

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Monday, February 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

Excused Absence: Mayor Grove, Alderman Herndon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2017 are approved and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to appoint Alderman Tom Ptak as Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Grove.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

RECOGNITIONS

IHSA 2017 Boys Bowling State Champion and La Salle resident, Nathan Stubler, was presented with an engraved glass bowling pin trophy by Alderman Mark Schneider on behalf of the City of La Salle. City Engineer Brian Brown explained that Nathan had a 259.7 average over the 12 games he bowled in the State Championship. He has set both National and State records, beating the old State record by 105 pins. Nathan has been named three times as the News Tribune Boys Bowler of the Year and was also the State Champion bowler in 8th Grade. Nathan has signed a letter of intent to attend St. Ambrose in the fall. Mr. Brown stated that IDOT has already put up signs at the entrances to the City recognizing Nathan's achievement. City Engineer Brown recognized Nate's parents Bob and Sindee Stubler and ended by saying that Nate is a wonderful young man with a bright future. Nathan was given a round of applause. Nathan thanked the council for the support he has received. He stated it was an honor to be recognized and he is happy that he made the City proud.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 818 6th Street to retire gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of AT&T to break ground on the west side of Hennepin between Second and Third Streets to dig a 4'x4' pit and core into MH29. Bore from MH29 and place approximately 176' of 1 1/4" IPP to existing pole located on south side of alley. Also rod and rope existing conduit/IPP from C.O. vault to MH 29. Each and every alderman has a copy

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request of Special Olympics of Illinois, Rudy's Liquor, La Salle Peru Township High School Winter Guard, Illinois Licensed Beverage Association and La Salle Rotary Club for 2017 Raffle Licenses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to grant the request of Mike Bird Construction for a Sign Permit to place a temporary sign at 459 First Street for one year pending that he completes the required permit application within one week. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Designs and Signs to install a 32 square foot single faced, illuminated, wall sign at Edward Jones located at 425 First Street. Each and every alderman has a copy

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: Alderman Duncan

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Girl Scout Troop #1804 to sell cookies at Casey's on March 4-5, 2017.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Duncan questioned why the City has to grant permission for groups to sell on private property. Attorney McPhedran stated that we will take a look at our Ordinances to see if there is anything concerning this matter. This issue will be added to a future agenda.

A straw vote was taken to grant the request of Girl Scout Troop #1486 to sell cookies at Illinois Valley Food and Deli on March 4-5, 2017. All alderman were in favor.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of Ray Aubry on behalf of the Utica Knights of Columbus to hold their annual "Hunger Blitz" at Save-A-Lot and Illinois Valley Food Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018 with a snow date of February 10, 2018 to benefit the Illinois Valley Food Pantry. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of Don Baldin on behalf of the La Salle Peru Youth Football League to hold a Tag Day collection on May 6, 2017 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at IV Food Center and Casey's adhering to all established guidelines. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and make a \$250 donation to the Better Fishing Association for the annual kids fishing events being held on May 17, 2017 at Baker Lake and on June 17, 2017 on the I&M Canal by Lock 14.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: Alderman Lavieri

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request of Tracie Mazzorana for a monetary donation to the 32nd Annual Teen Showcase being held at IVCC on Thursday, March 30, 2017. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for January 2017 showing total fees collected of \$1,143.50. with total value of construction of \$222,000. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report showing total fees collected of \$6,566.92. Each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and deny the request of Jane Ousec, resident of 1111 N. Gooding for "No Parking Here to Corner" south of her driveway to 11th Street.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to confirm action taken on Straw Poll vote regarding a request from Girl Scout Troop #1668 to sell cookies at IV Food Center on February 25, 2017.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to confirm action taken on Straw Poll vote regarding a request for a Sign Permit to install a 72" x 29" non-illuminated wall sign at 757 First Street for Ariva Skin Care and Day Spa. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes with Alderman Duncan abstaining. Motion carried.

Alderman Lavieri explained that the Finance Committee voted and determined that the City does not have enough in the discretionary budget to make a donation at this time.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deny the request of the City of Ottawa for an annual donation to offset costs of the North Central Area Transit (NCAT). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize and place on file Change Order No. 3 from JB Contracting Corporation for the La Salle WWTP Blower and Diffuser Replacement Project totaling \$22,128 for the cleaning and offsite disposal of grit, sludge and liquid from aeration tanks and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Alderman Bacidore referenced a recent Chicago Tribune article that reviewed a situation in Illinois where EB5 funding by Chinese investors was misused by the recipients. Alderman Bacidore questioned if stories like this will this make it more difficult for Peter Limberger to secure this same type of funding from Chinese investors for the Kaskaskia project. Alderman Bacidore stated that the council was to hear an update from Mr. Limberger upon his return from China, but at this point have not. Mayor Pro-Tem Ptak stated that hopefully this was an isolated case. Attorney McPhedran agreed with the Mayor Pro-Tem and stated that this concern could be mentioned to Mr. Limberger next time we meet with him.

Alderman Bacidore brought forth concerns about the possible demolition of the Vendome. Based on information Alderman Bacidore sought on his own and based on conversations he had individually with a local contractor, he was told demolition could be in the range of \$400,000. He questioned if this is a wise use of City funds to gain 25 parking spaces when there are many dilapidated properties in the City that should be demolished instead. Mayor Pro-Tem Ptak stated that if the Vendome were to fall down, it would end up costing the City much more. Brief discussion followed.

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy clarified that the Mayor asked him after the last meeting to seek input, not bids or proposals, from various contractors as to what would be involved with the demolition of this building. Attorney McPhedran stated that the Mayor was very clear that there are other properties within the City that need to be considered as well and those properties would be taken into consideration when deciding the best use of funds for demolition. Mayor Pro-Tem Ptak stated that we are not close to making a decision on this issue. Alderman Duncan requested that Building Inspector Covert provide a list of problem properties, both residential and commercial that are in need of demolition.

NEW BUSINESS

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to refer the request to install north/south stop signs at 4th and Wrights Streets to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will meet on Monday, March 13, 2017 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.

City Engineer Brown added that the City will be installing School Zone signs in this area, so hopefully this will slow people down as well.

Alderman Demes stated that he asked for the issue regarding unsolicited advertising materials to be added to the agenda after he noticed Spring Valley recently passed an ordinance concerning this matter. Alderman Demes stated his main concern is newspapers in colored plastic bags being left in yards many times without being cleaned up. He believes this is an issue throughout the City. Attorney McPhedran stated the Spring Valley's ordinance was a helpful model but mainly focuses on the littering aspect. He added that in conferring with the Mayor and Aldermen individually about this issue, there seems to also be a separate concern about who is doing the delivering and dropping off of unsolicited advertising material. Attorney McPhedran asked for input and guidance from the aldermen if they would like his office to move forward with drafting an ordinance which would address not only the littering aspect but also establish type of registration or permitting for those distributing advertising materials. This permitting would not necessarily apply to local newspaper delivery, but would allow the City a method to know who and what is being distributed in our neighborhoods. He explained that the City Clerk has been approached recently by several entities wanting to distribute commercial advertising materials at residences. He does not believe our current Peddler/Solicitor ordinance specifically addresses these type of requests. Attorney McPhedran stated that the City cannot restrict the delivery of political or religious materials, but commercial advertising can be regulated. Alderman Demes stated he would like to look into this further. Alderman Duncan stated that if we can't police this, there is no sense passing an ordinance. A representative of the News Tribune explained that the News Shopper is a paper delivered to residents who are not subscribers of the News Tribune. There is a phone number provided with the paper that residents can call to discontinue the delivery.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Proposed Scope of Work and to proceed with SCADA implementation from Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. and Primex totaling \$572,145. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

COMMENTS

Chad Gilbreath, who is opening a new Edward Jones Financial office in La Salle, introduced himself to the council. He stated that he and his fiancée have relocated to La Salle and appreciate the warm welcome they have received. He expressed his gratitude to the council for approving a Solicitor's License for him and other approvals that have allowed him to open his business downtown La Salle. He also thanked Jeff Bumgarner for his assistance with a recent water leak issue he had at his residence. He

extended an invitation to the alderman and staff to meet with him for a cup of coffee to get to know him better and added that he is was excited to work together in the future.

Alderman Schneider reminded the public that the St. Patrick's Day parade will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Line up will begin at noon at the parking lot at Second and Wright Streets with the parade beginning at 1 p.m. Dan Burke is the contact for the event.

Alderman Demes stated that 50/50 tickets will be sold the day at the Irish Fun Day.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that bills submitted totaling \$245,607.56 (Total Payroll \$152,735.13, Bills to be Paid \$85,841.89, Total Bills Paid \$7,03.54) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 8:02 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk