

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

July 19, 2022

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

Mayor Ken Viglietta was present and presiding.

Others present were: Alex Kashner, Karen Reed, Robert Luther, Attorney Ed Mitchell, Chief Mat Magill, Treasurer Donalee Yenney, office Assistant Jodi Diffenderfer, and Clerk Marilyn Heller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Alderperson Mark Macomber.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Karen Reed asked for an update on 328 W. Locust. Chief Magill has an inspection of the plumbing scheduled with the owner this Thursday, stating that the sink will need to turn on and the toilet flush. Alderperson Brad asked to be informed from Matt of the results of the inspection. Reed asked about the progress on the improper fence on west side of property, inoperable vehicle in driveway, and blight back yard (overgrown grass/weeds, junk in yard and driveway). Karen also shared her concerns of that property owner urinating in the yard. Chief Magill informed the council that he has not started on any other ordinance violation at this property.

HIGH SCHOOL WATER – Lanark Maintenance Manager talked to the school maintenance informing them going forward the fire hydrant used to water the football field will be metered. Superintendent Alex Kashner shared he was caught off guard and this could have been handled better. He stated he was disappointed by this action as the school is a non-profit and allows the city use the facilities for different activities. He then asked for the process for the meter. The council shared with him that the school will need to inform Maintenance Manager Jason when they need to use the hydrant and he would come put the meter on and remove when finished. The charges will be added to the school's monthly water bill.

ORDINANCE TO VACATE WESTSIDE ALLY – Attorney Ed Mitchell informed the council of the proper way in which they can vacate an alley according to state statute. There will need to be a notice in the news paper 15 days before they hold the public meeting to vacate the alley. After this public meeting is held, the council can then vote to vacate and can only pass with an

affirmative vote of at least ¾ of the alderman. Noting that all 6 have to be present and vote. The council will table vacating the westside alley until the Aug. 16, 2022 council meeting and Attorney Ed will be posting it in the paper. Alderperson Lynn asked Ed for the cost of vacating the alley. Attorney Ed shared he believes there will not need to do a new series of deeds or surveying, the alley property will automatically revert back to the adjoining owners.

DECLARE FILE SERVER SURPLUS – No Action – Chief Magill stated that he can use to file server for body cam footage.

Ken introduced Jodi Diffenderfer as she will be the new treasurer. Jodi shared her work experience. Donalee shared that she feels very confident that she will do great in this position as she trained Jodi for the past few Mondays.

WSG INCREASE – Marilyn went over the reports for fiscal year 2022 the Profit vs. Loss for water, sewer, garbage and CIP funds. The water account showed a -\$164,532.70 and sewer account showed a -\$247,153.68. She did note that the large loss was due to the sewer pond project in the sewer account for \$422,087.01. In FY 2023 she showed the profit vs loss for the first quarter showing the water account at -\$142,677.07 and sewer account at \$53,545.35. Noting the water account included the well 3 project for \$ 152,000.00. If the city were to raise the utility billing \$5, she estimated it would bring in \$40,788.00 a year. Next, she went over the garbage cost that will be going up to \$14.75 this September that will be putting the city at a loss of -\$1943.00. over the next three years, the city will be -\$17,115.00 if they continue charging \$10.75 for garbage. Marilyn estimated the city would need to raise the garbage rate at least \$.76 to break even. There will need to be a two-month lead on any raise to notify the residents. The Council decided to have a Water and Sewer Committee meeting on Aug. 2nd, 2022 at 6pm before the next council meeting to discuss further. No action taken.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION- Streets and Property Committee – Darin from Fehr Graham presented the bids for the Downtown Steet Light Project. Due to this not being on the agenda the council discussed having a special meeting to go over the bids and approve. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Weston Burkholder to hold a Special Council Meeting on Friday July 22, 2022 at 6pm for the Downtown Street Light Project Bids. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Lynn Collins, and Weston Burkholder. Alderperson Lance Leverton was absent. Darin then went over another grant that is available for lead service lines replacements with 4 million available. He went over survey ideas to send out for residents to test their lines so we can get an idea of the number of service lines that need replacing. This included mailing out surveys, going door to door, posting in paper/Facebook and Chief Magill (IT Technician) to set up an online survey. It was also discussed installing water meters to all the residents at the same time as replacing the service lines for around 1million. The council will be discussing further at the next meeting, Aug. 2nd, 2022. Darin updated the council that the street

study is 90% complete its possible he will have it at the next council meeting. **Personnel Committee** – Had a meeting to discuss raises and shared their recommendation to increase Brett to \$17.75 hourly for the full-time maintenance position. **A Motion** was made by alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Lynn Collins to offer Brett Miasma \$17.75 an hour when he starts working for the city maintenance. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Lynn Collins, and Weston Burkholder. Alderperson Lance Leverton was absent. There was no other recommendation from the committee.

REPORTS-EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS AND MAYOR-

Attorney Ed Mitchell – Next meeting he will have the Tax Levy Ord. for the council to go over. **City Clerk Marilyn** – shared a thank you card form Alisha Metz for her mother passing. The city received a very nice call from a couple whose car broke down in the Brothers parking lot and they were very pleased with how friendly the town was. They had about 11 people stop to ask if they needed help. **Treasurer Donalee** – signed the engagement letter with the Auditor and she has the list of information need so she will be starting on it this next week. **Alderperson Lynn** – shared that the Carroll County Review was incorrect on their report covering the Municipal Bonds. She believes the property tax raise shared was more that was presented for a 1.3-million-dollar bond. She will be checking with clerk to confirm. **Alderperson Brad** – asked Chief Magill for the list of ordinance violations. Matt stated he will have it for the next meeting Aug. 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried by 5 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk