

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

May 17, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark City Hall at 7:03 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: Chief Matt Magill, Maintenance Manger Jason Alvarado, Attorney Ed Mitchell, Darin Stykel from Fehr Graham and City Clerk Marilyn Heller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Alderperson Lance Leverton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- A MOTION was made by Alderperson Haley Grim and seconded by Alderperson Lance Leverton to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 3 aye votes and 2 abstains. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, and Lynn Collins. Abstain votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti and Weston Burkholder. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent.

A Motion was made by Alderperson Lynn Collins and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHTS – Darin Stykel from Fehr Graham was present to ask the council approval of the color for the new street light poles. He shared that they would not be able to have the lower electrical outlet on the pole but all the other options discussed previously are such as the 2x4 banner poles, pedestrian light, and upper wreath outlet. The three colors available are gloss black, matte black, and textured matte black. Darin also mentioned that ComEd is replacing all street lights to LED except for the city owed light. The downtown street lights and the 8 school lights are listed as city owned so will be the cities responsibility to replace to LED. The cost to replace the school lights would be around \$500 a piece and would bring the bill down to about half monthly. It was discussed that the council will need to look into the contract with the school to see if there is anything stated on who would be responsible for the cost. The pole for this downtown street light project will take about 4 to 6 months to get in. They will need to set new towers but the conduit is good to use. There are going to be two bids one for the light poles and the second for installation/removal of old lights and wiring. Darin believes in the next few weeks we will get IDOTS approval for out plans.

A Motion was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Lynn Collins to go with the textured matte black color for the street light poles. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent.

A Motion was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to approve light layout and go ahead with bids and light concepts. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Mark Macomber was absent.

Darin shared that the road study is 65% complete. This road study will help develop a 10 year plan. Pearl street is the worst and Darin suggested only doing patch work this year just to get by and it will need to be ripped out and replaced completely. Darin shared that is no local street funding or grants available at all. It was discussed maybe Lanark looking into different way to get funding such as a local gas tax or municipal bonds. Darin stated that this was a good year to do the road study as the oil prices are off the charts. Darin will be getting Jason a list of streets to hot patch to get by this year. Darin lastly discussed that there is 100% forgiveness funding available for lead service replacement projects and that June 2023 is the next application cycle. The EPA is funding this and it would replace the lead pipes all the way to the house. He feels this is something Lanark should look into doing. The council also discussed the need for installing water meter readers.

DONATION ORDINANCE – Alderperson Haley Grim shared how Mt. Carroll handles donations. The council discussed keeping or scrapping the current donation policy. Tabled until the next meeting June 7th, 2022 to give the council members more time to look over the current policy.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION- None

REPORTS-EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS AND MAYOR-
maintenance Manager Jason – went over Cahoy Pump Service scope of work with total cost of \$139,116.00 (\$27,264.00 under budget). Geoffrey has an appointment on May 22nd and will find out if he can come back. Geoff will still need physical therapy 3 to 4 days a week noting his healing can take up to 8 to 12 months. We have received multiple calls for trees to be taken down including 212 Burns St (Weston will be reaching out to) and 240 S Westside. Jason discussed the budget for trees with Donalee is \$18,000.00 that was not spent last year. The council discussed that they know of three trees that were removed so we must have not received a bill. Mayor Ken shared that Lonnie is stepping down from the tree board and asked the council for ideas/nominations for a new board member. Lastly Jason discussed that he had gotten a quote for a mini excavator from Sloan Implement for \$58,000.00. **Chief Magill** – discussed Alderpersons Brads email that sent out about blight property (524 E Pearl) Matt talked to the owner and they acknowledge this and have a plan for continuing the cleanup. Alderperson Lynn talked to the neighbors of this property and shared that they are just wanted

if there is a plan for this property to be cleaned up. Concerns were shared of the house looking in his condition for the memorial service. The council discussed other properties in the city that they consider blight and tried discussing a standard process for addressing these situations with Matt. Mayor Ken discussed previous and current blight properties like the Fox Property, Kruse, and Morhardt. Matt will follow up with Burkholder after this weekend to see that the derbies is picked up. The council decided to have a meeting of the whole to go over the IPMG 2018 code book to further discuss blight properties standards and the enforcement procedure, to include penalties, as soon as the copies Matt ordered are in. **Clerk Marilyn** – stated the price for morning went up to 13.50 as per the contract. **Attorney Ed** – The Appropriations ordinance is filed at the courthouse and next meeting we will need to discuss the 105% truth in taxation resolution. **Alderman Brad** – brought up the shut off list that needs to be turned into the health department. Matt will share the policy with Dawn at the health department so the list of occupied houses without water/sewer can be turned in and deemed uninhabitable. **Mayor Ken**- shared changes were made to allow ARPA Funds to be used for Police uniforms, equipment, cars, sign on bonuses, etc. Unfortunately it cannot be used for streets.

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION-was made by Alderman Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderman Brad Knutti to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried by 5 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk