

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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CITY OF LANARK

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Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark City Hall at 7:02 p.m. Roll Call taken by Kim Hunter, City Clerk, showed Alderpersons present were Lance Leverton, Brad Knutti, Jay VanMatre, Weston Burkholder and Haley Grim. Absent: Mark Macomber. Mayor Ken Viglietta was present and presiding.

Others present were: Donalee Yenney, Treasurer; Ed Mitchell, Attorney; Kim Hunter, City Clerk; Jason Alvarado, Maintenance Manager; Matt Magill, Chief of Police; J.L. Hunter and Dave Shaulis.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was led by Alderman Lance Leverton.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION** – was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Jay VanMatre to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2019 meeting as presented and the finance report submitted by Donalee Yenney, Treasurer. Motion carried by all 5 aye votes.

**NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**LIBRARY REPORTS** – J.L. Hunter, President of the Library Board presented the library reports to the council. J.L. said that the Lanark Public Library is the lowest taxed base library in Carroll County of all and we have a pretty nice library considering. He passed out information to the city council. He said that the library likes being part of the City as they help them out greatly with their finances. They get money from real estate taxes. J.L. talked how the Friends of the Library help the library, they are very active. He said they have 695 resident library cards, 57 non-resident library cards, 34 reciprocal library cards and 11 tax payer cards. He handed out the library's financial report and a status report. Mayor Ken Viglietta said that he had attended the library board meeting earlier and was wondering what they were going to spend their money on. J.L. said they have a hi-fi account that has quite a bit of money in it and all of that money has been memorial money and donation money, one of the donations was \$100,000.00. They have actually spent money from it but they keep getting more memorial money and it has actually grown in the last five years. They are expecting to spend it soon on new computers, a copier, visual aid partnering with the Lion's Club, the Friends and maybe the city too on technology. Ken asked J.L. if he would be willing to do an interview with the news media and explaining what they will be spending their money on. J.L. agreed to do it. Attorney Ed Mitchell asked if the \$126,265.00 was the exact amount, J.L. said it was \$126,692.00 now, it actually changed since the last meeting. Ken showed the letter he received from Janie Dollinger, the

librarian from January 9<sup>th</sup> inviting us to participate in a business after hours for the chamber on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. It talks about refreshments and helping with the cost and to help register people at the door for a door prize and be here to greet members of the business community. Ken was looking for a consent from the city council to agree to be a partner of this event. Brad Knutti made a motion that we participate in the National Library Week of 2019. Ken asked who was all in favor and everyone said aye. No one opposed. 5 ayes and consent carried. Mayor Ken thanked J.L. for coming.

**STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS** – Ken said that Mark Macomber was absent and tabled the Personnel meeting and the Finance meeting until March 5, 2019 at the city council meeting. Ken mentioned that Brad Knutti had a meeting with Fehr Graham with three individuals on February 1, 2019. Brad explained what they talked about. The LMI and mapping. It was 7 years ago when we did the LMI and it fizzled it out. Currently we don't have any outstanding projects to really justify doing an LMI. The LMI's are not easy to get you need at least a 90 percent return rate. If we do one we have to be diligent and have a good plan in place and Fehr Graham can help us with it. Other options for financing for projects are the USDA and the EPA. They suggest if we do go that route we need to have projects that they are over a million dollars so it would be for big projects. It gets based on medium incomes per household which is around \$46,000.00 when they last checked. If we go into this with a loan one of the things they will look at is our current water and sewer rates, and currently they would want at least 1 percent from sewer and 1 percent from water so an increase to \$92.00 for the water rate. He said they also talked about solar panels and going forward on some of the mapping. We did find some maps. Ken said he has found some more maps and had discovered a map for this building, the first floor and second floor. Brad and Jason have talked about the mapping and we need a generalized map and need to get detailed mapping. There are concerns that there is a lot of things we are not aware of and if you have a problem we can track it down and get in a foot or two feet of it. Ken said that Jason came up with a good suggestion that as we map out these curb side shut offs, a lot of them are in need of repair and as we go along we should repair them. Brad said there has been some progress on the water tower and they have been moving forward on it and in contact with us questioning about the antennas and dates at the end of March and early April. Lance brought up if we can get in contact with Fehr and Graham regarding our city streets as he said they are in need of a lot of work. Ken said that it needs to start in committee and go from there.

Ken asked Dave Shaulis if there was anything he needed and he said he would like to have a control burn on his new land. Ken thought that it could be handled interoffice and could have it worked out with Matt Magill. Dave thanked him.

Lance said that he had a budget meeting on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He said it was a start and got through water and sewer and said it was a good starting point. He is going to call Erica and meet with her and come up with a budget and to give him some insight on certain things. Donalee would like to have her come here and she said that she is available on Saturday, March

9<sup>th</sup>. Lance said he would go with 9:30. Donalee said she would get a hold of her for the time to meet.

**2019 CARROLL COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION – ACTION REQUIRED** – The last time it was in 2012, Ken said he attended and we didn't request any funds at the time for any projects and we are getting a second chance. Ken passed out a simple sheet and read what it said "thank you for agreeing to serve on this Committee, your participation will assure eligibility for federal funding and reduce the vulnerability your community faces from severe weather". The nice thing about this money is that we don't have to jump through hoops with DCEO, CDAP and LMI survey. Matt will be attending this meeting with Ken on March 7<sup>th</sup> and go from there and report back to the council. Bridgette from office of Fehr Graham was at the 2012 mitigation with Ken and said she could write our wish list at no charge and get us funds. Lance Leverton said that he would like to do the FEMA slide presentation on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the council meeting. It would take 15 minutes and he has FEMA material from work. Ken would put it down as Disaster Preparedness on the Agenda.

**2019 CCHD-IPLAN – ACTION REQUIRED** – Haley said they have another meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, that she is going to attend. They presented statistics of Carroll County and said that Lanark had the biggest growth and than Chadwick. Lanark was around 200 some more people. She will bring in her papers to show what she has. Mt. Carroll was down in population. Ken thanked her for representing us there.

**SRO PROGRAM STATUS – POSSIBLE ACTION** – Matt said that things are going according to plan and is being accepted very well. It has been a very good idea. Good things are happening. The SRO officers and the students themselves are getting a feeling of ownership of that person. They tend to discuss things with the SROs. There has been some significant things that have happened, they are good things. Donalee said that we have made the first payment that was requested for the rest of this school year and we can put in the budget for next year.

**SOLAR PANEL ORDINANCE – ACTION REQUIRED** – Matt said that he has spoken with a major player in solar installations and the types of ordinances that they have and they have sent him some information to go by and we can edit to our needs. It is an exhaustive ordinance but from experience and it addresses items on standards, specifications, codes and surrounding properties. Matt will e-mail Ed Mitchell the information. There are no codes or ordinances in our books regarding solar panels. There are government mandates that a certain percentage of our energy come from renewable sources. Solar is at the top of that. Incentives for homeowners are pretty substantial. There was a project done here in town on Pearl and School Street. There are paybacks and a return with tax credits. Dave Shaulis said that the cemetery association board met with Superintendent Hansen on their January meeting. He was there to discuss the solar field or solar array which would provide more than 100 percent of the electricity that the Eastland Jr. High and High School would use, and there are two ways you can

mount them on your rooftops or on fields. The cemetery owns a field that was soybeans this year, east of the baseball field, if that was covered with solar panels it would generate more electricity than the school needs. There is funding available to the tune of 85 percent to help build that. Money has built up with Com Ed over the years that we have paid into them. The cemetery association is interested in exploring it. It is a city owned cemetery we have to defer what the city wants, assuming zoning would enter in. There is so much we don't know. This installation would last 30 years, he doesn't think they will need that burial site for 30 years. There is other property east of the high school of unsold lots. We could be responsible citizens in doing such a thing in that area but we need an agreement that in 30 years we will need to get rid of it of all it. We can't have big hunks of cement left there, it will necessitate a really good contract that it would all go away. In the future with technology maybe the solar field would be half that size we just don't know. Ken asked what is in it for the city? He said we are getting \$500 rent for that, obviously if it is worth \$122,000.00 a year to them the city should accrue something for that. Another plan could be putting them on their rooftop, they meet tomorrow night. Officially the cemetery association would like to explore it but needs the city's blessing for that. There were a few questions by the alderpersons about the energy and Matt answered their questions, regarding the air conditioning, the summertime, LED lighting.

Dave Shaulis had a request from the cemetery association regarding the sexton building little shed, where they store their mower, it has running water and a toilet in there. He was wondering if the holding tank can be connected to the city sanitary sewer system. Ken said that Jason will draw something up. Dave said it needs to be pumped four times a year, the tank must be very small.

**AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER – ACTION REQUIRED** – Donalee said we signed the engagement letter with WIPFLI for the audit and the dates that she will be coming in working with Donalee are on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 13, 2019 and if she needs to come back on May 17, 2019. They are not going to audit the Friends of the Library since that is not part of the city. She has a list and she can start gathering what she needs. It needs to be done 6 months after the fiscal year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, REAL ESTATE** – None.

**SHORT-LONG TERM DISABILITY** – Tabled since Mark Macomber was absent, will discuss on March 5, 2019. Personnel committee tabled also until March 5, 2019.

**REPORTS – EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERMEN AND MAYOR** – Mayor **Ken Viglietta** told the council that Brian Ferry had passed away and that we would be sending flowers. He had worked for the city on maintenance for many years and when he retired he stayed to help plow snow for the city. **Jason Alvarado** says we have had lots of snow. They have had two water main brakes. There is a shortage of salt with all the snow we had that is why you see a lot of pea gravel in the streets, they are mixing it. He said they got their last 50 ton last

week. We have to use 80 percent of our quota, they had 275 ton on contract, if you fall below that you have to pay a storage fee or you can call other communities if they need it and they can take over those tons. He explained how it all worked. **Matt Magill** says that Jason and him have been discussing parking issues. Trash cans are a problem too. This Spring Jason and Matt will sit down and talk to the council establishing a major overall of our current snow ordinance and establishing emergency snow days that stipulate stronger rules and guidance than what we have now, our odd and even system is broken. We want to try and get it done in the spring and early summer and get the word out to everyone before winter. **Attorney Ed Mitchell** said that he had a hearing today with the Hake case, he will give an update at the next council meeting. He discussed the Reed property and there has been an ordinance violation that has been filed. **Kim Hunter** showed the thank you cards we have received from Lee Reese and Marlene Musha Taylor. Ken had Kim read Marlene's card. **Weston Burkholder** said he needed to have a meeting and would be posting it. **Brad Knutti** was wondering if more was found out about the antennas, Matt said there was some confusion and it would be handed off to the contractual people. Brad said they need to be removed before next month, before the projected start date for the water tower. **Lance Leverton** said he will be ordering a projector on-line. Jay said maybe he could help him with that and talk to him later about it. **Ken Viglietta** said that earlier at the library board meeting he had talked to J.L. Hunter they discussed some sort of large screen t.v. for a wall in the council meeting room. If they go ahead with that and come to the council, the city might consider helping to contribute to it so the city can use it too, it could be used with computer for presentations. Ken said Thursday Jason will be picking up 6 lockers for the city from the Eastland High School. They declared them surplus. Four for maintenance and two for the police station. The alderman paychecks will be ready for March 4<sup>th</sup> and be in the bank on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT – MOTION** – was made by Alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Jay VanMatre to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Absent: Mark Macomber.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Hunter, City Clerk

