

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

December 6, 2005

Lanark City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Alderman John Huggins, Alderman Mark Macomber, Alderman Ed Stern and Mayor Kevin Barnes were present. Alderman Ken Weaver, Alderman Ardena Grant, Alderman Ron Strohecker were absent. At 7:35 Mayor Barnes asked the Clerk to call Alderman Grant to see if she would be attending the meeting tonight as those present were in agreement that we did not have a quorum without one more alderman. The Clerk called Grant and she could attend but will be late. When Ed Mitchell arrived, he announced that we have a quorum and that Mayor Barnes would vote. Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Just as roll call was taking place Alderman Grant arrived and took her seat.

Also present were Les Guenzler, Ed Mitchell, Scott Sodergren, Sharon Pepin, Brian Grady, Paul Warner, Peter Fink and Kim Sturtevant.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept the regular and executive minutes of the November 15th meeting as printed. Before the Mayor called for a vote, the Clerk asked everyone if they agreed with the wording on the Prowant apartments. All seemed to agree. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to accept and pay the bills from November 15th to present. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sharon Pepin of MSA Professional Services passed out a project update sheet (copy on file). Pepin and Alderman Stern briefly discussed setting a Water & Sewer Committee meeting for December 15th at 6:00 PM. Alderman Stern will need to check with Alderman Strohecker as he is currently out of town on business. Pepin presented a final draft of the corporate boundaries tonight for everyone's review. Upon the Council's approval, a copy will be provided to the County and GeoComm for purposes of a County 911 dispatch mapping project. Pepin reported that Wednesday and Thursday MSA would be here for the impact study. MSA met with Alderman Huggins earlier this evening to discuss the boundaries of the TIF district. Pepin presented a draft of this map. Pepin pointed out a small section that is not annexed in. It is where the chiropractor's office is located on Route 64 along with the nearby trailer. Mitchell and the Clerk agreed that these properties are annexed in. Pepin and Mitchell will check further into this issue. Alderman Huggins agreed to wait on the TIF information.

Kim Sturtevant was present representing the Carroll County Crimestoppers to request a donation from the City. Sturtevant reported that they work strictly on donations. He had come to the City a couple of years ago. The Clerk reported that a donation of \$500 was given in April of 2004. She explained that the request was made almost a year prior, but no action was taken until April. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins to donate \$500 to Crimestoppers. Alderman Macomber made a motion to donate \$750 and was seconded

by Alderman Grant. Mitchell explained that Huggins could withdraw his motion. Alderman Huggins then withdrew his motion. Mayor Barnes called for a vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ed Mitchell presented Ordinance #802, levying the annual taxes for the City of Lanark for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Stern to accept Ordinance #802. Roll call: Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Stern-aye, Alderman Huggins-aye and Alderman Grant-aye. Motion carried.

Brian Grady of MSA Professional Services announced that after doing a field survey, he recommended several changes to the boundary map for the TIF district. He pointed these out on a map. Grady explained that there can only be 75 residences included in the TIF district. There are currently 85. Suggested taking out two blocks. The area at Prowant Construction will be slimmed down. Alderman Macomber inquired about Burkholder & Son on North Broad. Grady announced that was not included nor was Ready Mix. Macomber feels that these should be included. The next step is to adopt a feasibility and interested parties resolutions. This will allow anyone to be kept informed. Grady explained that the feasibility is not required but is recommended. If the December 20th meeting is going to be cancelled, Grady recommends passing these tonight. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to accept ordinance #803 an ordinance of the City of Lanark, Carroll County, Illinois, providing for a feasibility study and report with respect to the designation of an area as a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Roll call: Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Macomber-aye, Alderman Stern-aye and Alderman Grant-aye. Motion carried. Grady went on to explain the schedule. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to adopt ordinance #804 and ordinance of the City of Lanark, Carroll County, Illinois authorizing the establishment of Tax Increment Financing "Interested Parties" registry and adopting registration rules for such registry. Roll call: Alderman Huggins-aye, Alderman Grant-aye, Alderman Stern-aye and Alderman Macomber-aye. Motion carried. Pepin inquired if Alderman Macomber wanted to add Ready Mix. Alderman Macomber announced that he wanted both Ready Mix and Burkholder & Son to be included. All seemed to agree.

Alderman Stern announced that the Ordinance Committee met and discussed the Abandoned Vehicle ordinance but nothing has been done as yet. Alderman Macomber feels the committee needs to stay on this issue as it is a continuing problem that won't go away.

Paul Warner was present to ask permission for the Masons to install a chair lift on the stairway to the second floor as many of the members are getting older. He also questioned if there was a way to close this off to the public. When asked, Warner announced that they were not looking for a donation at this time only permission to install. They have not researched any prices at this time. **Motion** made by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Macomber to allow the Mason's to put in a chair lift. All ayes. Motion carried.

Building Permits – no building permits were submitted.

Committees

Water & Sewer – Alderman Stern reported that a Water & Sewer Committee meeting is tentatively set for 6:00 PM on December 15th.

Streets & Property – Alderman Strohecker submitted a written report (copy on file) in his absence.

Purchasing and Finance – Alderman Macomber announced that after reading Alderman Strohecker's report, he questioned the bucket price. Guenzler explained that Strohecker has talked with Toby. **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Grant to purchase bucket from Curtis & Sons for \$400. All ayes. Motion carried.

Personnel – no report.

Economic Development – no report.

Ordinance – Alderman Stern talked about the cemetery fees. The committee has set some preliminary fees and wants to pass those onto Norm Brinkmeier. The committee has also agreed on new salaries. Stern explained that the present ordinance states that the City Clerk is responsible for the sale of lots. Brinkmeier now does this. Therefore this needs to be corrected. Stern will check back with Brinkmeier to see what they want to do. Stern explained that the committee feels that the well head protection ordinance is over their heads. He will contact Illinois Rural Water for assistance as they may already have a sample ordinance. Alderman Stern announced that he may possibly sign Guenzler up for sewer class through Illinois Rural Water. Stern reported that the committee has looked over the abandoned vehicle ordinance draft but feels it is not black and white. Something about a hearing can be held – possibly have some preauthorizing. Chief Sodergren explained the difference between an abandoned vehicle and a vehicle sitting along the roadway. This is mainly for vehicles that are sitting for months or years.

Ed Mitchell requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Les Guenzler, Maintenance Supervisor submitted a written report (copy on file). Guenzler reported that the street sweeper can no longer be stored at Hart's. Sweitzer can make room in the front of 111 South Broad. Guenzler reported that we paid Hart \$25/month for each vehicle stored. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber, seconded by Alderman Grant to reduce Sweitzer's rent by \$25/month for each month a vehicle is stored. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Sodergren submitted a written report. The digital camera that was purchased in 1998 needs a new battery and charger. Alderman Huggins recommended purchasing a new one. **Motion** made by Alderman Macomber to get what you can for under \$300. After a short discussion, it was agreed to do some checking as Sodergren stated that it can wait until after the first of the year. Motion died due to lack of a second. **Motion** made

by Alderman Huggins to have a meeting on December 20th. This motion also died due to lack of a second.

Aldermen Huggins and Grant did not have any additional business this evening.

Alderman Macomber reported that he has had inquiries about work on the farm – fire wood. The stumps cannot be removed from waterways. Alderman Strohecker’s report states that Finks will do the work.

Alderman Stern inquired if anyone else has received congratulations by e-mail on the test at the Fire Dept. for the emergency response meeting. No one else has. Stern thought that there was going to be another meeting in December.

The Clerk announced that Cory Zimmerman of Zimmerman Appraisals is opening a new business in the apartment complex on School Drive. He will be renting out one apartment and one he will use for his business. He will keep the basement area for when missionaries come to town and need a place to stay. Will Zimmerman get one year free for new business? **Motion** made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to charge Zimmerman two water bills and give one year free for new business. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Barnes announced that the price of concrete is going up. Mediacom late fees are going up. The governor has established a “Keep Illinois Warm” program. Council briefly discussed this and no one seemed to feel this was feasible for this area. Alderman Macomber inquired if Aero was installed as yet. Chief Sodergren announced that he currently has a virus and has really messed up his computers. The Clerk shared that her computer is really slow since the installation.

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 9:10 PM

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

Exited executive session at 9:28 PM with no action taken.

Motion made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Macomber to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk*