

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

May 8, 2007

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Chief Page, Les Guenzler, Conrad Aschenbrenner, Norm Brinkmeier and Marty Beranek.

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

Mayor Barnes announced Alderman Ed Stern will not be attending tonight. Mayor Barnes requested it be on record that he appreciated all the work Stern has done for the City while serving on the Council.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the minutes of the April 17th meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept and pay the bills from April 17th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marty Beranek of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). Phase 2 – flow monitors will be installed on April 25th. Did not catch peak of last storm. Need rain to get better data. Will get executed copy to Clerk when received. Leland Street – if reduce project 50%, DOT is reduced slightly over 50%. Alderman Strohecker reported he went over to Medallion and talked with Joe Myers. Myers will talk with the bosses. Alderman Strohecker explained we cannot afford full project and are looking at other options – maybe taking another route. Alderman Weaver would be interested in hearing what bosses are saying. Beranek announced MSA is willing to help out with whatever.

Norm Brinkmeier and Conrad Aschenbrenner were present to give update on cemetery. Brinkmeier presented cemetery handout and reviewed. Major purchase for the past year was a John Deere mower. May 15th CD matures – earning more interest at local bank. Monthly fees were charged at the Kent Bank. Amy is doing a wonderful job. Hopefully get started soon on roads, then start planting shrubs. Brinkmeier announced they are working on project with Rainmakers. He presented a drawing showing the plots in cemetery. Brinkmeier inquired if the cemetery and library could be collateralized with the City. The bank pledges funds. The Clerk will check on this. Aschenbrenner reported the cemetery was used as a short cut to the school. VFW and Legion are planning a big day for Memorial Day, getting tents, rain or shine, dedication of the memorial. Senator Sieben is going to be there. Cemetery Board is holding breath for seal coating. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to adopt estimate for seal coating for cemetery. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Barnes thanked them for coming.

Ed Mitchell, City Attorney administered the oaths of office for Alderman Grant and Alderman Huggins newly elected officials.

Audit – a new letter was sent with the paragraph removed as suggested by Mitchell. Mitchell did not have any objections to the new letter. Letter was signed by Mayor.

Appropriations Ordinance – Mitchell presented draft of appropriations ordinance for fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. Alderman Strohecker had several changes. City Building Repairs needs to be raised \$100,000 as the 111 South Broad building will need a new roof this year. The Treasurer announced this will be the three way split. Alderman Macomber and Alderman Strohecker agreed to get bids for the roof. All seemed to agree to put on a pitched roof – possibly a tin roof. Someone is trying to buy the land across from Brothers Inn on Route 64. If annexed in, City will need to supply water and sewer. Alderman Strohecker recommends adding these expenses to the appropriations. Mitchell announced negotiations are in process. Mayor feels we cannot appropriate on speculation. Alderman Strohecker suggested increasing the line items for construct water and sewer lines. Alderman Strohecker reported he noticed the Tree Board amount was increased. Strohecker would like to see it reduced by \$4,000 and put in contingency. Strohecker announced the Tree Board Chair calls the Clerk to find out what the balance is. The Tree Board Chair is using the full \$20,000 for trees. Each year the account is zeroed out. Mayor announced he gets proposal from Tree Board. Alderman Weaver announced he has been hearing about the trees on the sidewalks in Shannon – why can't we have that? Alderman Strohecker suggested raising trees behind the Special Touch. Alderman Strohecker inquired when the Tree Board meets. Guenzler announced they don't. Mayor Barnes suggested proposing these ideas to the Chairperson. When asked who was currently on the Tree Board, the Clerk reported Lisa Libberton, Chair, Les Guenzler, Deb Zuck and Rick Weber. Alderman Strohecker questioned why we were purchasing trees from Hanover. Alderman Strohecker will contact Libberton. Alderman Macomber suggested tabling the ordinance for now and wait for negotiations. Mitchell feels there will be a decision on purchase within the next two weeks. Alderman Huggins announced there is no advantage for the TIF district. It may help in getting grants. Too close together, IDOT may not approve access.

No building permits were submitted.

Committees

Water & Sewer – no report.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker announced when he went to Medallion to talk with Myers, Myers asked if he brought a road. Myers questioned if MSA was going to be involved in the road project. Alderman Strohecker explained to Myers, the City cannot afford a million dollar road. Strohecker suggested getting Medallion to clean up lot (trees). Scrape down three feet and put in base rock for under \$10,000. Strohecker and Myers put in stakes where they want the road. Top with twelve inches of road rock and let set over winter. Alderman Strohecker thinks he can put road in for under \$100,000 – no IDOT funds used. If we use MFT funds, we must meet requirements. Sewer line is about five feet down. Don't need water and sewer out there. If another business comes in, then address again. Alderman Strohecker thinks they just want a road. Alderman Weaver is concerned if the supervisors are OK with this. What about run off? Alderman Strohecker announced the road is flat. If it is laid out right, there will be no additional runoff. Will need to get easement from Medallion (private property). Alderman Strohecker announced he will try to go to the township meeting. They get taxes and don't do anything for the City. Alderman Huggins is concerned the edges will

break up more. Alderman Strohecker agreed they could – curb and gutter will take care of that. No one is sure what's going to happen over there – no reason to put a lot of expense into it. When asked, Chief Page announced a lot of this makes sense. Alderman Strohecker is suggesting a gravel extension and let trucks run over it. Mayor Barnes feels we may have all gravel road as current road is already pretty bad. Guenzler suggested having the Township come in and grind it down. Alderman Macomber inquired if we were looking at 2007 or 2008. Alderman Strohecker feels if we talk to the bosses, it won't take long – possibly one month. Alderman Strohecker wants to keep the dirt we take out, that way we don't have to purchase dirt. Guenzler agreed. Alderman Strohecker announced he was not looking for a decision tonight, just be thinking about. Alderman Strohecker reported we do not currently have an Ordinance Chair. There is no where in the Code Book about tubes – homeowner pays for the first tube. All others agreed this is in the City Maintenance Policy Book. All agreed this was sufficient, no need to put in Code Book. Alderman Strohecker discussed the East Lanark Avenue tube issue. Alderman Strohecker feels anyone who wants tube, homeowner pays for tube and catch basin and the City puts in. If we put one in, everyone will want one. Others agreed. When Mayor Barnes inquired why we would put in, Alderman Strohecker explained lots of ditches in town. In the past, homeowners put in. Alderman Strohecker announced the City put in over at Skip Garner's. When asked why, Guenzler explained it was to shape for better drainage. Alderman Macomber feels we need to deal with case by case. Guenzler reported Queckboerner is getting his free. Alderman Macomber questioned who made that decision. Strohecker reported he did not know. Alderman Macomber reported it did not come before the Council. Shaulis has standing water. Alderman Macomber feels Queckboerner's should not be free. Alderman Weaver feels if he was told free, we cannot go back on our word. All seemed to agree we need to decide one way or another and be consistent. Guenzler reported Queckboerner asked a couple of years ago and the Council said no. Queckboerner has not talked to Guenzler since then. Alderman Strohecker would like to see the policy and go from there. Alderman Strohecker reported he had someone ask about selling the old school crossing light. We still have. Sell or put back up? Alderman Huggins suggested holding off as he is currently working on Safe Route to School Program. Alderman Macomber announced we will need to buy new as it will cost too much to repair the old ones. Guenzler announced one is in good shape but the other is not.

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber had bids to replace the ton truck. It will take ten to twelve weeks to get truck. Alderman Macomber feels we need to consider purchase soon. Kunes in Mt. Carroll has a 550 for \$31,000, Rental Ford in Moline has model 4300 for \$48,255 and International in Sterling/Rock Falls has model 4100 for \$35,467. All are two wheel drive. Alderman Macomber announced this will be a chipper truck as well as snowplow. Alderman Strohecker would like to see trade in. Bonnell quote for plow, box, spreader and light is \$29,927. Council discussed trade in further. Alderman Macomber did not want to see delayed to June and July as it takes 12-14 weeks to get. Bonnell will take about one month. Macomber announced he will not be at the next two meetings. Alderman Strohecker suggested Macomber check on trade and then Macomber make the decision. Others agreed. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Huggins to approve purchase of Ford 550 from Kunes pending trade in. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Grant-aye and Alderman Weaver-aye. Motion carried. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Grant to equip with bid from Bonnell. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman

Weaver-aye Alderman Huggins-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. Guenzler inquired about a roller. Alderman Strohecker explained there are slim pickings. 1997 High Pack is currently in shop redoing engine. Almost four foot roller – less passes on chips. Cost is \$12,500. New is \$34,000. Should be done by this Friday. Alderman Macomber inquired if it could be brought out for a demo. Guenzler will check. Alderman Macomber suggested having a one day demo and if like leave. **Motion** made by Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to approve purchase of roller pending one day demo. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye and Alderman Huggins-aye. Motion carried.

Personnel – no report. Alderman Macomber inquired where we were at with applications. Mayor Barnes announced we received three applications:

Larry Tigges – mowing

Chuck Strohecker – Mt. for \$10

Mike Bingner – Mt. (114 E. Claremont)

We paid Greg Lindsay \$8/hour last year for mowing. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Huggins to hire Larry Tigges for mowing offering \$9/hour. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Barnes asked how many hours per week. All seemed to agree to 30-32 hours/week for mowing, chipping, landscape, trimming and rotor tilling sand filters. Alderman Strohecker asked about mowing at sewer. Use of batwing would be faster. Guenzler announced it looks better mowed. When asked how long, Guenzler reported it takes approximately four hours by mower. Guenzler will call Tigges tomorrow. Mayor Barnes asked Guenzler about how much help is needed. Guenzler announced Tigges and one other. Mayor Barnes read past employment for Bingner. Alderman Strohecker asked for Guenzler's opinion. Guenzler announced Bingner did not appear to have cement experience. Guenzler wants someone who has experience with cement. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to hire Chuck Strohecker for \$10/hour at forty hours per week starting Monday until Thanksgiving with no overtime. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye and Alderman Strohecker-abstained. Motion carried. Alderman Grant announced Strohecker goes back for hearing for driver's license in July. All seemed to agree to start as soon as possible. The Clerk asked about overtime. None. All agreed. Both start Monday.

Police – Alderman Grant reported Chief Page attended training for one week. This was not approved. Chief Page announced it was talked about at the last meeting. Alderman Strohecker reported this should be brought up at meetings and approved. Alderman Strohecker explained that someone has to cover when Chief is away at training – more hours for part-time. Alderman Grant discussed an order from Staples. Chief is to order through Staples. Chief reported he picked up when he was there for other stuff. Alderman Grant has received complaints about officers parking in cemetery.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

Ed Mitchell reported he reviewed the resolution from Farm Bureau for tractor parade. The resolution states the City will be responsible for traffic, clean up debris, provide insurance for \$100,000 per person, etc. Mitchell inquired if we want Farm Bureau to reimburse us. Alderman Macomber feels the way it's written, he would deny. Chief Page suggested us offering the squad at rear for protection. Mitchell questioned how to

proceed. It was agreed that Mitchell will call the Farm Bureau. Valente update – status hearing on May 2nd – transferred to higher up. Next date is May 11th.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report. Guenzler reported old signs were found and when the new ones come in they will switch. Alderman Strohecker questioned if the sweeper was showing wear – any repairs before fall. Guenzler announced it is showing some. Strohecker instructed him to take care of soon. Alderman Strohecker discussed the sand filters. He would like to talk with Willet Hoffman in Dixon. Strohecker suggested hiring locals with dump. Mayor Barnes reported a hole by the manhole near grade school and church. Guenzler announced need to dig up sink hole. Guenzler reported sink hole at FHN has been televised and found no problems on our line. Do we dig up? Council members feel let them and if it's our problem, then we will pay. All seemed to agree to let them dig.

Chief Page submitted written report. Alderman Strohecker inquired if utilizing the two wheel drive during the summer. Chief reported they are. Chief announced it still has snow tires on and asked permission to order regular tires. Alderman Strohecker agreed if stay in town – Hazelbower. No one objected to purchasing regular tires. Chief Page announced he has scheduled annual qualifying shoot and needs to order ammunition – under \$1,000. No one objected. Chief Page presented information to hand out at Old Settler's Days. Chief Page would like to order two pair of drunk glasses. He would like to have adults and kids walk line – can work with school also. Glasses are \$99 each. Chief has fifty pamphlets and can get more – free. He has also found things for McGruff – cost of printing. Alderman Strohecker will get Crimestoppers. Alderman Huggins will get some things also. Alderman Grant inquired as to which two goggles will be ordered. Chief reported .08 to .15 and .04 to .06. Chief Page has received complaint regarding Alderman Macomber's neighbor (619 E. Franklin) and parking dispute. Building permits also. Brown must replace sidewalk which was damaged during construction. Dumpster is blocking alley. No parking signs in alley. The Clerk reported she also received complaint from neighbor regarding permits. Resident complained that permit was issued for garage and now Brown is putting in dining room instead of garage. Mayor Barnes and others feel this is just hearsay. After some discussion, it was agreed to open up the alley and put in stop signs. That should put an end to the parking issue. Alderman Grant announced the alley is torn up. She feels the property owner should repair. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Huggins to remove blocks, put up stop signs and open up alley. All ayes. Motion carried. What about permit?

Alderman Weaver forwarded an email from Lisa Libberton concerning skateboard park. Libberton wants it known she has insurance concerns. Libberton suggested other areas – cemetery and car wash. Libberton is also concerned with increased vandalism. Leigh Ann Piper has heard rumors about alley and wants to be kept up to speed on it. She is very concerned and if it is opened, will leave Lanark. It is a T alley over there. T comes through at Piper's.

Alderman Grant did not have any additional business tonight.

Alderman Strohecker inquired if we could dispose of our leaves out at Brennan's (now NWIL lot).

Alderman Huggins reported he has surveys from teachers and parents for Safe Walk to School Project. He wants to get going soon. Alderman Huggins announced he will set a

meeting with Chief page and Mark Hansen. Huggins will let everyone know about meeting date.

Alderman Macomber questioned where we were at with the restrooms. Alderman Strohecker announced he thinks Burkholder is going to do the same time as Guentner's garage.

Guenzler reported Kevin Vandenhorn was given list of streets: \$79,000 streets, \$36,000 cemetery and \$2,000 engineering fees. There is \$131,000 in MFT funds. We can expect \$30,000 more this year. Guenzler hopes to get low dust chips.

The Clerk did not have anything to report tonight.

Mayor Barnes reported Dave Keiser of Carroll County Economic Development Corp (CCEDC) is requesting donation of \$1.50/capita. Alderman Strohecker is in favor of giving some. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Grant to give CCEDC a donation of \$2,000. All ayes with Alderman Weaver and Alderman Huggins abstaining. Motion carried. Mayor Barnes inquired about the second meeting in May since the May 1st meeting was moved to tonight. All agreed to cancel the next meeting scheduled for May 15th. When asked about a quorum, Mitchell reported four plus Mayor.

Mitchell read from Code Book building permit expires one year from date issued – must be complete. The clerk was asked to look up permit dates of Deacon Brown's permits.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Grant to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*