

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
COUNTY OF CARROLL)SS.  
CITY OF LANARK)

March 7, 2006

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Ardena Grant, Alderman Ron Strohecker, Alderman Mark Macomber, Alderman Ed Stern and Mayor Kevin Barnes were present. Alderman John Huggins will be arriving late.

Also present were Les Guenzler, Ed Mitchell, Acting Chief Bennett, Trenton Diehl, Britney Dickman, Stan Kosmecki, Jeannine Kaylor and Diane Komiskey.

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

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the regular and executive minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept and pay the bills from February 21<sup>st</sup> to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept the Annual Treasurer's Report for fiscal year ending March 31, 2005. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk will publish this report in the Prairie Advocate.

MSA Professional Services sent a project update sheet (copy on file). Copies are in member's folders. Mayor Barnes gave brief clarification of Phase II. If don't use 111 S. Broad for library, we are still covering three objectives. If any questions, call Marty Beranek.

Dave Keiser of Carroll County Economic Development Corp. will not be present tonight and will reschedule.

Ed Mitchell presented Ordinance #808, regarding residency requirements for all to look over. There was a lot of discussion at the last meeting – not everyone was sure what was finally decided. Alderman Macomber does not feel it is defining enough. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to table the residency ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber not to release the executive minutes for the last six months. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ed Mitchell presented a resolution to appoint Mendy Walrath to the Heritage Center Board. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to appoint Mendy Walrath to the Heritage Center Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Macomber reported that the previous van is still available for \$29,800 plus tax, license, title and document fees. Macomber explained that the City is not big enough to qualify for fleet discounts. There is a 2004 van available at Autoland in Byron for \$20,200.33 with tax, license and title fees included. We will need to invest more for the interior. **Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to purchase a used one ton vehicle for \$20,200.33 and waive any competitive bidding. Roll call: Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye and Alderman Stern-aye. Motion carried. Alderman Stern inquired what would be done with the old van. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to decide. Alderman Macomber announced that he has not had any response from Mahoney regarding a quote for lawn mower. He has received a quote from Curtis & Sons. During discussion, Guenzler announced that the cab was not ours. Alderman Strohecker reported that he has talked with Norm Brinkmeier about selling for maybe \$1 just to keep up with the equipment. Alderman Strohecker would like Macomber to check into the other. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Grant to purchase mower from Curtis & Sons for \$2,800 if it comes with a 60 inch deck and work out the details of the cab. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Barnes announced that we are not ready to hire an employee as yet.

Jeannine Kaylor was present representing Mr. Johnson, owner of the Shell station. Kaylor announced that they are looking at possibly being open twenty four hours. She is here to find out about the liquor license and police protection. Sheriff Doran suggested she come to the Council to discuss protection. Kaylor announced that the reason for being open twenty four hours is that the Hi-Way Café has closed and Medallion will have two shifts before long. The second shift will let out at 11:00 PM possibly 12:00. They are anticipating being busier. Kaylor feels that if they can't get police coverage, it doesn't make sense to be open all night. They would only be inviting crime. Kaylor announced that she is very proud of our protection right now. Since the recent break in, the employee involved is alive but is now quitting due to public ridicule. She is very pleased with the protection currently. Recently at a Lions Club meeting, Sheriff Doran informed what's going on in Carroll County. Kaylor recommends having Doran come to give information – it's not small town USA anymore! Kaylor inquired how long they can sell liquor. How long will they have police protection? Mayor Barnes reported that the current liquor license only allows sale of liquor until midnight on weekdays and 2:00 AM on Friday and Saturday nights. Mayor explained that this could be changed – would need to come to the Council meeting to request change. Alderman Strohecker inquired if Johnson was going to do anything, if open twenty four hours. Like what? Surveillance cameras. Kaylor explained not that she knows of as Johnson depends on her for eyes. Kaylor is not concerned about drive offs. She is concerned about her employees. She is already seeing a difference in daily business. Acting Chief Bennett feels that they will see intoxicated crowds looking for food during all hours of the night. Kaylor explained that this idea is only being kicked around at this time. Shell is currently closed for five hours. Mayor Barnes announced that currently we do not have twenty four hour police protection. Barnes explained that if you come to the Council and make a request, we will try to work with you. Kaylor is concerned with her employee's protection. Alderman

Huggins arrived at 8:05 PM. Kaylor inquired about the alcohol content limit. Acting Chief Bennett reported that malt liquors have more alcohol content – 3.2. Class B license only allows for beer and wine – packaged goods. No one could find anything in the Code Book about alcohol content. Stan Kosmecki feels that the City should talk with Doran about coverage – one deputy from midnight to 6:00 AM is not much coverage.

### **Committees**

Water & Sewer – Alderman Stern announced that at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Water & Sewer Committee meeting it was suggested that Mayor Barnes talk with Mike Carroll and Don Shaner about run off. Stern felt that Mayor Barnes should talk to them first and possibly Alderman Weaver also. MSA suggested a meeting to talk with them. No meeting has been set as yet. Stern sent out a thank you to IRWA.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker submitted a written report.

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber – everything was taken care of earlier.

Personnel – Alderman Weaver requested executive session to discuss personnel.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – Alderman Stern announced that he would like to set up a meeting with Mitchell to discuss the abandon vehicle ordinance. Mitchell reported that he has looked it over and feels it looks good. Acting Chief Bennett has not had a copy to look over as yet. He was given a copy and if he agrees, Mitchell will have ready for next meeting. Stern announced that the next ordinance up is the Water & Sewer collection process.

Ed Mitchell requested executive session.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted a written report. Guenzler announced that the insulation is completed in the office and is waiting on D&L. Mayor Barnes instructed Guenzler to take out the “no truck parking” sign on Claremont and store for now. Guenzler reported that the owner of 308 West Locust Street (rental property) has sewer problems. The sewer line goes out the back of the house and the neighbors won’t let him dig up their yards. There is no easement. The only other option is to run a line out the front. Guenzler inquired about hook up fees. No one felt that we should charge hook up fee for this as he is already hooked into our system. All seemed to feel that hook up fees were mainly for new hook ups. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to waive the hook up fee for 308 West Locust. All ayes. Motion carried.

None of the aldermen had any additional business this evening.

Mayor Barnes read a thank you letter from Lee Hartman regarding the Say No to Snow race. The committee was very appreciative and satisfied with the Police Dept. and Maintenance Department.

Acting Chief Bennett reported that they got off to a bad start this month as the 2003 Tahoe is now in the shop for repairs – fuel pump. Alderman Strohecker inquired about the tires in tonight's finance report. Bennett explained that those tires were ordered six months ago and arrived recently. Strohecker instructed Bennett to order in town next time.

Alderman Weaver asked Kaylor about her garbage situation. Kaylor reported that it had finally been picked up the day before the regular pick up on Wednesday.

Building permits – The Clerk presented a permit request from Mark Macomber who is building an unattached garage. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve building permit at submitted. All ayes with Macomber abstaining. Motion carried.

City Clerk briefly reviewed the water shut off issue at Prowant's apartments. Prowant has paid for January and February but is now asking for it to be credited back as he did not use water during that time. Several Council members agreed that we had dealt with that issue and he would be billed as long as the water was turned on. Prowant is also requesting two more city shut offs to be installed in order to shut off each apartment separately. At this time, Guenzler shared that he had talked with Prowant today and he has now changed his mind and wants everything left as is.

Mayor Barnes announced that the Joint Review Board has recommended to proceed with the TIF district. Barnes has talked with JL Hunter, Library Board Chair, and he is working on the requests from the last meeting. Barnes reported that Dave Meador is currently renting his building to Lanark Ag. Lanark Ag no longer needs the building. Meador is inquiring if the City would be interested in renting it for \$150 per month. The building measures 28' X 40'. The door is 12' high. Barnes explained that no action is needed at this time – just something to think about. It was agreed to tell Meador, we are thinking about it. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the property owner of 510 North Broad regarding clean up of the junk in yard. Barnes reported that he has not been able to make contact with the other woman who was interested in serving on the Heritage Center Board.

**Motion** made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 8:41 PM

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to exit executive session.

Exited executive session at 9:12 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to make job offer to proposed candidate. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Weaver to rehire Greg Lindsay at \$8 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*