

August 18, 2009

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Ed Fehlhafer, Alderman Ron Strohecker, Alderman Mark Macomber and Mayor Ed Stern were present. Alderman Anne Lindsay and Alderman Tom Kocal were absent.

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Les Guenzler, Chief Magill, Lexis Macomber, Denny Pate, Nick Wagner, Donna Giedd, Randy Pepin and Sharon Pepin.

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After roll call, Alderman Fehlhafer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to accept the minutes of the August 4th meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to accept and pay the bills from August 4th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the Treasurer's Report for July as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Nick Wagner of MSA Professional Services submitted a project update (copy on file). **Southside Utilities Extensions** – Wagner announced Loberg's equipment is on site and will start digging on Piper's property tomorrow. Final completion is the beginning of November. Wagner submitted Loberg's first payment application for \$10,293.66. Wagner explained payment application. Current retainage is 10%. Three copies were submitted for mayor's signature. Alderman Strohecker reminded Wagner the bill for attorney fees earlier will be deducted from retainage. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to pay Loberg first payment application of \$10,293.66. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried. **Phase 2** – remains at status quo. There has been no word regarding the Site Remediation Program closure documentation submitted to IEPA. Alderman Strohecker asked Wagner price for feasibility study of retainage pool. Alderman Strohecker has talked with Steve Haring about price and see what includes by next meeting. Wagner reported he will have the information.

General Audience – Donna Giedd was present to discuss her concerns with the condition of sidewalks surrounding Josh Meador's new home on East Carroll. She explained Meador will be in wheelchair same as Steve Lott. Areas of concern are from home to downtown businesses. Alderman Strohecker reported these areas are already on the list to be done. The storm sewer needs to be replaced first. Alderman Strohecker thinks the ramp and storm sewer will get done this year, but makes no promises. He doubts if the sidewalks will be done this year. Discussed the sidewalks on other side of Geisz's. The handicap ramp is very steep. Guenzler and Alderman Fehlhafer agreed. Giedd announced Meador is scheduled to move into new home the end of October. Giedd thanked everyone for their time and cooperation.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted written report (copy on file). Alderman Strohecker discussed the sidewalk at Methodist Church and feels the church should take care of this. Guenzler explained the church pays for concrete and city does work. Alderman Strohecker is concerned with when as there is lots of work to be done first. Guenzler announced the church

is okay with waiting until next year. Guenzler reported the whole street has cracked curb. Alderman Strohecker announced Pleasant and Broad need permit, also need to finish sidewalks and start on curbs. Alderman Strohecker wants the hydrants done while Loberg is in town with equipment. Alderman Fehlhafer discussed safety clothes and warning signs for traffic which should have been in use today. Alderman Fehlhafer instructed Guenzler they need to use more than they currently are. Traffic could have been rerouted around work area today – need to put street signs out. When asked if Kosmecki and Strohecker get uniforms, Guenzler explained only full-time employees. Guenzler discussed micro surfacing of East Claremont. Estimate is \$7,000 plus another \$3,000 for materials and renting of patching machine. Seal coat costs about half. MFT funds cannot be used for this. Discussion went to slurry coat and decided to think about this process.

Chief Magill announced the new squad is here. Chief announced a small problem – notch for spot light was cut wrong. To get equipped, will probably take about week to ten days. Chief presented draft of design for striping package for squad. Will be reflective. Chief explained process of striping. Chief reported he received complaints yesterday about magazine sales in town – young men and women – about five from all over, different states. Chief contacted the home office and sent the solicitors away. They did not check into permits. Chief discussed the cell phones. He wants to check into phone plan. Chief would prefer to go with US Cellular – better reception. All seemed to agree to check into new plan and a cell phone for Denny Johnson.

Moring Disposal – Denny Pate explained he received call from clerk regarding recent problems. Yard waste and recycling not being picked up. Pate feels there has been improvement since problems were reported. Clerk agreed. Pate stressed when City receives complaints, contact him ASAP – don't want to fester. Some problems could be due to miscommunication. Pate discussed sending out a “hauler letter”. During discussion, Clerk suggested including this letter in our next billing which will go out the end of this month. After more discussion, it was agreed Moring Disposal will supply the letters folded and the Clerk will include with water bill. Alderman Strohecker reported a couple of years ago, Moring came in for increase because gas was over \$4/gallon. We are still paying the increased rate. Pate explained the increase was due to fuel as well as other expenses. Mayor Stern reported the March 2008 minutes read \$1 for yard waste and \$.50 for recycling – maybe the minutes were recorded wrong. When asked about yard waste, Pate reported they take to compost facility. Mayor Stern is seeing lots using our wood chips. Mayor Stern thinks we should start composting ourselves. Pate explained the process. Discussion went back to recent complaints. Pate has been watching closely since he and the Clerk have talked. Pate feels there has been improvement.

Community Planning & Funding – Sharon Pepin thanked the Council for inviting her tonight. Pepin reported her grant writing for Milledgeville has been very successful and with Mt. Carroll also. Pepin submitted fund information sheet and reviewed. Pepin explained what her business is about. Pepin announced that the City was approved for the Safe Route To School (SRTS) grant. Chief Magill announced we were approved for the radar trailer which he purchased for \$8,00 with Council approval. We were reimbursed once we purchased and turned in paperwork for reimbursement. Nothing else was pursued. Council had hoped to get sidewalk funding but did not receive any. Mayor Stern reported the Clerk has explained to him that the City had reported we would be using our funds for the Southside Utility project. We would not be applying for grants. Wagner of MSA agreed with Clerk on this. Alderman Macomber also remembered agreeing to using our own funds and not pursue grants due to time crunch. Pepin discussed income survey. Pepin would like to gather information on City's projects to figure out funding sources to best suit project. Alderman Strohecker asked Pepin to check into funding

options for new municipal building. Alderman Strohecker announced we will probably ask for proposal from MSA as well as Pepin. When asked about fees, Pepin explained how she has done with other communities. Not all are the same, as projects vary. Mayor Stern suggested sitting down with Pepin to discuss further. Alderman Strohecker would prefer to meet with Pepin and MSA together. Alderman Weaver suggested meeting to decide what we want to do first. Alderman Strohecker will set a date for meeting. All thanked Pepin for coming.

Consider AEDs – Alderman Fehlhafer passed out information on most practical unit and announced he met with the Fire Dept. and trustees. It was suggested to have one in Library and Maintenance building. We will also need people trained to use. Cost is \$2,100 to \$2,200 per unit. It is best to have in building rather than vehicle. Alderman Strohecker is concerned with expense – do we really need if not mobile. Chief Magill has not heard that it should not be mobile. Alderman Strohecker feels unit should be in Maintenance building as Library is right across from Fire Dept which is manned. Others feel it should be in Maintenance van. When asked about grants available for this, Alderman Strohecker announced they are all dried up. Alderman Fehlhafer recommended purchasing two units. Guenzler suggested one in van and one in pickup – different crews. Chief Magill announced both squads have one. Guenzler announced he is trained (Fire Dept.) but other employees would need training. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to buy one Heart Start model #FRX defibrillator for Maintenance van. Roll call: Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried.

Library Board member – Mayor Stern announced he contacted Sue Sauer. She wants to talk with other Board members first. Sauer is very involved in the community. She maybe willing to do trial run for one year. Mitchell explained she could resign after one year.

Resolution for Treasurer – Mitchell submitted copies of resolution and explained this was approved at the last meeting.

Slurry Coat – **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to approve slurry coating on East Claremont for about \$10,000. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Fehlhafer-aye, Alderman Weaver-aye and Alderman Strohecker-aye. Motion carried.

No building permits were presented. Mayor Stern reported he has talked with Jim Huggins of the Zoning Board. Huggins told Mayor the Zoning Board does not have enough members. Mayor would like to appoint Alderman Fehlhafer and Alderman Strohecker to the Zoning Board. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Weaver to appoint Alderman Fehlhafer and Alderman Strohecker to the Zoning Board. All ayes. Motion carried. With Alderman Fehlhafer and Alderman Strohecker needing to abstain, the Clerk questioned if this could be done. Mitchell feels it is legal. Mayor Stern announced there is a Zoning Board meeting set for August 27th at 7:00 PM. The Clerk reported she has been asked again if FS needs a building permit. She explained since she does not know what they are doing, she cannot determine if a permit is needed. Alderman Strohecker feels they need permit. Others feel they are just replacing what is already there.

Committees

Planning – Alderman Macomber reported still under advisement.

Economic Development – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Police – no report.

Purchasing and Finance – no report.

Streets and Property – no report.

Water & Sewer – Alderman Strohecker recommended Guenzler, when seal coating is done, put in two tiles out to curb – one for each property owner. Need to take out two slabs of sidewalk and put two new in. Both owners agreed to put gutters on garages. Alderman Weaver suggested owners put on gutters before City's work. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Macomber to have Guenzler put two drain tiles in as described on corner property and mark one on east and one on west. Alderman Fehlhafer added: Alderman Strohecker be there to mark with Guenzler. Mayor Stern called for voice vote: Alderman Strohecker voted nay and other votes were ayes. Mitchell asked for Mayor Stern to vote since there was not a full Council. Mayor Stern voted aye. Motion carried. Alderman Strohecker asked MSA for quote on feasibility study on drainage. Wagner announced he will discuss with Beranek and do small study for project. Alderman Fehlhafer submitted three proposals for sand filters.

Fischer Excavating \$69,172 plus change

Loberg Excavating \$54,054

Jim Haas (Stockton) \$58,509

All proposals include prevailing wage, remove and replace, haul out and in. City will purchase sand. Cost of sand is \$1,750/ton based on Guenzler's recommendation which is based on MSA. All three proposals are for this year. If we do this year, we will need to amend the appropriations. Mitchell agreed. When Alderman Weaver inquired how critical it is that this gets done this year, Guenzler reported they are still working but getting slower. It was agreed to put on next agenda.

Mitchell announced the wind tower lease check is due. Lanark Ag agreement letter was sent. Mitchell requested executive session.

Alderman Fehlhafer also requested executive session to discuss real estate.

All other aldermen did not have any additional business.

The Clerk announced she had a message from Kirby Kniss of the Eastland Volleyball team requesting permission to have a car wash fundraiser at the Bank's lot where the Shazam is located. Since they have not requested permission in the past, the Clerk was guessing it was due to needing to use City water source. During discussion, all seemed to agree that it is okay to use but to inform Kniss the hydrant may be dug up. No date was given in the message. Clerk will inform Kniss of this.

Motion made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Fehlhafer to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, pending litigation and buy/sell real estate. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 9:44 PM.

Motion made by Alderman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Macomber to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Exited executive session at 11:00 PM with no action taken.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer for the Personnel Chair to talk to Maintenance about overtime. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Mayor Stern announced we need to consider rate increase for Maintenance Department.

Motion made by Alderman Fehlhafer, seconded by Alderman Weaver to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*