

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

November 15, 2005

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

Also present were Ed Mitchell, Chief Sodergren, Les Guenzler, Sharon Pepin, Duane Stoner, Codie Stoner, Norm Brinkmeier, Conrad Aschenbrenner, Don Fosler, Craig Fast, Keith Durnford, Peter Fink, Chris Fink and Diane Komiskey.

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

**Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept the regular and executive minutes of the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept and pay the bills from November 1<sup>st</sup> to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Huggins to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of October. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kevin Barnes began the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing Keith Durnford, Craig Fast and Don Fosler from Medallion.

Sharon Pepin of MSA Professional Services presented a project update sheet (copy on file). Pepin reported that the Brownfields grant was approved for 111 South Broad. During the mapping project discussion, it was questioned if the Rolling Hills Plant 2 was annexed into the City. It was agreed that Mitchell would take a map to the County Assessor's office to confirm who is annexed in and who is not. Pepin reported that MSA is in the process of gathering parcel information from the County and will have a draft of the Eligibility Report by December 9<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to give this information to the committee. Pepin briefly reviewed the timeline. Pepin explained that Alderman Strohecker had asked about who is responsible for storm sewer maintenance on Route 73. After reviewing the City's agreement with IDOT, she reported that it would be the City's responsibility.

City Attorney, Ed Mitchell opened and read four bids for the farm rental.

Codie Stoner	\$34,050.00/crop year
Peter Fink	\$33,444.00/crop year
John and Lou Lamoreux	\$34,053.00/crop year
Chris Fink	\$32,743.70/crop year

After reading of the bids, Mayor Barnes explained that in the past, the top three bidders were given an opportunity to submit another bid. Lamoreuxs were not in attendance. Mitchell announced that the letter explained that the bidders would have another opportunity to bid at the

Council meeting. All seemed to feel it appropriate to continue with the bidding without Lamoreux's attendance. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Grant to open up to bid on the top three bidders. All ayes. Motion carried. The top three bidders (Lamoreux, Stoner, P. Fink) were given some time to consider another bid.

Mitchell presented a resolution to determine estimate of funds needed for 2005-2006 fiscal year. Mitchell explained that this needs to be passed before we can act on the ordinance levying for the annual taxes, which needs to be passed by the end of December. Mitchell reported that we have maxed most of the limits. Monies can only be used for that purpose. Mitchell also explained that last year was \$94,700 and this year will be \$93,250. The shrinkage is due to maxing limits. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Strohecker to accept the 105% resolution. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Strohecker-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Grant-aye and Alderman Stern-aye. Motion carried.

Mitchell announced newly submitted bids: Peter Fink for \$35,550 and Codie Stoner for \$34,550. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept the highest bid of \$35,550 by Peter Fink. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Barnes announced that the farm lease is awarded to Peter Fink. Mayor thanked everyone for their bids.

Alderman Huggins inquired if anyone had any questions or concerns in regard to hiring Katherine Orr as the TIF attorney. No one had any questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to hire Katherine Orr as the TIF attorney. All ayes. Motion carried. Alderman Huggins will notify Orr of the Council's decision.

No one was present for the Public Hearing concerning water bills. The Clerk was instructed to continue with the collection process.

### **Committees**

Water & Sewer – Alderman Stern announced that EPA will be doing an inspection in 2006. Stern is putting documents into place prior to inspection. Stern reported that we need to document fire hydrants that were replaced recently. Stern will schedule a committee meeting soon. We need to have a written contingency plan in case of emergency. Stern discussed the concern of the recent hook-up at Prowant's apartments. Some felt that there should be three shut offs. Some felt there should be three hook-up fees. He checked the City Code Book. He feels it is clear as mud. Guenzler announced that Prowant put in three shut offs himself. The Clerk announced that 6-2-5 (B) of the City Code Book states *All other attachments to the City water and sewer system, be they multi-family residences, commercial building, etc., shall have an initial fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for attachment to the water system and two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for attachment to the sewer system for a total of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). In the event a multi-family dwelling shall be attached, there shall be one fee for each attachment so that if multi-family units are fed off of the same line, only one five hundred dollar (\$500.00) total fee shall be charged.* After reading this, all seemed to agree that only one fee of \$500.00 could be charged. The Clerk asked for clarification on the billing. She explained that since Prowant put the shut offs in himself, if he shuts off one unit, he will still be billed for all three units. All were in agreement with this as the City did not put in the three shut offs only the one. The Clerk is concerned with Prowant (or current owner of apartment

complex) will shut off one or two of his valves and expect not to have to pay for all three units. Prowant (or current owner of apartment complex) is to be billed for all three units unless the City shuts off at the City's valve. If the City shuts off at their valve, no bills will be issued. Guenzler will talk to Prowant to make sure he understands how this will work.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker reported to Guenzler that the tube at the Standish House is plugged and needs to be cleaned out. Strohecker put a letter from the Soil Conservation in everyone's folder for review. Strohecker will talk with Fink about the farm. Strohecker would like to evaluate the wetland to see if we can reclaim any. Do you want to pursue? Strohecker reported that the Cemetery Board is in favor of any improvements. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Huggins to spend money to make improvements to the City farm. All ayes. Motion carried. Alderman Strohecker asked for an update on the Shumway building. Mitchell will discuss that later. Alderman Strohecker announced that the finance report is very confusing and inquired if anyone else agreed. The Clerk explained that there are other options available. The current one is what the last Council chose. She showed another option. She offered to have several options for the next meeting and the Council could choose what they like best. All seemed to agree to have other options presented at next meeting. Alderman Strohecker reported that the roof on the Hart building is not leaking. Strohecker found a piece of the roof from the Shumway building on the sidewalk.

Purchasing & Finance – Alderman Macomber announced that he is looking at used mowers. He has only received a quote from Curtis & Sons. A used snow bucket will cost \$950 from Curtis & Sons. Strohecker felt this was very high. **Motion** made by Alderman Strohecker, seconded by Alderman Huggins to offer \$425 for the bucket. All ayes. Motion carried. The mower quote is \$3,750 plus trade. Macomber did not know how many hours were on the mower. Equipment can be moved to the used mower. Alderman Strohecker has talked with the Cemetery Board and they are keeping the 455 and trading the newer mower. It has about 741 hours with a 16 inch deck. Fulton did not submit a quote. We use the cemetery's mower for snow removal. Alderman Strohecker feels the tractor quote is a little high. He also thought that Fulton's mowers looked better. Macomber announced that we have a few months to decide.

Police/Personnel – no report.

Economic Development – Alderman Huggins reported that the committee met with Medallion and talked about the spur. There doesn't seem to be enough room for the spur. They discussed buying FS to develop a community spur. Huggins thanked Stern for his research on websites and policies. Huggins will work on an e-mail policy for adoption for the next meeting.

Ordinance – Alderman Stern reported that the Cemetery ordinance is out of date. The fees should be raised. Salaries are not what they are taking. It also states duties for the Clerk, which are no longer being done. Alderman Stern explained that the TIF district encourages growth and development. We do not want any business to contaminate our wells. Therefore, we need to look at a well head protection ordinance. Stern is thinking about setting a committee meeting.

Ed Mitchell requested a short executive meeting to discuss pending litigation. Mitchell presented ordinance for abandoned vehicles. After looking this over, Alderman Stern announced

that he feels this is very restrictive. It only allows a resident to work on their own car for fourteen days – not enough time. Chief Sodergren explained that this is mainly for vehicles which have been sitting for a long time; months – years. Alderman Stern would like more time to look this ordinance over. He wants to make sure it is clear. He feels many ordinances are not clear. When asked who would be responsible for towing and storing fees, Chief Sodergren announced that the owner would be responsible. It was agreed to look this ordinance over and make any changes.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted a written report. “No truck parking” signs will be put up before winter sets in.

Chief Sodergren asked for the City’s website address. Alderman Huggins announced **LANARKIL.COM**. Huggins reported that Aero is coming tomorrow to install at Police Dept. and City Hall. Alderman Huggins instructed the Clerk to connect to the modem when using and disconnect when not using until we do something for security. Alderman Stern announced that he is very impressed with the City’s website. He has already been sending out e-mails. It is a wealth of information!

Alderman Grant reported that she has talked with someone from the railroad to take down the building. Steve Schneider in Savanna will fax information.

Aldermen Strohecker, Huggins and Stern did not have any additional business this evening.

Alderman Macomber announced we need to begin working on the Capital Improvements Plan.

City Clerk presented a mechanical devices permit for Kurtz Fine Food & Spirits for approval. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept mechanical devices license for Kurtz. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk questioned if she should order hams for the City employees. She was instructed to check with Alderman Weaver, Personnel Chair. The Clerk announced that she has information on the Christmas party but will share that after the meeting.

Mayor Barnes reported that he met with an Illinois Municipal League representative about insurance. There will be no extra charge for a skate park and they will help with signage. This coverage is included with general liability. There are stipulations – competitions. Mayor felt this meeting was very informative.

**Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 9:30 PM.

**Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to exit executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Exited executive session at 9:35 PM with no action taken.

Alderman Strohecker announced that he found out that our Chief of Police is also the Chief of Police in Forreston. Mayor Barnes announced that he found out and has talked with Sodergren. It takes about 10 hours per week in Forreston. Alderman Huggins was concerned that he did not notify us of this position. Is he under contract? Alderman Stern thinks so. Others think that the contract has expired. Alderman Strohecker presented an information sheet on expenditures for the Police and Maintenance Departments. These amounts are only estimates. The Maintenance Dept. of \$317,100/year is split three ways. Many items spent by the Police Dept. are put in other (General Fund) line items. Example: the siding on the Police Dept. was put in line item City Building Repairs. Alderman Strohecker explained that he just wants to bring to everyone's attention what is being spent. You need to decide what you want for coverage. It was set up for 24/7 and is almost that now. Strohecker feels there should be a contribution of insurance by each employee. Part-time employees receive retirement contributions. The Clerk explained that this is how the plan was set up. Mayor Barnes does not feel it is fair to talk about Chief Sodergren and his department when he is not here to be involved in the discussion. Alderman Strohecker announced that he did not realize how much is paid out in wages. Alderman Weaver is the Personnel Chair. Mayor Barnes suggested that if you are not happy, come up with solutions. Alderman Strohecker feels that the County calls on our officers often. Others agreed. Alderman Stern announced that Chief Sodergren had a three year contract that has possibly expired. In the past, petty things were brought to the Council and as a result, Council gave the Chief more power. Mayor Barnes suggested having a Personnel Committee meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*