

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF CARROLL
CITY OF LANARK

August 2, 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 was absent.

Mayor Ken Viglietta was present and presiding.

Others present were: Karen Reed, Robert Luther, Darin Stykel, Attorney Ed Mitchell, Chief Mat Magill, Maintenance Manager Jason Alvarado, 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 Haley Grim and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to accept the minutes of the July 19, 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 her neighbor's house, in reference to the inoperable vehicle, blight property, and water. Chief Magill shared that the property passed the water inspection and he moved the inoperable truck to the back of the property behind the fencing to remove the reflection from the property. Robert Luther then inquired further on the inoperable truck sharing an instance when Robert had an inoperable vehicle in his own back yard and was give 12 hours to remove it. Chief Magill responded that this is still in process and is a step in the right direction.

CONSIDER TAX LEVY ORDINANCE – Attorney Ed went over the levy ordinance including the appropriation that were passed previously. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Mark Macomber and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to approve Ordinance Number 990. 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.

UPDATE ON STREET STUDY – Darin presented a draft of the completed street study to the council. The study will provide a 12-year plan mapping out the street projects at 300K a year. Due to the condition of the roads all the work will need to be contracted. Darin is asking the council to look over the study and provide any changes before it is finalized. This study does not include the cost of curb and gutter. The next step will be to discuss funding. It was briefly discussed increasing taxes to allocate just to streets as there are no grants available for streets. No action taken.

LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT – Darin shared that he feels very confident that Lanark will qualify for this grant, as discussed in previous meetings. He is asking the council to approve \$78,000.00 for the first three phases of this project; project plan (\$15,000), loan application (\$13,500) and design plans and specifications (\$49,500). This 78K will be 100% reimbursable after Lanark gets approved for the grant and can use CIP funds for this up-front cost. CIP has \$73,000 to date. The total of the contract would be \$490,000.00 and would be 100% covered by the EPA's grant. Approving this now will get Lanark approved for this project for FY 2024 (starting project in July 2023) and will be designed with the street project. We will need to apply for this grant by December of this year or we will miss the cycle and will take about 4 to 6 months to hear back from EPA. Darin shared the average cost for a full lead service line replacement for one house is about \$10,000.00, getting about 4 done a day. If Lanark does not apply for this grant, in a few years Lanark will be forced to pay in full for replacing them as it will become mandatory. The council also discussed adding meters to all residents and can be done at same time of lead service line replacement. The council discussed getting the survey out in the mail with the water billing this next billing cycle and Matt is working on an online survey. Tabled for the next meeting on August 16, 2022.

WSG INCREASE – Alderperson Brad and Clerk Marilyn went over the WSG raise that is recommended from the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting that took place just before this council meeting. The committee recommends raising WSG \$5, broken down as follows; water service charges \$2, sewer service charges \$1.25, CIP charges \$1, and garbage \$.75. This increase will apply to all rates. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to increase water sewer and garbage \$5 in total as broken down in the attached. 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. Attorney Ed stated there will need to be an ordinance passed at the next meeting for this increase also giving an effect date.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION- None

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

Maintenance Manage Jason – shared that the EPA inspected the sewer ponds 2 weeks ago and shared they thought it looked fantastic out there! There are 2 beams that are pulling out of the ground at the sewer pond but they are still under warranty so Fisher will be coming out to fix this. **Chief Magill** – Hired Garrett Morhardt as a new part-time officer. Matt went over the Code Enforcement tracking Report thru 08/01/2022. Noting that he is working on getting the bigger issues, like Mr. Mather, in our reporting data base. He is also working with Attorney Ed to get more information on 451 S Broad. Matt was asked about 315 E. Pearl and he stated that Ardena cleaned it up and it's going into foreclosure. It already has a lien on it so Attorney Ed Mitchell will be adding the clean up costs to the liens total. Matt was also asked about inspecting the

Kruse house and he is working on getting an inspection as they are occupying a house with out water and sewer. Matt was then asked for an update on the Limesand property. Matt stated that after talking to Burkholder, he feels the city is unfairly putting a burden on him and sharing the plan was to take down house and sell land but they found out there is a substantial amount of about 55k against the property. The mayor had a conversation with Burkholder and Matt believes it was productive. **Aldersperson Lynn** – confirmed the misprint in the paper for the total price per household property tax increase due to bonding. Lynn also gave an update on Jasper the cat, he is alive and well! **Aldersperson Brad** – asked everyone to look through the contracts Darin gave out. Darin is also working on getting a new drawing for the Downtown Light Poles. The Christmas decorations won't work on these new poles so council will need to decide on getting new décor for around \$4k or try to find out if modifying the current design will work. To be on next meeting agenda. **Attorney Ed Mitchell** – Next meeting will be the public hearing to vacate the Westside alley and possibly passing the vacate alley ordinance. He filed a couple of water leans just a day or so ago and he will have the WSG raise ordinance at the next meeting. **Treasurer Donalee** - has been working with the auditor and will be for the next few Mondays. She shared the June Reports; Changes in Bank Balance 6/30/2022, Changes in Balance by Fund June 30, 2022, and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual June 2022. **Mayor Ken** – shared he had a long conversation with the auditor and Ken wanted to reassure the council that this year the cost is \$29,000 but each year the price will go down next years to 25,000 and then the third year to 20,000.

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION-was made by Aldersperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Aldersperson Brad Knutti to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried by 5 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk