

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF CARROLL(S)
CITY OF LANARK

June 16, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark Heritage Center at 7:02 p.m. Roll call taken by Kim Hunter, City Clerk, showed Alderpersons 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: Attorney Ed Mitchell, Treasurer Donalee Yenney, City Clerk Kim Hunter and Rosemary Flikkema. Lee Reese arrived later in the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Alderperson Lance Leverton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Mark Macomber and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to accept the minutes of the May 19th, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Abstains 1 : Alderperson Jay VanMatre.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION-Rosemary Flikkema reported for the Park Board to thank Louis Lamoreux and family for the new American flags he put up for the park. She asked if the Lutheran Church could have a service at the park. She also has a reservation for the First Brethren Church at the park for August. She wanted to make sure if it was okay to have them at the park. It was okayed by the council. Mayor Ken said the churches will be opening up. He also said that all Lanark City buildings will be opening up Monday, July 6th. The library will be opening on Tuesday, July 7th. She reported for the Chamber and asked when they could start having meetings in the council room, they only have about 6 people coming. Mayor Ken said they can start having them in July. Rosemary also reported for the Transformers that they would like to plan for Jingle Fest in November, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. She had one more thing for the Park Board, she wanted to know if it is okay to expand the basketball court to make it regulation size, the council said yes. She asked if they were okay with her budget money and can they spend money to do the projects and Ken said yes. She was worried about the sales tax dollars.

LANARK TAX LEVY-ACTION REQUIRED-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Jay VanMatre to pass the "Resolution to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year" for \$283,000.00. Motion carried by all 6 aye votes. Attorney Ed Mitchell explained the resolution to the council and staying under the 105%, before they made a motion and passed it.

SHANNON/LANARK LETTER-POSSIBLE ACTION- should be deleted from Agenda. Mayor Ken and Attorney Ed Mitchell explained what it was and said we didn't need it. It was where

Shannon proposed an inter-government sharing agreement of employees. The attorneys for Shannon and Lanark said we didn't need it. Bonnie Foust withdrew it.

AMEND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ORDINANCE-ACTION REQUIRED-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Mark Macomber and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to approve Ordinance No. 974 "An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the City of Lanark". Motion carried by all 6 aye votes. Attorney Ed Mitchell went over the Ordinance with the council before a motion was made to pass it. It is mandatory to take the training program every year. It will be on-line and a certificate issued when completed. It will need to be sent into the State and a copy for each person's file. It needs to be done before the end of the year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, REAL ESTATE-MOTION-None.

CITY CLERK SALARY 2021-2024-ACTION REQUIRED-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Mark Macomber and seconded by Alderperson Weston Burkholder to raise the City Clerk salary to \$18,000.00 for 2021-2024. Motion carried by all 6 aye votes. Attorney Ed Mitchell will make an Ordinance for the next meeting for it. Mayor Ken let the council know that Kim Hunter has decided not to run for office in the next upcoming election for 2021-2024.

Mayor Ken Viglietta -School Resource Officer Contractual Agreement-Not on the Agenda

Mayor Ken Viglietta had everyone look at the School Resource Officer Contractual agreement, Mayor Ken and Attorney Ed Mitchell went over it with the council. The school board at their last board meeting passed this contract. It is just like the old contract with a 2% increase. It has no contingencies again. Village President Bonnie Foust has approved it for Shannon and wanted Mayor Ken to get it approved for Lanark tonight. Mayor Ken said it was not on the agenda. She wanted a commitment of extra money for costs for training also. Mayor Ken said he would put this on the agenda for next month, July 21st, 2020. Alderperson Mark Macomber asked about the pandemic Covid pay when the schools were closed. Ken said they were continued to be paid the SRO \$25.00 an hour instead of the \$19.50 an hour pay of a city police officer. Ed said that Shannon has pretty much all of the say in the contract except for a few items. Alderperson Jay VanMatre suggested that maybe one officer can be for Shannon and one for Lanark. Mark Macomber suggested inviting Bonnie to a city council meeting. The council decided they would like to invite Shannon Village President Bonnie Foust and Superintendent of Eastland Schools Alex Kashner to a city council meeting. Alderperson Haley Grim suggested also inviting Sheriff Ryan Klopping to the meeting also. The council agreed to invite all three to the meeting.

REWORK EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK-ACTION REQUIRED- Alderperson Mark Macomber and Treasurer Donalee Yenney will have two meetings regarding reworking the employee handbook. He would like to tailor it to Lanark with Donalee and Denise Bormann. He wants to also work on the Police Employee Handbook also. Ken said he will talk to Matt about it. Mark said Donalee and Denise will review the old and new handbooks and follow the new insurance

company's recommendations. He would like to have a handbook that is solidified for five years. They would like to get this to the city council by August 2020. Once they get it together, he would like copies for the city council and see if there are any questions or suggestions from them. He would like to see if they can get it approved. Donalee said that her and Denise will work on the handbook for four hours every week. Ken said to let him know when to put it on the Agenda when it is ready.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Lee Reese arrived and spoke to the city council. She asked if she could have and also to invite the Lanark City Council to the Black Lives Matter Prayer Rally at the empty lots. She passed out a program to show the council what they would like to do. She asked Mayor Ken if he would give the welcome. Mayor Ken suggested we could have the flag from the Heritage Center taken over and have Lance Leverton, our Veteran representative start the Pledge of Allegiance. She said the prayer, the message and the closing prayer would be by Dan Rusmisl. Robert McFletcher-Jones would sing, give a message and sing the closing song. She said she would like to have it on Thursday night, June 18th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She said there will be social distancing and everyone should wear a mask. She asked if people would share the invitation to the event on social media. The city council agreed it was okay to have it and thanked Lee. Mayor Ken said three officers will be at the event and the critical response team has to be notified per Chief of Police Matt Magill. Lee was okay with it and would like to see them there in uniform. She said everything is wonderful.

REPORTS-EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS AND MAYOR- Kim Hunter explained the meeting Mayor Ken, Denise Bormann and she had with Tom Przytulski from Com Ed with the handbooks he went over with them. One was the 2020 Load Shed Plan prepared for Lanark and the other was the 2019 Annual Municipal Franchise Report Prepared for the City of Lanark. Kim had made copies for every one of the "How to Contact ComEd". We also signed up for their website and it is very detailed with maps, outage information and status information. **Ed Mitchell** went over the Frontier Bankruptcy information. He said the Reed property is exempt this coming year, we had paid for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the taxes from last year. Mark Macomber was asking if there were any updates on the demolition of the Reed property. Ken said the Covid-19 has slowed it down. There is no date to tear it down as of yet. If it is not down in the next 30 days Ken will have the person who is to tear it down call Mark Macomber. Weston Burkholder asked if the gas meter has been pulled from the Reed property also. **Weston Burkholder** asked if the fire department siren needed to be blown at noon. Brad Knutti said he will check it out with the trustees at the fire department. Weston also asked about if there were any updates on any information on the Cornerstone building. Donalee said she had received an e-mail asking for information on the lots. She asked about the lot appraisals. Ed Mitchell will try and find it and get it to Donalee. More discussion was had by the council regarding the Cornerstone building and the council decided they would like to invite Lonnie Prowant to the next July city council meeting. Ed will get a copy of the TIF contract to the city council members. Ed said he will not be the attorney for the city on this issue as he said he has

a conflict of interest. **Mark Macomber** asked and wanted to know where are we at with the Moring Disposal contract and also had questions regarding the Bulk Waste Roll Out days. Lance Leverton said he checked out prices with Republic and they wanted around \$15.00 per person per month and Waste Management won't do business with our town. He said we have a good deal with Moring. Alderperson Weston Burkholder and Utilities Clerk Denise Bormann have a meeting scheduled to meet with Moring Disposal and they will bring what they met about to the next city council meeting. Donalee said that Denise had said going forward Moring will not be doing curbside Bulk Waste Days anymore. The Bulk Waste Clean Up 2020 Roll Out Dumpster Program will be Saturday, June 20th and Saturday June 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mayor Ken Viglietta will put the Moring Disposal meeting on the next city council Agenda meeting in July. Mark also would like to discuss a water bill adjustment at the August city council meeting. Mark also had concerns about the Chapman property, the old hotel. It is really deteriorating. Mayor Ken said that he will find out where Matt Magill is at on these issues. **Mayor Ken Viglietta (1)** said that Darin from Fehr Graham informed them that Brian Stewart had some discretionary money and is giving the City of Lanark \$112,000.000 towards our sewer plant. Brad Knutti said we should thank Fehr Graham for getting this money. **Haley Grim** said that she wants to have an Economic Development Committee meeting with Brad Knutti and Lance Leverton on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. She is concerned about our city businesses. Mayor Ken suggested we could help them by giving them a Re-Grand Opening and do a ribbon cutting to help them advertise their reopening. Haley would like some good ideas. A suggestion was made to invite Derek Carroll from the Chamber of Commerce to their meeting. Kim Hunter will post the meeting for her. Haley also said up by the park, a business was opening up really early like 4:30 a.m. and there is like loud foghorn noises. She has let Chief of Police Matt Magill know about it. She will e-mail Matt to see what he finds out and will cc the Mayor on it. **Brad Knutti** said he had a property on Westside Avenue, the neighbors had said there were some long grass issues. Ardena cleaned it up and didn't charge the city for it. He also had a concern and a question regarding the Carroll County Review article about the Concerned Citizens of Carroll County and the nine year contract article. Mayor Ken addressed his concerns. **Mayor Ken Viglietta (2)** told the council we are the lowest city in the county for filling out the census. He asked the council to encourage people and if they had any ideas to get people motivated to fill out their census. Weston Burkholder suggested getting help from the library and have them help people to do it on-line. Mayor Ken read a letter from Matt Summers from the Freeport Police Department for the help from the Lanark Police Department on May 31, 2020 for the civil unrest situation. The next city council meeting will be on July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center. **Donalee Yenney**-council member were given a copy of the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for May 2020 report and Changes in Bank Balance report for 5/1/2020-5/31/2020.

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Motion carried by 6 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Hunter, City Clerk