

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF CARROLL
CITY OF LANARK

June 2, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Roll call taken by Marilyn Heller, City Clerk, showed Alderpersons present were Brad Knutti, Jim Plock, Justin Rausch, Alisha Metz, Mark Macomber, and Ethan Lartz.

Mayor Jeri Rogan was present and presiding.

Others present were: Trevor Knutti, Attorney Ed Mitchell, Maintenance Manager Jason Alvarado, Zoning/Code Officer Doug Rominski, Treasurer Deb Throop, Clerk Marilyn Heller, and Chief Troy Randall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- was led by Alderperson Jim Plock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Mark Macomber and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Mark Macomber, Brad Knutti, Alisha Metz, Jim Plock, Justin Rausch, and Ethan Lartz.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

Jo Carroll Fiber – Possible Action- Tabled

Surf Internet – Possible Action - The council discussed a letter received from Serf Fiber Internet regarding telecommunications providers and the use of public rights-of-way. Members generally viewed the correspondence as a generic form letter rather than a response tailored to Lanark's specific situation. They noted that the city has never proposed a franchise fee, tax, or similar charge, making much of the letter seem irrelevant to the current discussion. The attorney advised placing a proposed ordinance on the next council agenda for consideration, while emphasizing that doing so would not require immediate adoption. Discussion also referenced the court case of AT&T v. Village of Arlington Heights and whether it applied to the city's situation. Council members generally believed the circumstances were different and expressed confidence that the city could continue exploring options with other providers, including locally based companies, before making a decision. **Tabled**

Appropriations – Possible Action – A Motion was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Ethan Lartz to approve Ordinance # 1025; Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2026 and Ending March 31, 2027. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti, Ethan Lartz, Jim Plock, Justin Rausch, Mark Macomber, and Alisha Metz.

Street Project Bid Proposals – Possible Action – Tabled – An update was provided; the bid documents for two projects that do not require IDOT Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) approval should be ready for advertisement by Friday. The remaining two projects are awaiting IDOT approval before they can be advertised for bids. Once the projects are advertised, the city will allow approximately two weeks for bid submissions before conducting a bid opening. It was also noted that the bid documents will be reviewed by council before they are officially advertised.

Door Lock System – Possible Action – Tabled - The council discussed issues with the building's door access system and agreed that the matter should be referred to committee for further review. It was reported that contractors found significant wiring problems from a previous installation, including improperly connected wiring, which has caused doors to unlock or fail to lock when intended. The initial phase of the project will focus on correcting the wiring, while existing hardware is expected to remain in use.

Playground Equipment – Possible Action – Tabled - An update was provided on the playground equipment proposal, with plans to contact the vendor and revise the bid by removing certain features, such as a balance beam and other items the committee does not want included. A revised proposal will be brought back for review at the next meeting. The committee discussed potential support and donations for park and playground improvements. It was noted that LCC has expressed interest in volunteering for the playground pad and dome installation, although no commitments have been made for the concrete work. Discussion also included the possibility of the Lions Club becoming involved with improvements to the shelter house with the fireplace, which was originally one of their projects. Council praised the recently installed security cameras. The cameras successfully identified individuals violating park rules, and police reported speaking with the parents involved. Council members noted that the footage was exceptionally clear and expressed confidence that the upgraded surveillance system would help deter future misconduct and assist law enforcement when necessary.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION- Public Relations/ Communication/ Parks and Rec. – Alderperson Alisha discussed making minor revisions to the website and scheduling council and staff headshots, with employees encouraged to wear city shirts for the photos. She also provided an update on Old Settler's Days, noting that promotional posters had been ordered and event preparations, including trash collection arrangements, were progressing as planned. The maintenance department was thanked for installing new bulletin boards at the park. The discussion concluded with Alderperson Alisha apologizing for any delays in her work due to family matters involving her father, while fellow members expressed their support and appreciation for her continued efforts. **Streets and Property** – Alderperson Ethan Lartz discussed concerns regarding the seal coat on Carroll Street, particularly reports that the surface remains sticky and may be deteriorating in some areas. City representatives indicated the issue could potentially be covered under warranty, which would allow repairs to be completed without additional cost to the city. Discussion also included feedback from a contractor who questioned whether the fog seal application may have contributed to the problem and suggested it may not be appropriate for some residential streets. Members noted that the fog seal had

been beneficial on Carroll Street due to dust concerns near local businesses, but acknowledged reports of roadway peeling and resident complaints. The city is continuing to investigate the issue and evaluate corrective measures. **Water and Sewer** – Alderperson Brad Knutti discussed a conflict that was reported involving a resident who became confrontational and used profane language toward staff after a tree removal on private property, and police leadership advised that staff response should remain limited to disengaging, with the option of requesting a police standby in future situations. Additional updates included a planned follow-up regarding a “lead” matter and a child testing issue, as well as a business owner resisting installation of a water meter. Staff noted the requirement is supported by ordinance and indicated they would proceed with formal communication to enforce compliance. **Personnel** – Alderperson Justin discussed garbage service bidding he has been working on for water and sewer, for an average of about 604 homes. Hew will be structuring the bids into standardized package options (A, B, C, D) through a shared document so the council can select service levels rather than individual vendors, while still tracking which company corresponds to each option internally. The council emphasized the importance of retaining key community services such as garage sale pickup and bulk/junk “cleanup days,” noting strong public support for these events. The council was in agreement to proceed with the packaged bidding approach and maintain current high-demand pickup services.

REPORTS-EMPLOYEES, ZONING/CODE OFFICER, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS AND MAYOR- **Maintenance Manager Jason Alvarado** - reported that surplus pumps and tools have received little interest, with one pending offer of \$400. He also provided an update on a lead exposure concern involving a foster child with elevated lead levels. Staff inspected the residence, finding mostly galvanized plumbing with some plastic and copper service lines. The issue has been escalated to state and local health authorities (IDPH and Carroll County Health Department), who will conduct in-depth testing at the home. Initial assessment suggests the source may be within the residence rather than the municipal water system, and the group agreed to pause any further investigation such as digging until test results are returned. **Zoning/Code Officer Doug Rominski** - reported generally positive compliance outreach, with over 30 resident contacts made through notices and in-person communication. Only two properties remain unresolved—one due to continued failure to maintain mowing requirements and another where the owner appears to have vacated and cannot be contacted. The council also briefly discussed swimming pool safety requirements and fencing regulations, clarifying that pools under a certain depth may not require fencing, and coordinating follow-up contact with a resident regarding compliance. **Clerk Marilyn Heller** –report that she sent out 11 shut off letter this month and has received six new FOIA requests. **Chief Troy Randall** - presented a proposal for a new squad car, with a total cost of approximately \$79,563.40 including the vehicle and equipment. The purchase is within the approved budget, and staff discussed options for disposing of the current vehicle, including potential assistance from the dealer in finding a buyer and possible interest from the park district. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Justin Rausch and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to proceed with the purchase of the new police vehicle and to pursue a trade or resale value for the existing squad car. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti, Ethan Lartz, Jim Plock, Justin Rausch, Mark Macomber, and Alisha Metz. **Mayor Jeri Rogan**

– reported on a resident whose situation is becoming increasingly concerning due to deteriorating living conditions, missed mail, and possible declining mental capacity. It was noted that she currently lacks reliable access to basic utilities, including water, raising significant health and safety concerns, especially as temperatures increase. Council agreed that social services and potentially a public guardian process should be contacted to assess her well-being and determine next steps. A plan was discussed to seek guidance from local resources on elder support services, while also continuing to address related legal matters such as outstanding liens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, REAL ESTATE, PROBABLE OR PENDING LITIGATION-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Ethan Lartz and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to convene in Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. in order to discuss pending or probable litigation. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Ethan Lartz, Mark Macomber, Alisha Metz, Jim Plock, Justin Rausch, Justin Raush and Brad Knutti.

REGULAR SESSION-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Bard Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to reconvene into regular session at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Alisha Metz, Jim Plock, Justin Rausch, Justin Raush and Ethan Lartz.

Water Main Project – Possible Action – Tabled

Mayor Jeri Rogan - discussed scheduling a brief meeting at 6:30 p.m. for photographs, with staff agreeing to send a reminder and ensure participants attend in coordinated shirts. They also reviewed participation details for the upcoming Old Settlers Day parade, including lineup timing, attire, and equipment needs, and confirmed coordination for entry into the parade.

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Ethan Lartz to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried by 6 voiced aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk