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September 19, 2017

Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark City Hall. Alderman present were Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti and Jason VanMatre. Mayor Ken Viglietta was present and presiding. There was an empty seat for Ward 2. Absent were Alderman Mark Macomber and Treasurer Carol Kruzek.

Others present included Rebecca Green, Steve Haring from MSA, Anne Lindsay, Ed Fehlhafer, Jim Wyeth, Lonnie Prowant, Sarah Hanviriyapunt, Robert Hanviriyapunt, Lynn Kocal, Steven Kruzek, Weston Burkholder, Dennis Pate, Shelly Dambman and Becka Reese.

Mayor Viglietta **called the meeting to order** at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance recited thereafter.

**Appoint Clerk pro-Tem-** **Motion** made by Alderman VanMatre, seconded by Alderman Knutti to appoint Matt Magill as City Clerk Pro-Tem. Roll Call: VanMatre-aye, Knutti-aye, Leverton-aye, Grim-aye. Motion Carried.

**Fill Empty Ward 2 Seat-** **Motion** made by Alderman Grim, seconded by Alderman VanMatre to consent to the Mayor's appointment of Weston Burkholder to the empty Ward 2 seat until the April 2019 Election. Roll Call: Grim-aye, VanMatre-aye, Leverton-aye, Knutti-aye. Motion Carried.

**Swear-in Alderman Burkholder-** Alderman Burkholder sworn into office by City Attorney Mitchell.

**Approval of Consent Agenda-** Mayor Viglietta reports that no previous meeting minutes are available due to sickness, so the only item on the consent agenda is the Finance Report. **Motion** by Alderman Leverton, seconded by Alderman Grim to approve consent agenda. Roll Call: Leverton-aye, Grim-aye, Knutti-aye, Burkholder-abstain, VanMatre-aye. Motion Carried.

**Services**– Steve Haring advised that tapes are available of sewer exams, also has cheat sheet available for possible grants.

**Moring Disposal Request**– Dennis Pate presented more information in support of Moring Disposal's price increase request during a contract period, in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3-yr contract. Discussion continued, no motion made, no action taken.

**Standing Committees and Boards**– Alderman Grim for the **Economic Development Committee** presented information on the empty lot, stating that no direction would be made pending the future sale of the Cornerstone building. Grim mentioned helping suggest fund raising activities to the Group. Grim also noted that the Economic Development committee agreed to go ahead and give the Cornerstone Group \$20,000 for work on their project as budgeted from the Community Betterment line item. **Motion** by Alderman Grim to make the payment, seconded by Knutti. Roll call: Grim-aye, Knutti-aye, Burkholder-aye, VanMatre-aye, Leverton-aye. Motion Carried.

Alderman Leverton for **Finance Committee** introduced Utility Clerk Denise Boorman to the Council and audience. Her regular office days will be Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am until 5pm. Utility Clerk Boorman outlined her plans, and asked our patience as she works to straighten out the billing process.

Alderman Leverton brought up topic of cash in the bank, and the number of bank accounts. Alderman Grim commented that this has already been brought up. Leverton stated that Treasurer Kruzek has failed to meet with the bank since she was asked to at the last meetings. Leverton also mentioned late tax payments, and Utility Clerk Boorman noted that she has found the likely problem, needs more information from the Treasurer in order to make those payments.

Alderman Leverton discussed the ClerkBooks training, reporting that the committee unanimously recommends having Eddie from the ClerkBooks company come to Lanark and do a 4-day training in November for the Utility Clerk, Treasurer and the City Clerk if the position is filled by then, along with

Finance Committee or any other interested Aldermen. **Motion** by Leverton, seconded by Knutti to approve the training offer. Roll Call: Grim-aye, Burkholder-aye, VanMatre-aye.

Discussion on Forensic Audit, Alderman Leverton states he is “on the fence”. Alderman Grim feels we need to proceed with it. Mayor Viglietta reminded that John Nelson feels the City needs a “clean” starting point, and should have the audit. Alderman VanMatre is strongly in favor. Magill noted that inconsistencies in the current regular audit are triggering concerns as well, and he is also strongly recommending the forensic audit. **Motion** by Alderman VanMatre, seconded by Knutti to proceed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> level forensic audit, the data examination. Roll Call: VanMatre-aye, Knutti-aye, Leverton-aye, Grim-aye, Burkholder-aye. Motion Carried.

Alderman VanMatre discussed **Ordinance and Public Policy Committee** meeting. The turkey topic was discussed, along with concerns of cats. Magill to find information from DNR for potential remedies and solutions. Street sign theft was discussed, along with proposed security cameras in the park and the interior of City Hall. Magill expressed his frustration about the street sign thefts, and encouraged those present to be vigilant to spot any of the missing signs.

**Part-Time Maintenance Consultant**– Mayor Viglietta stated that Les Guenzler accepted the offer to act as a consultant to the Maintenance Department, with a limit of 10 hours per month, no travel time or mileage to be paid. **Motion** by Alderman Grim, seconded by Alderman VanMatre to approve the hire of Guenzler. Roll Call: Grim-aye, VanMatre-aye, Burkholder-aye, Knutti-aye, Leverton-aye. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment**– Shelly Dambman spoke on her ongoing concerns about drainage issues on her S School Dr. property. Steve Haring from MSA noted that their company had no record of added storm sewer work in that area. Magill noted he did not have any records in the past 9 years for a building permit for the parking lot at the Cutting Edge. Attorney Mitchell stated a claim is filed with IML regarding the damage. Dambman feels the City is responsible and should

be taking some kind of action. Mayor Viglietta stated that data from an engineering study performed by WHKS does not indicate that the City has any liability in the issue, but would be willing to try and help if possible. It was agreed to place the topic on the next Streets and Properties Committee meeting.

Becka Burkholder expressed her concerns about speeders on E Carroll St, mostly going out of town. She stated the volunteer firemen are also a problem coming in for calls. Magill stated there have been more enforcement efforts, and will also use the speed trailer there more often. She also mentioned possibly having better crosswalk markers in the downtown area, similar to what Wisconsin uses. Magill mentioned the signs in the street that Savanna uses and thought they were a good idea, and will discuss it with IDOT.

Rebecca Green thanked aldermen for talking to her, and stated in the future she would consider an aldermanic seat.

Anne Lindsay mentioned 2 properties on N Broad St that need attention. Magill noted that he has spoken with them, and has given deadlines for making improvements to the appearance of the properties.

Ed Fehlhafer asked for clarification on Council and other appointments whether nominations from the floor are required. Attorney Mitchell stated it was not required.

Jim Wyeth would like to get the Cornerstone check wrapped up. Lonnie Prowant thanked the Council for the support to Cornerstone Group.

Sarah Hanviriyapunt and Tom Kocal brought up several concerns that were mostly all based on a perception of things being done in secret. It was agreed that communications could be improved to change that, and some ideas were presented and discussed.

**Reports**– Attorney Mitchell wanted to refresh his memory on the TIF agreement details with the Cornerstone Group.

**Aldermen Reports**– Alderman Knutti thanked Denise for her work so far, and encouraged people to attend meetings.

**Mayor**– Mayor Viglietta wants to invite anyone who would like to come in to see him during his office hours, or he will set up any other time that is more convenient. The Mayor also thanked the work of the Committees for their time spent and the time they save.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Alderman Burkholder at 9:13PM

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Magill, City Clerk Pro-Tem