

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF CARROLL  
CITY OF LANARK

October 3, 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 Kevin Barnes, Lynn Collins, Brad Knutti, Haley Grim and Ed Stern.

Mayor Mark Macomber was present and presiding.

Others present were: Attorney Ed Mitchell, Maintenance Manager Jason Alvarado, Chief Jim Haag, James and Lana Eckberg, and Clerk Marilyn Heller.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**-was led by Chief Jim Haag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MOTION**-was made by Alderperson Haley Grim and seconded by Alderperson Lynn Collins to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting as presented with one correction. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Kevin Barnes, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Ed Stern, Lynn Collins, and Mark Macomber.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**- None

**APPROVE LEVY ORDINANCE – POSSIBLE ACTION** – Attorney Ed Mitchell talked it over with the city auditor and presented the levy ordinance. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Lynn Collins and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to approve ord. # 997 – An Ordinance Levying the Annual Taxes for the City of Lanark for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2023 and Ending March 31, 2024. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Kevin Barnes, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Ed Stern, Lynn Collins, and Mark Macomber.

**ZONING BOARD / OFFICER – POSSIBLE ACTION** – Chief Haag has been acting as the zoning officer and he has issued a couple of permits. The council decided to wait until they hire the new chief and he could be a part of this discussion. - Tabled

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – POSSIBLE ACTION** – It was decided that this to will be tabled so the new chief can be a part of the discission making. Tabled

**PLOICE CHIEF REPLACEMENT – POSSIBLE ACTION – A Motion** was made by Alderperson Kevin Barnes and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to hirer Troy Randall as chief of police, effective Oct. 23, 2023. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Kevin Barnes, Haley Grim, Brad Knutti, Ed Stern, Lynn Collins, and Mark Macomber.

Chief Haag will stay on the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> to work with Troy. The Council then thanked Chief Haag for his work and for filling in during this hiring time.

**STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION-** Alderperson Lynn will have an Ordinance Committee Meeting to put together the changes for the ducks/chicken ordinance and the Zoning/Code Enforcement officer when she able to include the newly hired chief.

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

**Maintenance Manager Jason** – the rail road hydrant removal is on hold as they are now wanting on a quote to tap into the line to have a water in the new building. Jason then asked the council for guidance on the pile of yard waste at the franklin house. Attorney Ed shared that he sent her a letter that she had two weeks to clean up her yard or to make contact with him. She has until the 11<sup>th</sup> so, the council advised Jason to do nothing until then and discuss it at the next meeting. Lastly, Darin shared with Jason that the city will need to hold a public hearing for the Lead Service Lines Replacement Project. The council decided it will be at 6pm on November 1, 2023 at City Hall and to expect getting questions on meters at this hearing. **Chief Haag** - suggested the city work on a plan/budget to start tearing down the abandoned houses in town that are in bad shape and he has a listed started. He explained that this process is not a money maker for the city but there is a grant available to help. Next, he shared that he issues a couple of building permits and he made a reservation for January at police academy if the city should decide to hire a new officer. **Attorney Ed Mitchell** – shared there is a garbage company, Midwest Disposal, that seem to be very interested in this area so Lanark should keep them in mind when our contract is up in 2025. **Clerk Marilyn** – sent out 14 shut off letters this month but 2 already have a payment plan set up. There is only 1 lead survey left to be done. Next, the treasurer Jodi sent a message that the audit is done and is hoping Dan Rowe can attend the meeting in November to go over it. Jodi also sent out the information to IMRF to get a cost analysis done and it should take 6 to 8 weeks to get back. **Alderperson Haley** – OSD has a lot of activates coming up as well as Straddle Creek Gardens. **Alderperson Brad** – Will not able to attend the next meeting on Oct. 17. **Mayor Mark** – sat in on Shannon’s meeting and shared the list they sent of what they are thinking for police sharing. The council discussed needing to include the new chief in any further discussion on this and that right now the concern is building up Lanark’s department. Next, Mark shared a resident’s concern for the Burkholder property on Pearl. Roger and the council had agreed they would remove the standing wall and square up the house. They have not followed through and it is believed they have a building permit and they have now dumped 3 loads of dirt on the property. To be discussed further after confirmation of building permit.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, REAL ESTATE-MOTION-**was made by Alderperson Kevin Barnes and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to convene in Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. in order to discuss employment. Motion carried by 6 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Kevin Barnes, Brad Knutti, Ed Stern, Haley Grim, Lynn Collins and Mark Macomber.

**ADJOURNMENT-MOTION**-was made by Alderperson Kevin Barnes and seconded by Alderperson Brad Knutti to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried by 6 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk