two handicapped residents. Will be considered by Sts & Alley Committee.

Having no further business, Lindsay made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Fehlhafer. Motion carried 5-0

***Submitted by Tom Kocal***  
***Appointed Secretary***