

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF CARROLL
CITY OF LANARK

March 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 Weston Burkholder. Alderperson Lynn Collins was absent.

Mayor Ken Viglietta was absent.

Others present were: Quin Kosmecki, Rosemary Flikkema, Deanna Allen, Karen Reed, Robert Luther, Randy Beverly, John Muller, MaryBeth Landherr, Sue Appel, Lynn Landherr, Treasurer Jodi Diffenderfer, Maintenance Manager Jason Alvarado, Chief Matt Magill, and City Clerk Marilyn Heller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - was led by Alderperson Lance Leverton.

Alderperson Lynn Collins present at 7:02pm.

A MOTION was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to approve Alderperson Mark Macomber as mayor pro tem for tonight proceedings. Motion carried by 5 aye votes and 1 abstain. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Lynn Collins and Weston Burkholder. Alderperson Mark Macomber abstained.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MOTION- was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 5 aye votes and 1 abstain. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, and Weston Burkholder. Alderperson Lynn Collins abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Quin Kosmecki asked Chief Magill about replacing a road sign after an accident. Chief Magill stated he will take care of it. Rosemary asked the council for an update of the park violations from last year. She shared her frustration and concerns for this upcoming year as there has been no confirmation or communications that anything has been done. Attorney Ed Mitchell shared that Chief Magill can inform the council/public of charges being filed. Chief Magill confirmed that there are proceedings from last year's park incidents involving minors. Rosemary asked if these situations will continue to be handled in the same manor. Chief Magill responded that he cannot tell the future. Karen Reed asked about her neighbors' fence that has been laying down in the alley? Chief Magill shared that he went over today and moved the fence out of the alley.

TIF APPLICATION – ACTION REQUIRED – TIF board member MaryBeth Landherr presented the application from Suzie Appel for a new roof on her downtown building, Treasure Hunt. The TIF board meet and is recommending approving 30% of the estimate by Freeport Industrial Roofing Inc totaling \$7485.00. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Haley Grim to award TIF to Sue Apple for the recommendation of \$7485.00 with Freeport Industrial Roofing Inc. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, and Mark Macomber, Lynn Collins and Weston Burkholder.

DONATION REQUEST – ACTION REQUIRED – The LCC was present to ask the council for a donation for OSD like in past years. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Haley Grim and seconded by Alderperson Weston Burkholder to approve the waive the liquor licensing fee for the LCC on June 23rd to the 25th for OSD. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Haley Grim and seconded by Alderperson Lance Leverton to approve \$3,500.00 to the LCC for OSD, June 23rd to the 25th, 2023. Motion carried by 5 aye votes and 1 abstain. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, and Weston Burkholder. Alderperson Lynn Collins abstained. Alderperson Haley Grim asked the council for a donation to OSD Committee to help cover the cost of the list of events at OSD. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Lynn Collins and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to donate \$3,500.00 to the OSD Committee for OSD on June 23rd to the 25th, 2023. Motion carried by 5 aye votes and 1 abstain. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins. Alderperson Haley Grim abstained.

ANNUAL MOWING CONTRACT FOR 2023 – ACTION REQUIRED – The council discussed delinquent mowing being handled differently and requiring wither a separate contract or council approval. Last year there was over 5K spent out of community betterment for these properties and only one property reimbursed the city. Chief Magill shared his concern that Ardena is not getting the proper approval before working these properties. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Lynn Collins to approve the mowing contract with Ardena Grant for 2023. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins.

A.B.A.T.E. PROCLAMATION –ACTION REQUIRED – **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Lyn Collins and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to approve the A.B.A.T.E. proclamation. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins.

Quin Kosmecki asked the council if there are meter rates for the resident meters, they are working on getting installed. The council shared that they haven't gotten that fare yet as they are in the process of applying for the grant to get the meters.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS - POSSIBLE ACTION – Streets and Property -

Aldersperson Lance shared that he will be having a meeting soon to discuss alternative funding for streets as there will be no grants available in the near future. He talked to Darin about the lights project starting soon. **Finance Committee** – Aldersperson Mark handed out budget and shared that he will be having a meeting before April 4 to go over finalized budget to present at April 4th meeting. Jodi asked the council to contact her by next Tuesday for any changes or question so she can have it ready for the committee meeting. Chief Magill asked Jodi to add the sale of the 2018 squad car of at least \$28K. Aldersperson Lance asked to have delinquent mowing be a separate line item in the budget to remove it from community betterment.

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

Magill – shared he will have two written offers for the 2018 squad car. Aldersperson Haley asked for an update on the property on Carroll. Chief Magill shared he got in touch with property owners. **Maintenance Manager Jason** – ComEd went through an 8in plastic line yesterday and that one break created two more. He had to call Fisher in to help and they fished around 5:30pm. Lab reports came in today around noon showing the water is good. He also had to turn off 59 people off because of valves not working, it should have been only 22. Aldersperson Mark asked if there will be any recourse to ComEd? The council discussed that there won't be due to the water main not being located properly. Jason said it would be very beneficial for the city to get a locator and he will clean up the dirt pile after it dries up. Lastly, he mentioned that there are still Lead Service Line Surveys that need completed and asked the council if they know or talked to the people on the list to please remind them to get it done as we need 100% participation. **Attorney Ed Mitchell** – received an email with a list of webinars over the next few months for OMA and FOIA. Attorney Ed then shared ordinance 584 addressed the delinquent lawns and has a process in place. The city has to give a notice to the property owner then the first cut is \$75 an hour, seconded cutting will be \$150 an hour and the third cutting will be \$225 an hour. A lien will be then be placed upon the property. **Clerk Marilyn** – used the new meter reading software with this month's billing cycle and it went smoothly. Lastly, 9 shut off letters were sent out this month. **Treasurer Jodi** - went over the budget information and asked the council to please get back to her with any questions or changes by next Tuesday.

Aldersperson Brad – asked Chief Magill on the FFA signs? Chief Magill stated that he is waiting on the comeback from IDOT. Aldersperson Weston asked why Shannon has theirs but Lanark doesn't? Chief Magill didn't see the email from Shannon in time to add on their sign order but he is ordering from the same company and the signs will be identical. **Aldersperson Weston** – asked about the mail box that was hit by the city plow? Maintenance Manager Jason was not aware of the mail box and shared that IDOT covers that area. **Aldersperson Lynn** – discussed having a representative come talk to the council on retirement accounts to explore other

options. The council discussed the differences between private vs. IMRF. The council decided to continue this discussion at a personnel committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, REAL ESTATE-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Lance Leverton and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to convene in Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. in order to discuss Personnel. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes; Alderperson Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins.

REGULAR SESSION-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to reconvene into regular session at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes; Alderperson Lance Leverton, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Weston Burkholder, and Lynn Collins.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION - was made by Alderperson Weston Burkholder and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried by 6 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk