

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC HEARING
July 17, 2017**

A regular meeting and Public Hearing of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove presiding and with proper notice being duly and continuously posted for both the meeting and the Public Hearing.

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, July 10, 2017 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Brown read the purpose of the Public Hearing which was to receive comments concerning the proposed Appropriation Ordinance and matters related thereto.

7:01 p.m. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to open the Public Hearing concerning the proposed Appropriation Ordinance and matters related thereto. 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

COMMENTS

Mayor Grove asked if there were any questions or comments and there were no comments from the public.

7:03 p.m. Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to close the public hearing.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

PETITIONS

Petitioner Kim Filipiak was present as well as her neighbor Steven Boyce who resides at 940 Bucklin. Mr. Boyce stated that he did not have an issue with the fence variance. Mrs. Filipiak stated that she would like the height variance for privacy purposes.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Jeff and Kim Filipiak for a variance to the Fence Ordinance (#2554) from 6ft. to 10 ft. (6ft. privacy fence on top of a 4ft. high deck) for premises at 416 9th Place. 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

Petitioner Kim Filipiak explained that because the lot is 50' wide by 70' deep, they have to take advantage of every inch of yard and have continually worked to make improvements to their property. She indicated that the fence and upper deck are located on their property line. City Engineer Brown stated that there is also decking material on the lower portion of their property in addition to the upper deck. He stated that he considers the deck on the ground similar to a patio, so in his opinion the side yard variance would apply only to the upper deck which is currently on the property line. The zoning ordinance requires a setback of 3'.

Mr. Boyce who resides to the west of the Filipiaks, stated that he plans to put up a privacy fence and wants to be able to maintain the fence therefore feels the 3 ft. setback would allow him access to maintain the fence. It was noted that his property has already been surveyed. Both owners were told that they have the right to put a fence on the property line, therefore if they both choose to do so, maintaining the fences on the exterior will not be feasible. Kim Filipiak asked how far she can go into the front yard with a fence and what the height requirements are. Brian Brown stated that she would be able to go as far as the city ROW, but the fence can only be 2.5 feet high without a variance. Mayor Grove stated that he is aware the upper deck has already been built, but told Mrs. Filipiak that she needs the Zoning Board to review the variance request and make a recommendation to the council to make it official. He added, that if the variance is not granted, the height of the fence may need to be reduced.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to refer the request from Jeff and Kim Filipiak for a variance to the Zoning Ordinance for a reduction in the side yard setback from 3' to 0' for a deck attached to a fence that is located on the property line for premises at 416 9th Place to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to refer the request from Jim and Lynn Jakse for a side yard variance from 7 ft. to 6 ft. and a rear yard variance from 25 ft. to 11 ft. to construct a garage for premises located at 101 Edwards Avenue to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for June 2017 showing total fees collected of \$1,390.17 and total value of construction of \$115,645. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for May 2017 showing total cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$2,932,238.36 and in Hometown National Bank of \$5,105,945.76. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for June 2017 showing total cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$3,184,169.60 and in Hometown National Bank of \$5,157,472.12. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Mayor Grove informed the council that Officer Sam Hoster is resigning to accept a position in his hometown of Ottawa.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and Alderman Lavieri to accept resignation of Sam Hoster.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Mayor Grove stated we also have the resignation of Sergeant James Strand and wished him well in his endeavors.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and Alderman Lavieri to approve the resignation and release agreement between Sergeant Strand and the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

**Resignations: Officer
Sam Hoster
Sergeant James Strand**

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for March 2017 of \$76,881.54 and referendum approved sales tax of \$32,980.63 for a total of \$109,862.17. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and deny the request for a stop sign northbound on La Fayette Street at 5th Street.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request from the Church of God located at 159 Gooding Street that the handicapped parking space currently located at 139 Gooding Street is relocated closer to the church and related matters.

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

NAY: Alderman Lavieri Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-1

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to confirm the straw poll vote regarding the request of Esmeralda Cruz on behalf of the St. Hyacinth Spanish Bazaar committee to block off 11th Street from Tonti to Hennepin from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. on July 15, 2015.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove thanked Brian Brown and the Public Works Committee for their work on the sidewalk program and recognized the shoppers and businesses for their patience and cooperation.

Brian Brown said in the process of working on the sidewalks they found an old Fallout Shelter below First Street. Brief discussion followed.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2694**: An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018. 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

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**Illinois for the Fiscal Year
Beginning May 1, 2017 and
ending April 30, 2018**

COMMENTS

Brian Brown informed the council that part of the Long Term Control plan began with construction on Baker Avenue. He also updated the council on a grant for the Long Term Control plan that he is working on with NCICG. The date and match have been revised.

Attorney McPhedran added that in regard to the property at 646 Wright the City has gotten control of the through the legal process, the City will be publish for bids for demolition of 646 Wright. A notice will run in the paper, but we are moving quickly with the bid opening on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. So, any interested bidders should get the specs in order to bid on the project.

Mayor Grove reminded everyone of the Peek into La Salle, wine and art walk being held Friday, July 21. Tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. Mayor Grove also recognized the passing of long time La Salle resident and Rotary member.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

There were no bills presented at this meeting.

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

ADJOURNED 7:33 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk