

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

September 15, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark City Hall at 7:00 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. (Jay arrived later at 7:30 p.m.)

Mayor Ken Viglietta was present and presiding.

Others present were: Lee Reese, Rosemary Flikkema, Chief of Police Matt Magill, Treasurer Donalee Yenney, Attorney Ed Mitchell, City Clerk Kim Hunter, Justin Rahn, Doug Nehrkorn, Ross Sword, Marshall Fink and Rod Fink.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Alderperson Lance Leverton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to accept the minutes of the August 18th, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Ayes: Lance Leverton, Galey Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder and Mark Macomber. Missed voting: Alderperson Jay VanMatre, he arrived later to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None.

TRICK OR TREAT GUIDELINES-ACTION REQUIRED- A voice consent for Trick or Treating was approved by 5 ayes. Ayes: Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder and Mark Macomber. Alderperson Jay VanMatre missed voice consent aye vote, he arrived later.

OPEN FARM BIDS-ACTION REQUIRED- Attorney Ed Mitchell said he had four bids for the cemetery farm. He said the top three bids would get to have a raised bid. Alderperson Mark Macomber said they could have a 45 minute recess and then come back with their raised bids. He read the bids out loud. Justin Rahn's bid was \$61,248.00. Doug Nehrkorn's bid was \$48,665.00. Ross Sword's bid was \$57,200.00. Marshall Fink was \$53,150.00. Only two bidders wanted to raise bid. Justin Rahn's raised bid was \$63,751.00. Ross Sword's raised bid was \$64,420.00. Ross Sword was the high bidder. A **MOTION**- was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to accept the bid of \$64,420.00 from Mr. Ross Sword. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Ayes: Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder and Mark Macomber. Missed voting: Alderperson Jay VanMatre, he arrived later. Mayor Ken congratulated Ross and Ed Mitchell said he will get a lease ready for him and give him a call and thanked him also.

DOWNTOWN LOTS PROPOSAL-POSSIBLE ACTION- Mayor Ken said that Lee Reese had another proposal for the council for the downtown lots and he had her explain to the council what she would like to do. She would like to make it a downtown plaza. She would like to continue having the farmer's market, have the Q shack, make a seating area, put trees in, have a Victorian pavilion for a covered spot, have winter markets and have downtown events. She said also do some of the ideas Lonnie Prowant had a few years ago and to make a space everyone could enjoy. She said maybe a mural could be painted on the side of the Valentine building and a drive thru could be made if the building opened up on the side. Mayor Ken said that he would like to see her ideas on paper. She said she would like to keep the area for the city. Mayor Ken asked her if she would like to come back in a month with her plans and he would put her on the Agenda for October 20th, 2020. Lee said yes and told the council to give her a call if they would like and she thanked them.

LOCAL CURE PROGRAM ORDINANCE-ACTION REQUIRED- MOTION-was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to pass Ordinance #978 "An Ordinance Pertaining to the Local-Cure Program". Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Ayes: Brad Knutti, Haley Grim, Lance Leverton, Weston Burkholder and Mark Macomber. Missed voting: Alderperson Jay VanMatre, he arrived later. Treasurer Donalee Yenney explained to the council what the Ordinance was. She said it is money we can get from the State of Illinois for COVID related items such as purchases and personnel having to do other jobs related to the COVID.

PARK ORDINANCE-ACTION REQUIRED-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to pass Ordinance #979 "An Ordinance Concerning Conduct in City Park and Parkways in the City of Lanark" with an omission and modification of section 5-11-11 that says "No Pets Allowed". Motion carried by all 6 aye votes. Attorney Ed Mitchell passed out the Ordinance and explained it and he let the council look it over. Rosemary Flikkema talked about 5 different cameras being at the park and Matt Magill was working with her on it.

ORDINANCE TO INCREASE WSG-ACTION REQUIRED-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Mark Macomber and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to pass Ordinance #977 "An Ordinance Amending Sewer, Water and Garbage Pick-Up Rates for the City of Lanark". Motion carried by all 6 aye votes.

AUDIT REVIEW-ACTION REQUIRED- Tabled until October 6th, 2020. Treasurer Donalee Yenney said the Auditor Jerry Fink could not come tonight.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION- Rosemary Flikkema said the Transformers have cancelled Jingle Fest. She talked about the Tractor Parade but wasn't sure if they were going to have it because of the COVID. She said they had talked about getting a life size snow globe that Santa can stand inside and set it up for kids to be able to have pictures

taken with him. She said they could still do "Letters for Santa". They will try and come up with some more ideas and bring it to the city council.

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

REPORTS-EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS AND MAYOR- City Clerk Kim Hunter read a thank you card from Darin Stykel. She reminded people to sign the Sexual Harassment training page and the last pages of the Employee Handbook and return back to her. **Treasurer Donalee Yenney** explained a new report that she did called Changes in Balance by Fund for July 31st, 2020. She went over it with the council. She would like to continue this report and hopes it helps with what we have and where it is. She talked about three funds we have that do not have much money in, they are the CDAP fund-\$13.66, the DCEO fund-\$25.20 and the Health & Wellbeing fund-\$78.21. The council discussed it. Attorney Ed Mitchell said a resolution could dissolve the three funds line items to the General Fund. A **MOTION** was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to approve a resolution to dissolve the CDAP, DCEO and Health and Wellbeing funds line items to the General Fund. Motion carried by all 6 aye votes. Donalee said we are down on our tax money coming in by \$30,000.00, short about 10 percent. She said we are short on State sales tax coming in also. **Alderperson Brad Knutti** said he heard from Darin and he gave him an update on the SKADA system, they are waiting on some parts because of COVID and some control panels are done. Brian from Fehr Graham is scheduled to come in the last week of September. He said Darin is working with Com Ed on some grant money for the water and sewer plant for ten percent of the project. Brad also had a question from some of his constituents when will the library be open again. Mayor Ken said the library has some new mandates for quarantining materials from 4 days to 7 days and he is talking with Janie about when she would like to open up. We will need to open up City Hall for people who are wanting to run for offices in Lanark to pick up their packets starting September 22nd, 2020. Matt Magill told the council about a Clorox cleaning machine we have been using provided by the County EMA to spray for COVID cleaning. He explained how it worked and said it is non-toxic and it leaves a film that continues to kill the COVID, and the last we sprayed was last Friday. We have used it twice now. City Hall and the Heritage Center were both sprayed. He said the Eastland Schools have 3 or 4 of the machines and we are ordering one. Mayor Ken said we will be reimbursed under the COVID. **Alderperson Haley Grim** asked if the Tree Board has met regarding any trees that need to be taken down. Mayor Ken said to contact the Tree Board members if she has any concerns and questions. Alderperson Weston Burkholder said to talk to Jason Alvarado too. **Mayor Ken Viglietta** had passed out candy to acknowledge Weston Burkholder being on the council for 10 years and Mark Macomber for being on the council for 20 years. The council applauded and Mayor Ken thanked them for their service. Mayor Ken said that Dave Shaulis was going to try and come this evening and go into Executive Session for personnel reasons but if he doesn't make it tonight he will put him on the Agenda for October 6th, 2020. Mayor Ken talked about the project regarding the sidewalks and curbs that are being

done on both sides by the Crooked Roof, they will be done by Thursday. He said Drew Giedd and Geoff Williams tore up the entire alley and the stone has been laid and they will be paving on Thursday. He said that Matt Magill has got the SRO contract signed by all parties involved, Shannon, Lanark and the Eastland School District. Donalee has a copy for payment, Chief of Police Matt Magill, City Hall and Attorney Ed Mitchell also have copies of the SRO contract. Mayor Ken said that they had a Mayors walk through at Elkay in Lanark with Savanna Mayor Chris Lain and Mt. Carroll Mayor Carl Bates and himself a week ago Tuesday. Savanna Elkay will be hiring for 30 new jobs immediately and Lanark will be hiring for 50 new jobs. Lanark needs to hire 12 new hires immediately and in 30 to 40 days hire the rest of the new 38 hires. It will be entry level jobs paying \$13.50 an hour, full time, full benefits and no experience. If they have experience they could pay considerably more. Once HR from Elkay get back with information, Matt Magill will post on our website and Haley Grim will post on Facebook. Eastland Superintendent Alex Kashner will let students know that are not college bound about the openings also. He said the building is 240,000 square feet and has all been repainted and has LED lighting. The initial interview will be on-line. He said this is exciting for Lanark and if the council knows of anyone that would be interested to let them know.

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried by all 6 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Hunter, City Clerk