

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

August 3, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark Heritage Center at 7:00 p.m. Roll call taken by Marilyn Heller, City Clerk, showed Alderpersons present were Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent.

Mayor Ken Viglietta was present and presiding.

Others present were: State Representative Andrew Chesney, Jeri Rogan, Jill Shaulis, Jon Keppen, Colton Eubanks, Stefen Dickman, Julie Dickman, Sue Gaul, Jeff Hoak, Treasurer Donalee Yenney, Police Chief Matt Magill, City Clerk Marilyn Heller, and Attorney Ed Mitchell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Alderperson Lance Leverton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent.

REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW CHESNEY – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- gave a 5 minute overview what's going on in Springfield. He discussed Speaker Madigan being kick out of office. There was a lot of concentration on social issues to include; abortion right and LGBTQ / transgender. In Illinois you can now change your gender on your license and birth certificate, there will now be menstrual products in the men's bathrooms in schools. There were massive expansions of the defund the police program to include any cash bail and more restrictions on how police can restrain alleged offenders. Through executive order the Governor is offering conditional releases to serious offenders. Republicans and Democrats are working with IML to lessen the burden on small municipal for getting federal covid funds. They are also working on getting the unemployment offices to open back up to in person. Lastly you will start to see improvements of FOID cards.

Questions – Alderperson Lynn Collins asked about mask and vaccine mandates or guidance - Answer – he thinks stores, restaurants, and bars need to stay open, we need to protect the venerable, and masks in schools are outrageous. This is an area were they have not been able to find much compromise. He has filled legislation to prohibit vaccine passports like seen in New York.

Alderperson Brad Knutti asked about the reduction of class A trailer plates – Answer – yes, it is now \$36

PUBLIC COMMENTS- none

WEST SIDE ALLEY ISSUE – ACTION REQUIRED - Alderperson Lynn asked the residents present if things have gotten better as is or worse? The response was that it has been fine but if the alley is to be open something will need to be graveled and maintained by the city. **A Motion** was made by alderperson Lynn Collins and seconded by Alderperson Weston Burkholder to leave the alley open. Motion defeated by 2 ayes, 2 nays, and one abstain. Aye: Alderpersons Weston Burkholder and Lynn Collins. Nays: Alderpersons Lance Leverton and Brad Knutti. Abstain: Alderperson Haley Grim. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent. Alderperson Brad Knutti said he believes this alley and other similar grass alleys were closed possibly back in 2012. Alderperson Lynn Collins is not comfortable with making a motion based on this particular friction or relationship and then setting a precedent. Attorney Ed Mitchell said that due to current residents, the current Police Chief and a former Alderperson all believing that this alley was closed back in 2012 that the alley will remain closed unless the council votes otherwise. Chief Matt Magill stated that there is convenience and then there's accessibility, once you put motor vehicle traffic on city property it needs to adhere to certain standards or you run the risks of liability problems. This will be on the next meeting agenda and will remain closed.

APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBERS – ACTION REQUIRED – Mayor Ken requested the consent to appoint Henry Newendyke and Connie Lower to the cemetery board. Alderperson Lyn Collins asked about Connie's main residents for the past year as it states that in the ordinance that they have to live in the city limits for the past year before appointment. **A Motion** was made by alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to accept Connie Lower and Henry Newendyke to the cemetery board with contingent on Connie's residents. Motion carried by 4 aye votes and 1 abstain. Aye: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, and Weston Burkholder. Abstain: Alderperson Lynn Collins. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent.

INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL – POSSIBLE ACTION – Alderperson Haley Grim reviewed both the current policy and the new proposal and gave her recommendations for changes and things that stood out to her. After a discussion it was decided that the clerk would ask Matt Ripplinger to attend the meeting on 8-17-2021

Reports – Maintenance Manager Jason – MFT projects will start the week of Aug. 10th for Pleasant and west subdivision. He had two guys working out at the cemetery so everything should be caught up this week and then he should only need one person out there. The Sexton job was posted in the newspaper asking that all applications be turned in by 5pm on Aug. 16th. Grade school and Heritage Center are getting all paved tomorrow. The Heritage Center parking lot needed broken down and leveled so the city provided the base rock but there will be additional cost due to this. The sewer is done, there was a leak from a rubber piece that needed replaced. There was another leak found under the building that was still under warranty so Fisher came out and replaced it.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION- The council then discussed how the hiring process for the sexton should be handled, asking Jeri Rogan to give her input as well. After much discussion it was decided there will be cemetery meeting on 8-10-2021 and an ordinance meeting 8-12-2021 so the boards can work together to make a new cemetery board ordinance. Swearing in of members was also discussed and Attorney Ed Mitchell will be swearing in all new cemetery board members at their meeting on the 10th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, AND POTENCIAL LITIGATION-was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to convene in Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. in order to discuss potential litigation, employment and compensation. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent

REGULAR SESSION-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Lynn Collins to reconvene into regular session at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent

REPORTS-EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS AND MAYOR- Chief **Matt Magill** went over the Code Enforcement Tracking Report noting the only push back was on 410 N. Broad St for two inoperable vehicles. **City Clerk Marilyn Heller** mentioned that the coast of the Heritage Center rental price has gone up from \$60 to \$75. A notice was posted on the web site July 1st and is now in effect. **Treasurer Donalee Yenney** – informed the council that she registered the city for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFR) and will be receiving the first half within 30 days of registering in the amount of 90K. She included a packet explaining how the funds can be used and will need to be reported on annually. She also went over her reports – Changes in Bank Balance 6-30-2021, Changes in Balance by Fund 6-30-2021, and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual 6-30-2021. **Alderperson Brad Knutti** – there is an issue on the west plant across from dollar general about maybe tying into water. He has Darin looking into it to get more info . Will need to have a water and sewer meeting in the next few weeks. **Alderperson Haley Grim** – Old Settlers Day will be doing a fall festival for fund raising. OSD will be having a meeting to discuss further. **Alderperson Weston Burkholder** aske if we were able to add new spots to MFT and we were not able too.

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried by 5 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk