

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
December 4, 2017**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, December 4, 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 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, November 20, 2017 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant the request of the St. Margaret's Foundation for a 2017 Raffle License. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of the La Salle Peru High School Band Parent Association and Beth Fesco for a 2018 Raffle License. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 217 9th Street to retire gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant the request from Tracy Haas on behalf of the La Salle Softball League for a Tag Day collection on April 27, 28 and 29, 2018 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at various La Salle businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Annual Treasurer's Report the City of La Salle for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2017. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report October 2017 showing total fees collected of \$1,500 with total value of construction of \$316,330. 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 deny the request of Laura Borowiec for signage to prevent parking near the driveway at 660 Bucklin located on the south side of Seventh Street between Bucklin and Wright Streets, as well as No Parking on the north side of Seventh Street between Bucklin and Wright Streets. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Grove extended his appreciation to City Staff, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments, Ax Church, Living Word Church of God, and the News Tribune for assisting with Miracle on First held on December 2. He also thanked Manuela Booker for decorating both the interior and exterior of City Hall. Mayor Grove added that pictures with Santa can be picked up at the News Tribune. Mayor also thanked Jeff Bumgarner and his team for their efforts with the annual Celebration of Lights. He stated that the drive thru display is now over one mile long. The aldermen also recognized Katherine Toraason and Lynda Kasik for the great job they did running Bingo during Miracle on First. Mayor also indicated that the recent Small Business Saturday was very successful with a great turn-out. He added that this weekend, December 9 and 10, will be the Christkindlmarket in the parking lot at Second and Marquette Streets from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mayor announced that Jim Carrico was the winner of the \$500 early bird draw of LPAC's 50/50.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept, post and place on file the 2018 Schedule of Regular Meetings of the City of La Salle and its Committees. 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 Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works to purchase lighting equipment from Crescent Electric in the amount of \$133,846 for the lights at the Rotary Park Baseball field and begin the bid process for the installation of said lights. 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

Alderman Schneider suggested that the council consider having discussion concerning changing the closing times of bars from 3 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday evenings. He stated that he believes other towns are considering making this same change. Attorney McPhedran stated that the council can discuss the issue tonight, but no final action can be taken. Attorney McPhedran suggested adding it to the next agenda, so the public has an opportunity to weigh in. Mayor Grove stated that in Police Union meetings some time ago, officers requested that

the extra hour was removed. Mayor said by making this change it would show support for our Police Department. Mayor also stated another option is to issue a separate license for extended hours, but an additional fee would be added. Alderman Duncan stated that if it is not in the public's interest to be open for an extra hour, then we should not make money off of it. Mayor stated that his opinion is it should be 2 a.m. across the board. Alderman Lavieri questioned how places like Flying J would be affected by this change and how it ties into video gaming. Alderman Ptak suggested that we should see if Peru would coordinate with us if we make this change. Brief discussion followed about serving underage patrons. Mayor Grove stated that he does not believe we have a large problem with this and with the police walk throughs that have been conducted, not much was produced.

Alderman Bacidore questioned Police Chief Uranich as to how much trouble occurs during that last hour. Chief responded that bad trouble happens in the last hour.

Alderman Ptak stated that if the Police requested this change, we should respond. Attorney McPhedran will review our ordinance to see if this change could be made now, or at renewal time which is May 1. The issue will be added to the next agenda for further consideration and potential action.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to pass and place on file

Ordinance 2710: an ordinance levying for 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

Ordinance 2710: levying for 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.

Finance Director Duncan explained that the principal of this bond is paid out of the General Fund, with the interest rebated from the IRS.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Demes to pass and place on file
Resolution 201716 Abating principal and interest on \$695,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds) of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2017. 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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Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2017.

Finance Director Duncan explained that the revenue source for this bond is the Motor Fuel Fund.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes to pass and place on file **Resolution No. 201717:** Abating principal and interest on \$1,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds Series 2012A of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2017. 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

Resolution 201717: Abating principal and interest on \$1,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds Series 2012A of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2017.

Finance Director Duncan explained that the revenue source for this bond is the Water Fund which was a 2.6 million dollar project from 2006 and we use water revenue from resident's water utility bills.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Resolution No. 201718:** Abating principal and interest on \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006, of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2017. 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

Resolution No. 201718: Abating principal and interest on \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006, of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2017.

Finance Director Duncan stated that revenue to pay this bond also comes from the sewer portion of resident's utility bills and comes from the Sewer Fund.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Resolution No. 201719:** Abating principal and interest on \$1,875,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B, of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2017. 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

Resolution No. 201719: Abating principal and interest on

**\$1,875,000 General Obligation
Bonds, Series 2010B, of the City
of La Salle, La Salle County,
Illinois for the tax levy year of
2017.**

Finance Director Duncan stated that the City has a combined tax levy increase of 3.66%. The non-bond side was a 4.9% increase and the bond side had a .2% increase, resulting in the 3.66% combined increase which is under the 5%. The EAV went up over 2 million dollars, so we expect a slight property tax decrease from the prior year. Mayor Grove thanked the council for its fiscal responsibility to our residents. Much of the increases on property taxes are helping with our pension liabilities that we have to make up for from the past. He thanked the staff for working hard to tighten budgets.

COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

7:39 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

8:41 p.m. Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds 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 \$1,187,007.68 (Total Payroll \$166,859.50, Bills to be Paid \$543,762.98, Total Bills Paid \$476,385.20) 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 8:42 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk