

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
July 10, 2017**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, July 10, 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, Schneider

Excused Late Arrival: Alderman Herndon, Attorney McPhedran

Absent: City Clerk Carrie Brown

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 19, 2017 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground on Chartres Street from the south side of the railroad tracks at First Street to south Canal Street and east and west to Buckman's and QLF and at 210 Marquette Street to relocate gas meter from the east to the north side of building. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Servant's Heart Outreach Ministries to block off 8th Street between La Harpe and Crosat Streets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for their 5th Annual Back to School Block Party being held on Sunday, August 6, 2017. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Herndon arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of St. Hyacinth's Bazaar Committee to block off 11th Street between Hennepin and Tonti Streets between 5 p.m. and midnight on Saturday, August 5, 2017 for safety reasons. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to grant the request of the St. Hyacinth's Bazaar Committee for a 2017 Raffle License. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove questioned if we have granted permission in the past to any other organizations outside of La Salle to conduct collections. He asked Chief Bacidore if he had an issue with the Tonica Fire Department collecting in La Salle. Chief Bacidore did not have a problem with it as long as the group clearly identifies and makes known that they are the Tonica Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Mary Beth Beenenga on behalf of the Tonica Fire Department to hold a Tag Day collection at Illinois Valley Food and Deli on August 5 and 19, 2017. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Marla Repsel on behalf of Koncz's Bar and Club 55 to block off a portion of First Street to host a block party on Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 2-5 p.m. leaving a 20ft access for emergency vehicle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and Alderman Schneider to appoint Chad Gilbreth to the Planning Commission until 2017.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Appointments: Chad Gilbreth to Planning Commission to 2020

BIDS

Mayor Grove reviewed the sidewalks selected for the 2017 program. As part of the program, for reasons of connectivity and safety he added Country Aire subdivision. He stated that moving forward, any new homeowner in the subdivision will be asked to put sidewalk in at their expense, but the City is installing sidewalks at this time to correct issues that were not addressed at the time the subdivision was owned and developed by the Ators. The total cost of the sidewalks included in the program for Country Aire is approximately \$27,700 however City Engineer Brown stated that could be approximately \$5,000 less. This project will be paid through TIF funds. Alderman Bacidore stated that when the residents saw the contractor's equipment in the area, they contacted him and expressed to him that they do not want the sidewalks. One resident was okay with the sidewalk installation if it was not at a cost to the homeowners. Alderman Bacidore questioned why the City is spending the money for sidewalks when the residents don't want them. Mayor Grove explained that we are not only looking at the residents living there now, but looking to the future as well. The project would finish off areas that have no sidewalk creating safe access for children walking to bus pick up areas. In addition it provides a level of consistency throughout the subdivision. City Engineer Brown stated that he has reviewed all old documents in his files and restrictive covenants and could not find any variances granted to the subdivision developers concerning sidewalks. The Mayor stated that if the aldermen felt strongly about this, the project could be removed from the 2017 program. Mayor Grove then polled each aldermen. Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Herndon and Schneider preferred the project is removed from the program. Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds and Duncan preferred the project remains part of this year's sidewalk program. Alderman Lavieri abstained, leaving four aldermen in favor of removing the project from the program and three in favor of keeping the project in the program. City Engineer Brown indicated that he could possibly replace the work with other sidewalk projects if the council chooses to remove County Aire from the current program. The Mayor then asked for a formal motion.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Ptak to award the low bid to Universal Asphalt and Excavating, Inc. as amended. 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

Bids: Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. \$126,524

Cruz Concrete \$147,653

Gensini Construction \$185,864

Rippel Concrete \$249,243.70

COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Clerk Ketter read a letter from the City of Oglesby.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file a thank you letter from the City of Oglesby. 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 deny the request for stop signs at Second and Marquette Streets, eastbound and westbound.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Grove explained that many times when Chief Bacidore and Chief Uranich attend training, they bring new ideas and tools back to the City. In one recent training, Chief Bacidore learned the importance of having a Disaster Recovery Foundation established as a 501 c 3 with its own tax ID number so in a disaster situation people can make tax deductible contributions. The City now has this set up with an appointed board that has the authority to distribute funds. Mayor Grove thanked Chief Bacidore for seeing this process through to completion. A brief discussion followed as to how the City of La Salle would monitor contractors who come to the City to do work in the event of a disaster. It was concluded that the City has licensing policies for contractors in place that would need to be adhered to.

Mayor thanked all who helped make Celebrate La Salle a success. He thanked LPAC, the Public Works Department, Police and Fire Departments, the Council and all volunteers for their time and efforts. Mayor Grove also recognized Illinois Valley Community Hospital for being a major stage sponsor. He recognized Alderman Demes and his volunteers who helped make the 50/50 a success. This year a total of \$14,117 was raised with \$7,058.50 going to the winner, Jason Judd.

Alderman Bacidore asked for an update in regard to installing a security camera at the city burn pile. Superintendent Jeff Bumgarner stated that we are still looking at a cost effective way to make this happen, but stated that he has noticed much less being dropped off recently and credits the police department for this. He added that new signage is being made for the area.

Alderman Bacidore inquired about the mowing of the retention pond in Country Aire subdivision. Mayor Grove stated that this is City owned property, so the City will mow it.

Attorney McPhedran entered the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bacidore expressed concern about residents leaving trash cans out for extended periods of time. It was determined that we do have ordinances addressing this issue which requires garbage is not put out on the curb until 5 p.m. prior to the day of pick-up but not later than 6 a.m. In addition, cans must be removed by the end of the pick-up day. The aldermen agreed that they would like to start enforcing this ordinance. Mayor Grove stated that complaints will need to be made to the Police Department.

Alderman Bacidore stated that he received a request for a stop sign northbound on La Fayette Street at 5th Street. He referred the request to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee on July 17, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

Alderman Duncan brought forth a request from the St. Hyacinth's Spanish Bazaar Committee to block of 11th Street from Hennepin to Tonti on Saturday, July 15th from 4-9 p.m. A straw vote was taken and all aldermen were in favor of granting the request.

Mayor Grove thanked Beth Ketter for filling in for Clerk Brown.

Economic Development Director Katherine Toraason reminded the Aldermen to review the update emailed to each of them concerning possible RIP Grants. She indicated they may need council approval at an upcoming meeting.

City Engineer Brown stated that he is working with DCEO in recertifying the City's Low to Moderate Income Surveys in order to prepare for an upcoming grant opportunity. The grant could potentially be used toward a storm sewer separation project that would assist the city in meeting its long term control plan goals. He indicated that once the survey is back he may have agenda items, including a possible Public Hearing in the upcoming months.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2693**: An ordinance Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle. 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 2693: Further
Regulating Parking within the
City of La Salle. (handicapped
parking stall at 209 Gooding,
Knights of Columbus)**

COMMENTS

Mayor Grove stated that he received a request from the Church of God located at 159 Gooding requesting that the handicapped parking space currently located at the south end of the block on the west side be relocated closer to the church. The request will be added to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee agenda for July 17, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

7:49 p.m. Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan 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

9:43 p.m. Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri 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 Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$874,259.27 (Total Payroll \$182,767.38, Bills to be Paid \$296,149.28, Total Bills Paid \$395, 342.61 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 9:45 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk
by Deputy Clerk Beth Ketter