

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 19, 2017**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove presiding and with proper notice being duly and continuously posted.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence: None

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2017 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request for a monetary donation to the Horizon House's Road to Independence Campaign in order to remain consistent with current giving practices. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

It was decided that the 15 Minute Parking sign at 105 Marquette Street could be removed because an ordinance backing the sign could not be found nor any council action approving the sign originally.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to refer the request for stop signs at Second and Marquette Streets, eastbound and westbound to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore stated that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. on July 10, 2017.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for May 2017 showing total fees collected of \$1,815 and total value of construction of \$340,364. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for May 2017 showing total fees collected of \$6,578.94. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept and place on file the resignation of Chris Lushina from the Park Board and appoint Mike Smudzinski to the Park Board to complete the term of Mr. Lushina.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for March 2017 of \$83,608.94 and referendum approved sales tax of \$35,802.06 for a total of \$119,411. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and grant the request of the Knights of Columbus to designate a handicapped parking space in the easternmost stall at Second and Marquette Streets on the south side of premises located at 209 Gooding Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #1 to Universal Asphalt and Excavating, Inc. for the 2017 MFT Road Improvement Program totaling \$254,371.87. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Mayor Grove reviewed the status of the sidewalk repair at 613 First Street. Mayor Grove and City Engineer Brown will meet with the contractor who did the repair to address some concerns with the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Brief discussion took place concerning the consideration of retaining an Architectural Historian to facilitate the process of applying for a historic downtown designation. The Mayor explained that obtaining this designation would provide tax credits for businesses choosing to renovate buildings and provide an incentive for new businesses. Business owners can voluntarily participate but it is not mandatory. The cost to retain the historian will be \$10,000. Alderman Bacidore expressed concern as to what the \$10,000 will get the City. Mayor explained that this is a one time fee and if the historic district is granted, the designation will remain always. Alderman Ptak explained that this is another tool to enhance the downtown. Leah Inman of the LBA and Nathan Watson, general manager for CL Enterprises (Kaskaskia Hotel) were present to show support for the council moving forward with the retention of Jean Guarino to begin the process.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan to move forward with the retention of an Architectural Historian regarding Potential Establishment of a downtown historic district.

ROLL CALL: AYE Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Bacidore expressed concerns about the recent increase in admission price to the pool from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Mayor Grove stated that the increased fee is still very reasonable, and residents have the option to purchase a Family Pass which decreases the price to \$2.00. Mayor stated that we have to raise

prices, because expenses have increased. The pool is not a money maker for the City. Alderman Bacidore stated that he feels there are some people who cannot afford to send their children and believes children under 10 should receive a reduced fee. Mayor stated that all the Park and Recreation Programs are free this year which is the first time we have done that.

Mayor Grove recognized the Ax Church for the projects done throughout the City during their annual Hope Week. The group painted planters, park signs and repainted the tennis court fences. Mayor expressed his appreciation for being a great partner to the City. Mayor also thanked the Fire and Police Departments, Better Fishing Association and the IDNR for their time and efforts at the recent Fishing Rodeo. Alderman Lavieri reported there were 189 participants. Lastly Mayor Grove announced that Celebrate La Salle will take place from June 22-June 25. He thanked all who help make this event happen as well as recognized the cooperation received from downtown businesses. Mayor thanked Chief Uranich for the Police Department's assistance with a recent Corpus Christi procession held by the Catholic Parishes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Demes to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2690**: An ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Police Squad Cars and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2690: Authorizing Acquisition of Police Squad Cars and related matters

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to pass and place on file Ordinance 2691: An ordinance amending Ordinance Entitled: La Salle City Code to Establish an Administrative Adjudication System (Ordinance #2685) Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2691: amending Ordinance Entitled: La Salle City Code to Establish an Administrative Adjudication System (Ordinance #2685)

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file Ordinance 2692: An ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement regarding potential development of La Salle Downtown Historic District and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2692: authorizing a Professional Services Agreement Regarding Potential Development of La Salle Downtown Historic District and related matters.

COMMENTS

La Salle County Board Member Mike Kasap commended the council on their consideration of developing a Historic District. He also added that University of Illinois Dean Kidwell recently spoke at IVCC and indicated that funding and plans are moving forward to move into the building on Tonti and Hennepin streets to establish a community kitchen in conjunction with the Illinois Valley Food Pantry. Lastly, Mike Kasap stated that the Arts and Music festival doubled in attendance. Mayor thanked all involved in the planning and execution of the event.

Alderman Herndon wanted the public to reiterate that residents' increases being noticed on their property tax bills are a result of the referendum passed for the LP renovations. The increase is not a result of a City increase.

7:33 p.m. Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to exit regular session and enter into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: Collective bargaining and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and the employment, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c) 1-3,5,6, and 11 thereof.

ROLL CALL: AYE Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

8:42 p.m. Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Ptak to exit Executive Session and resume regular session.

ROLL CALL: AYE Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon that bills submitted totaling \$358,811.99 (Total Payroll \$177,975.60, Bills to be Paid \$159,471.09, Total Bills Paid \$21,365.30) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 8:43 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk