

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Mark Macomber, Alderman Jeri Beverley and Mayor Kevin Barnes were present. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Ron Strohecker and Alderman John Huggins were absent.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Chief Page, Justin Rausch, Andrea McElroy, Rick VanWasfenhove, Denny Pate, Kevin Kniss, Jeff Lessman, Patty Lessman and Bill VanMatre.

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to accept and pay the bills from February 19<sup>th</sup> to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Denny Pate of Moring Disposal was present seeking approval of garbage disposal contract. The Clerk reported she dropped of copy to Ed Mitchell for review. Council agreed to return to this issue.

Provide temporary service to Eastland Motor Sports – In is absence, Alderman Huggins submitted a written report, which included a rough estimate and timeline for water/sewer service to Eastland Motor Sports. James Brown, the plumbing inspector from the IL Dept. of Public Health requested it. They will allow Lessman to use portable bathrooms for only a few weeks and the temporary services until summer. If water and sewer is not available within a reasonable time, Public Health will force them to close their doors. In Huggins' report, he asked the Council to look at the letter to Mr. Brown and if in agreement, have Mayor sign and return to his folder. Upon his return, Huggins will forward the letter. Marty Beranek of MSA Professional Services announced this was discussed recently at Water & Sewer Committee meeting. Alderman Beverley questioned time line – dates in letter. Beranek explained we have to get a permit for permanent service. There is a lot of paperwork with IDOT. Beranek feels the schedule is aggressive but he won't say it can't be done. When asked if Peughs were OK with this, Mitchell announced he was not sure as he was in Mt. Carroll most of today. Mitchell reported LaCompte left a message. Mitchell was not part of the discussion with Peughs. Jeff Lessman reported City has to move on this or he will be shut down or out of business. Lessman announced he will have to drill a well. The Clerk reported now that Lessman has annexed into City, he cannot drill well. Others agreed. Alderman Derrer questioned if this was all agreed upon before building. Lessman explained it was agreed when he annexed in last fall. Lessman has done his part and now expects the City to do their part. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Derrer to proceed if Peughs were OK with this. All ayes. Motion carried.

Garbage contract – Mitchell announced the contract reads pretty much as before. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept garbage contract. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk was asked to print out two copies for signatures. Pate thanked the Council on behalf of Moring Disposal.

Marty Beranek of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). Beranek reported the UST (Underground Storage Tank) will be done as soon as the weather is better. Quarter reports 7 & 8 were presented for Mayor's signature. Reimbursement request #3 for \$20,126.93 was also submitted for signature. Beranek reported he discussed different options with the committee on the 26<sup>th</sup>. MSA looked at alternatives as requested by the committee. It was agreed to follow south line of field provided hugged that end of the field. Beranek showed on map. Costs came out basically a wash, either way. Beranek announced it makes more sense to put lift station on city property. Beranek reported this will be very easy to extend. Long term – opens up entire area for service. Beranek announced this is the recommendation of the committee. The water service is the more critical project at this point. Sewer can be on hold. Beranek announced he did additional fieldwork quote – adds about \$10,000 to engineering contract. Alderman Beverley agreed with needing to move forward on this but need to work simultaneously, not waiting. Beverley did not feel the holding tank was the answer either. Beranek agreed. Beranek announced if want to follow recommendation of committee, need to amend services contract and move forward. Due to so much snow, it was agreed Guenzler could help in digging. Mitchell announced he was not sure where the vault (gas permit) was going on Route 64 and Broad Street. Mayor Barnes thought it was going at the bottom of the hill on Cyclone Ridge Road. No one was sure what Nicor was doing.

Wood Burners – Alderman Huggins did not have ordinance ready as yet. This will involve more than just free standing furnace. It will include fire places also. More investigation is needed to finalize this.

Justin Rausch was present to find out what the City wanted to do about wood burners. VanMatre added twelve feet more to his chimney. Alderman Derrer inquired if the additional twelve feet helped. VanMatre feels it did. Kevin Kniss announced there is no smoke in his house but still smells outside. Rausch reported cannot eliminate all the smoke outside – fire pits, bonfires, etc. Neighbor asked Rausch to extend chimney. Rausch agreed to do in the summer.

Alderman Macomber inquired if this got approved as yet and held up paper. Chief Page reported grant was not approved yet. Alderman Macomber tabled for now. Alderman Macomber reported at the last committee meeting, they discussed the street sweeper – rebuild current, purchase demo or brand new. Alderman Macomber introduced Rick VanWasfenhove. VanWasfenhove announced the city's current sweeper is a 2000, purchased for \$70,000. Sweepers have changed over the years. VanWasfenhove explained what isn't fixed now will need to be in a few years. VanWasfenhove gave information on demo. When he was finished, Alderman Macomber reported he would like to take this to the committee.

No building permits were presented.

Ed Mitchell requested a short executive session to discuss pending litigation. Regarding the water problem at Woodleys, Mitchell recommended turning into insurance. Others agreed.

### **Committees**

Water & Sewer – no report.

Street and Property – no report

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber announced Chief Page got quotes for new squad – Impala. Both squads are about 70,000 miles. Quote is \$16,000 and Impala will fit in the garage. Chief Page reported Crown Vic has problems at 50,000 miles and will not fit in garage.

Impala will be fully marked – light bar. When asked how long bids were good for, Chief announced probably forever. They are dated February 12<sup>th</sup>. Current squads are 2003 and 2005. 2003 is used minimal – mainly in winter (4WD). Alderman Macomber would like to take this to committee. Others agreed.

Personnel – no report.

Police – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Streets & Property – no report. Mayor Barnes received bids on the roof at the Hart building.

Freeport Industrial Roofing – flat roof	\$32,500 band aid
	\$49,000 start all over - strip
WW Builders, Chadwick – pitched roof - metal	\$29,662.43

After looking over the bid, Alderman Macomber was concerned with how it would look in front at gables. Mayor Barnes feels we need to get this locked in as the roof is leaking. Roof color and soffit should all be the same. Alderman Macomber feels change color and change front. All seemed to agree if stays within 10%, OK. **Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept WW Builders' bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance – no additional report.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Alderman Macomber inquired about additional labor for summer. Guenzler announced since there is no meeting until April, we need to line up mowing. Alderman Macomber agreed to ask Larry Tigges again. Alderman Beverley suggested asking if do for \$9/hour first. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approach Larry Tigges at \$9.50/hour for mowing. All ayes. Motion carried. Guenzler will check with Tigges. Mayor Barnes inquired if Chuck got his drivers license yet. Guenzler was not sure. Guenzler asked for clarification on overtime – sick pay/personal days/vacation. Alderman Beverley explained vacation hours are not included in forty hours worked (Fair Labor Act). Alderman Beverley explained it is “forty hours worked time”. Paid vacation, sick and personal days are benefits. Guenzler questioned what if they don't take vacation, do we lose? Alderman Beverley reported if accruing more and more overtime, then we need to look into adding another employee. Guenzler announced this has been a bad winter. Beverley agreed. Maybe we need to get someone to help with snow removal. Guenzler questioned if the crew comes in at 2:00 AM to plow, when have eight hours in, can we go home? Is that acceptable? Alderman Macomber agreed as long as no emergency. May have to stagger and not have all three employees plowing and go home at the same time. All seemed in agreement to allow go home if snow is plowed and quit before 4:00 PM.

Chief Page submitted written report. Alderman Beverley inquired how the rapid deployment training went. Chief Page reported it went well. He will do again. This came up due to DeKalb. Chief Page explained try to train in order to survive the first three to four minutes.

Alderman Macomber and Alderman Derrer did not have any additional business.

Alderman Beverley received a call about snow ordinance. She took this to Chief Page. Alderman Derrer announced he received complaint about garbage pick up before 6:00 AM. Mitchell reported it is in the contract to start at 6:00 AM. Alderman Derrer explained residents will miss if not out before 6:00 AM. Chief Page reported drivers are at his house at 5:00 AM.

The Clerk reported she received a complaint from VanMatre's neighbor and sent it via email to council members. The Clerk received call from resident whose daughter fell in alley while walking to school. The nurse at school said it was a bad sprain. The resident feels the city is liable. Mitchell feels City was not negligent. The Clerk announced bids are here for electric, plumbing and painting of park restrooms. Contractor told Clerk that Alderman Strohecker asked for bids to be in her hands today. Chief Page is concerned with the four foot trench. Guenzler announced it will be closed as soon as warm enough. All Council members seemed surprised and confused why Alderman Strohecker, Streets & Property Chair required bids to be submitted in his absence. The Clerk presented bids:

Aschenbrenner Painting	\$906.00 (for one coat – may need two coats)
Kelcey Hutchison Plumbing, Inc.	\$8,691.99
Scott's Electric	\$2,525.00

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to approve submitted bids. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Barnes received letter from Eastland Post Prom Committee asking for donation. The Clerk reported a donation of \$100 was given last year. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Derrer to donate \$100 to post prom. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:30 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Beverley, seconded by Alderman Macomber to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 9:35 PM with no action taken.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Beverley to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

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