

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF CARROLL  
CITY OF LANARK

February 7, 2023

**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 Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Weston Burkholder was absent.

Mayor Ken Viglietta was present and presiding.

Others present were: Quin Kosmecki, Jennifer Sturtevant, Treasurer Jodi Diffenderfer, Chief Matt Magill, and City Clerk Marilyn Heller.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - was led by Alderperson Lance Leverton.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MOTION-** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Weston Burkholder was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Quin Kosmecki introduced himself to the council as he is running for Alderpersons for Ward 2 this coming election.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – POSSIBLE ACTION** – Jennifer Sturtevant showed an overview of the cities current healthcare plan offered to full time employees, noting it is top of the line. The current plan is open to dependent and she went over the cost per dependent by age. September is the cities renewal date and she presented overviews alternate plans the council can look into so save of cost but won't be as top of line for employees. She cannot advise the council on city contribution rates for dependents but she did share that the school does not contribute to dependents. Jen will get getting more information on the effect this might have on family members eligibly for government health plans and if it becomes a taxable income to the employee to have the city pays 100% for employees.

Treasurer Jodi shared the first step for IMRF retirement plan is to have a cost study for \$1200 to \$1500. She shared that any employee that works over 1000 hours annually they will have to participate with contribution of 4.5% of pay. After 7 years they are fully vested.

**A Motion** was made by Alderperson Haley Grim and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to get the IMRF study done. Motion carried by 4 aye votes and 1 nay vote. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, and Mark Macomber. Nay vote: Alderperson Lynn Collins. Alderperson Weston Burkholder was absent.

**TIF BOARD ORDINANCE – ACTION REQUIRED** – Alderperson Haley shared that when the TIF was created there was not an ordinance created for the TIF Board. Alderperson Haley asked

Attorney Ed to create an ordinance similar to the other city boards for the TIF Board. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to approve Ordinance # 993 – An Ordinance Creating a Tax Increment Financing Board. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Weston Burkholder was absent.

**TIF BOARD APPOINTMENTS – ACTION REQUIRED – A Motion** was made by Alderperson Haley Grim and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to reappoint Mary Beth Landherr and Kathleen Weber to remain on the TIF Board. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Weston Burkholder was absent. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Haley Grim and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to appoint Derek Carroll to the TIF Board. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Weston Burkholder was absent.

**LEAD SERVICE LINE SURVEY – POSSIBLE ACTION** – Alderperson Brad had a zoom meeting with Darin Stykel on the surveys and we do have enough to apply for the grant but will still need to get the remaining 100 residents to participate. So far 70 surveys showed lead, 10%. Alderperson Brad also shared that the grant has been updated to make it more accessible to smaller municipalities and the line items opened up to cover more costs like engineering.

**F.S. INVOICE – POSSIBLE ACTION** – Council discussed the F.S. invoice for costs incurred from the unmarked and improperly stored chemical spill during the fire on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Chase from F.S. confirmed they will not be paying the city the invoiced amount of \$4722.71. Due to Attorney Ed Mitchell and Finance Chair Mark Macomber both having conflicts of interests this was brought before the council. The council discussed looking into getting another attorney to take this case and the costs associated or to file the invoice until another time. Mayor Ken asked for a consensus from the council to file invoice until a later time. The consensus was 3 to 1 to file it. No action taken.

**2018 SQUAD CAR – POSSIBLE ACTION** – Chief Magill shared the five-year rotation is up on the 2018 squad car and the 2023 is here to replace it. He asked the council to donate the 2018 squad car to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for the use of the SRO. The council discussed the value of the car being very high as it has less than 50,000 mile and is equipped with light bar, cage, etc. The council asked Chief Magill to get more information on the price for selling it to surrounding municipalities or bidding it out. No action taken.

**STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS - POSSIBLE ACTION - None**

**REPORTS - EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS AND MAYOR- Chief Magill** – shared the new 2023 squad car has been received and is striped already. The old 2018

squad is at Mike Holland's garage. **Attorney Ed Mitchell** - shared he prepared the TIF Ord. and received the annual proof of levy form from the court house. **Clerk Marilyn** – and Alderperson Haley met with Lou Ann Hayes from Birth to Five. Birth to Five is a state funded program started last summer to aid in setting up more daycares/pre-k's in our tri- county area (Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson) as there is a high demand for more. The state is also looking to starting a pre-k for all and if this were to happen there are around 4,000 pre-k kids they wouldn't have room for just in the three counties. There is a large amount of grants to aid daycare providers to get started up or to expand their existing daycares. Clerk has Lou Ann's contact information for anyone who looking into these grants. Also, the clerk certified the ballots for the upcoming election today. **Treasurer Jodi** – will be meeting at the bank with Mayor Ken on Tuesday. Jodi is waiting to get numbers back from Jason on budget, so hopefully it can be on the next meeting agenda. **Alderperson Lynn** – asked to have Cemetery Ord. on the next meeting agenda and an ordinance committee meeting on Monday Feb 13. The Cemetery board would like to remove Maintenance Manager from the cemetery, capture the pay raises and billing rates. Alderperson Mark asked to look into the price vs. cost for the city to do grave openings as currently it is \$100 for the maintenance crew to open a grave. **Alderperson Haley** – asked to put OSD and LCC donations on the next meeting agenda. She also shared a complaint on animals/critters in a building on W. Carroll that she will get more information to Chief Magill. Alderperson Haley will be attending the annual chamber report at the Heritage Center next week. **Mayor Ken** – shared he will not be resigning as his and Anne's health is significantly better. Kevin Barnes is considering filling Alderpersons Lance seat after this election. **Alderperson Lance** shared that he would be willing to fill the empty seat if needed as well.

**ADJOURNMENT – MOTION** - was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Lynn Collins to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried by 5 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk