STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF CARROLL
CITY OF LANARK

July 7, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-Lanark City Council met in regular session at the Lanark City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Roll call taken by Marilyn Heller, City Clerk, showed Alderpersons present were Alisha Metz, Jim Plock, Mark Macomber, and Brad Knutti. Alderpersons Ethan Lartz and Justin Rausch were absent.
Mayor Jeri Rogan was present and presiding.
Others present were: Darin Stykel with Fehr Graham, Attorney Ed Mitchell, Maintenance Manager Jason Alvarado, Treasurer Deb Throop, Clerk Marilyn Heller, and Chief Troy Randall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Alderperson Brad Knutti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Jim Plock to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting as presented. Motion carried by 4 aye votes and 1 abstain. Aye votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti, Jim Plock, Mark Macomber, and Mayor Jeri Rogan. Alderperson Alisha Metz abstained. Alderpersons Ethan Lartz and Justin Rausch were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

Alderperson Justin Rausch present at 7:03pm.

Fiber Internet – Possible Action – The council reviewed the memorandum of understanding with SURF after the company agreed to all of the City's requested terms, including providing fiber service to the cemetery office, honoring the initial "price lock for life" offer for residents who sign up during the introductory period, and providing free service to eligible City facilities. Mayor Jeri noted that negotiations were successful and that SURF addressed the City's concerns after discussions reached company leadership. SURF's anticipated construction timeline of approximately two months beginning later this year. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Mark Macomber and seconded by Alderperson Justin Rausch to proceed with lifting the hold on the SURF Internet permits and signing the memorandum of understanding between SURF Air Wireless LLC and the City of Lanark. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Mark Macomber, Brad Knutti, Justin Rausch, Alisha Metz and Jim Plock. Alderperson Ethan Lartz was absent.

Bid Approvals for Broad St Parking Lot and Clairmont Chip & Seal/ Curb and Gutter Projects – Possible Action- The council discussed the 2026 Chip and Seal project, including the cause of pavement bleed-through on previous road projects and the use of a new polymer-based oil and fog seal to improve durability and reduce future bleeding. Darin Stykel with Fehr Graham reviewed the streets included in the project, noted that Helm Contracting submitted the only bid, and explained that the bid was very close to the engineer's estimate**. A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to award the 2026 Chip Seal Project to Helm Contracting in the amount of $54,500. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Justin Rausch, Alisha Metz and Jim Plock. Alderperson Ethan Lartz was absent.

The council reviewed bids for the Downtown Parking Lot Improvement Project, which includes reconstructing the parking lot, improving sidewalks, installing a new electrical pole, adding benches, bike racks, lighting, and reconfiguring traffic flow to maximize parking while improving access. Darin Stykel noted that M2 Service Company submitted the lowest bid at $143,281, significantly below the other three bidders, and reported receiving positive references from previous clients, including Eastland School, concluding the company was well-qualified to complete the work. A **Motion** was made by Alderperson Mark Macomber and seconded by Alderperson Justin Rausch to award the downtown parking lot improvement project to M2 Service Company in the amount of $143,281. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Mark Macomber, Justin Rausch, Jim Plock, Alisha Metz and Brad Knutti. Alderperson Ethan Lartz was absent.

The council reviewed bids for the Park Improvement Project, which includes new off-street parking and drainage improvements near the park. Darin recommended awarding both the base bid and alternate to M2 Service Company, citing the company's competitive pricing, positive references, and the advantages of having one contractor complete multiple city projects. Darin also noted that the park improvements would be completed before the chip seal project to better coordinate construction activities. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Mark Macomber to award both the base bid (Package A for $75,749.84) and alternate (Package B for $55,228.33) park improvement project to M2 Service Company for a combined total of $130,978.17. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti, Mark Macomber, Justin Rausch, Jim Plock, and Alisha Metz. Alderperson Ethan Lartz was absent.

Sand Filter Development Project – Possible Action the wastewater treatment plant's sand filters, which date back to 1984 and are showing signs of deterioration, including a concrete wall that has gradually shifted outward. Staff explained that completing the engineering design now would allow the city to better estimate construction costs, prepare for future budgeting, and have plans ready should emergency repairs become necessary. The engineer noted that the project will require specialized materials, Illinois EPA permitting, and may position the city to compete for future grant funding, particularly through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The council unanimously approved **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Alisha Metz to retain Fehr Graham for design and construction engineering services for the sand filter replacement project in the amount of

$30,850. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti, Alisha Metz, Justin Rausch, Jim Plock, and Mark Macomber. Alderperson Ethan Lartz was absent.

CIP Development Street Plan – Possible Action - The council discussed developing a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and street plan with assistance from Fehr Graham. The plan would include evaluating current infrastructure, mapping utilities, reviewing street conditions, and creating realistic short-term and long-term priorities for projects. Council discussed the importance of creating a practical three-year, five-year, and ten-year roadmap focused on achievable infrastructure improvements rather than previous plans that included projects beyond the City's financial ability. The discussion also included potential future use of a one percent sales tax, with emphasis on establishing safeguards through an ordinance to ensure funds are dedicated specifically to streets, sidewalks, curbs, and other qualifying infrastructure projects. Darin noted that having a formal plan and dedicated funding source would improve public communication, provide consistency through future council changes, and strengthen grant opportunities. **A Motion** was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Jim Plock to proceed with Fehr Graham's CIP development and street planning services in the amount of $30,000. Motion carried by 5 aye votes. Aye votes: Alderpersons Brad Knutti, Jim Plock, Alisha Metz, Justin Rausch, and Mark Macomber. Alderperson Ethan Lartz was absent.

Mayor Jeri reported that discussions with Attorney Szeto are continuing regarding ongoing surety issues involving Law Excavating and the previous project. The city is currently reviewing the second response and feeling confident about the progress and information exchanged. Another update regarding the ongoing restoration work, Darin explained that the city has requested the project be completed at the current cost as part of the claim process and is awaiting further direction regarding reimbursement. O'Brien Civil Works has completed its restoration work, but staff are reviewing remaining areas for weeds and other concerns before approving the final payout application. The council also discussed drainage tube concerns on Franklin Street and clarified that those repairs are part of the restoration claim.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS-POSSIBLE ACTION- Streets and Property – Public Relations/ Communication/ Parks and Rec. – Alderperson Alisha reported that OSD was well attended and received positive feedback from the community. Maintenance reviewed the park playground layout and determined the new equipment needs to be shifted approximately two feet to provide adequate space. An update on the city's website is ongoing, including plans to crop staff photos, and the committee also received information about a ComEd holiday lighting grant of up to $2,500, which could help expand holiday decorations, particularly around the City Hall tree and Heritage Center. **Water and Sewer –** Alderperson Brad discussed the growing number of repeat customers using utility payment plans and agreed to meet before the next council meeting to review the issue and consider possible policy changes to address recurring delinquent accounts. **Personnel -** Alderperson Justin shared that the final requested pricing for weekly garbage and recycling collection has been received and will be incorporated into the bid documents. The revised bid package replaces Option C with weekly garbage and recycling service and will be distributed for review.

REPORTS-EMPLOYEES, ZONING/CODE OFFICER, ATTORNEY, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS AND MAYOR- Attorney Ed Mitchell - reported that the annual tax levy process is on schedule and recommended moving the levy approval to the August meeting since it is not due until December. He also provided an update on an ongoing barking dog ordinance case, noting that the defendant has requested body camera footage through the court process, with a motion hearing and trial forthcoming. **Chief Troy Randall** - provided on Officer Zach, who has a medical appointment this week to determine whether surgery will be necessary, and he is hopeful for a positive recovery. The Police Department also reported that Old Settlers Days concluded without any significant incidents or fireworks complaints, work continues on implementing the new e-ticketing system with weekly meetings, and the equipment has been received. The new squad vehicle has also been ordered. **Maintenance Manager Jason Alvarado**- reported that a contractor will inspect the Heritage Center's door locks and key system, and new keys have been obtained for the well house. Crews are also completing asphalt patching and edge repairs on Claremont and surrounding streets in preparation for the upcoming chip seal project, with additional repairs planned for roadway dips. Overall, the projects are progressing well with few public complaints, though some property owners will require additional notifications. **City Clerk Marilyn Heller** – reminded the council on the upcoming Illinois Municipal League (IML) Conference, noting that conference sessions are now available online for review. Members were asked to confirm who plans to attend so hotel rooms can be reserved together as soon as possible to ensure availability.

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION-was made by Alderperson Brad Knutti and seconded by Alderperson Jim Plock to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried by 5 voiced aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Heller, City Clerk