

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF CARROLL(S)

CITY OF LANARK

May 1, 2018

Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark City Hall. Roll Call taken by Donna Burgh showed Aldermen present were Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder, Mark Macomber and Jay VanMatre. Mayor Ken Viglietta was present and presiding.

Others present were Rosemary Flikkema, Denise Williams, Geraud Zinsou, Lonnie Prowant, Jim Wyeth, Robert Hanviriyapunt, Floyd Roberts, and John Nelson.

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION** - was made by Alderman Macomber and seconded by Alderman Knutti to accept Bills Payable and Minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting with the following change: “Dave’s Place Request – Jessica Kuhlemier requested authorization to extend the hours at Dave’s Place until 1 am Sunday through Thursday. An extension until 3am would apply for Old Settler’s Days which is June 23-24 for Dave’s Place and other businesses selling liquor. Motion carried.

**PARK VANDALISM** – Officer Currens reported the police department is aware of the problem at the park and they are aware of who is involved and working on taking care of the problems at this time. Geoff Williams, Water/Sewer Manager, reported the bathrooms are closed at this time and is working with the Police Department on the situation.

**LANARK COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK** – Floyd Roberts would like to see volunteers soliciting projects adding the element of “Community Service” to projects. More emphasis on getting commitments for projects. For example: 5 projects with 6-7 people per project working 25-30 hours. Possibly for example the Lion’s Club per project. Mayor suggested Lion’s Club refurbish the “Welcome to Lanark” sign at north end of town. Floyd encourages input and feedback.

**TIF APPLICATIONS** – The Cornerstone application (tabled from 4/17/18 meeting) which requested \$27,000 broken into \$23,000 and \$4,000 which they would use to complete inside of building. After Brother’s approved application, the balance in TIF funds is \$20,000 which would leave \$7,000 for later in year when taxes come in (possibly July). The Cornerstone group does have their 501(c)3 now which they can supply us with. They would use the extra TIF money to complete inside of building. **RESOLUTION** – Alderman Knutti made a motion for a resolution and seconded by Alderman Leverton to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the TIF Fund. Motion carried. **MOTION** – Alderman Knutti made a motion seconded by Alderman Grim to grant \$20,000 in TIF to Cornerstone with a copy of the 501(c)3 delivered to City Hall. Motion carried.

The Kings of Connections, LLC (Geraud Zinsou) TIF application was presented by John Nelson (TIF Committee member) in the amount of \$10,000 in order to buy the Schrader building, remodel it and make the front portion of it a retail store for cell phones and accessory sales and to repair computers and cell phones. Geraud has an electrical repair degree, has worked for the John Deere IT department for four years and is a tech advisor at Verizon presently. Geraud is working on an SBA application through Blackhawk Hills RC&D, has a prequalification from Manhattan Capital. He would use the \$10,000 TIF money as a down payment to obtain a loan from SBA or Manhattan Capital. The TIF Committee voted to pass this application to the full council without a recommendation. **MOTION** – Alderman Knutti made a motion seconded by Alderman Burkholder to table The Kings of Connections, LLC to the May 15 Council meeting. Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS** – Denise Williams and Rosemary Flikkema from Transformers presented information for the first “Have We Met” event to take place at 6:30 pm on a Wednesday night in late July to take place on one of the two empty lots on Broad Street. The purpose is to get people out to meet and greet. The Committee would provide tables and dessert and the attendees would provide a dish to pass. The Committee will also walk each street and place notices of the event on doors. The Heritage Center will be the alternative location for the event in case of bad weather.

Dave Shaulis, Cemetery Board President, presented the Council with the Cemetery’s Financial Report, prepared by Norm Brinkmeier. He also reported that the previous Board approved \$15,000 to tile the farm. The Board will also plant Arborvitae on the east side of the north entrance to cemetery. Norm Brinkmeier will remain on Board in an advisory capacity until June.

**DOWNTOWN LOTS** – Alderman Grim handed out appraisals by Cory Zimmerman [cory@zimappraisals.com](mailto:cory@zimappraisals.com) for the city lots located at 101 N. Broad (\$6,754), 105 N. Broad (\$4,101) and 107 N. Broad (\$4,134). The Economic Development Committee decided that the lots would be sold individually, that there would be signs with inquiries directed to City Hall with a timeframe of 6 weeks. Restrictions discussion took place. Per Attorney Mitchell, we would need to implement an ordinance if the lots are for sale. Further discussion was tabled until the May 15 meeting. The Committee will meet Tuesday, May 8 at 7:15 pm.

**WHKS SOUTH WEST LANARK PROJECT** – Per Alderman Knutti, the engineer’s opinion of estimated construction cost to repair the street, grading and drainage, culvert removal, intake, to also include 305 linear feet of pipe culvert, etc. is \$44,814. Mayor Viglietta and Alderman Knutti met with Allen Drake with FS. The only area the City will be taking care of is the City property starting at Hanabarger St. south and none of FS property. Alderman Knutti emailed WHKS to get bidding process started.

**REVISION OF TREE ORDINANCE** – Attorney Mitchell will be meeting with the Tree Board to discuss the Tree Ordinance. The statutes on what you can have in a Tree Ordinance have changed and we can amend ours with two or three alternatives. He will present a draft of the Ordinance to the Board.

**Maps – LMI – CIP** – Alderman Knutti met with Darin Stykel from Fehr Graham to discuss Maps, LMI and CIP. Darin recommends calling Bridget at his office who has done a lot of this type of work. We need to tell them what we have, what our ideas are. Possibly have city employees marking and mapping. Does not need to be city-wide project and we can target specific areas. Alderman Knutti will contact Bridget to set up meeting.

**REPORTS** – Per Alderman VanMatre, the Ordinance & Public Safety Committee will meet 5/8/18 at 6:30pm. Will review security camera, surveillance bids. Also discussion on Vaping. Also UTV/ATV use in town.

Alderman Leverton will be assisting Alderman Grim on street light project.

Alderman Knutti will attend Ordinance Committee meeting.

Attorney Mitchell handed out Ordinance #950 approving TIF agreement between City of Lanark and Brothers Inn Family Restaurant.

**MOTION** – Alderman Macomber made a motion seconded by Alderman Leverton to pass Ordinance 950. Motion carried.

Mayor Viglietta attended a meeting at the High School about School Resource Officer. The school superintendent, police chiefs of Lanark and Shannon, principal also in attendance. Focus of attention was: Orders of Protection, Angry Parent, Parent or student under the influence, and DCFS call.

**MOTION** – Alderman VanMatre made a motion seconded by Alderman Burkholder to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.