

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL**

**August 22, 2022**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. with proper notices being duly and continuously posted.**

Mayor Jeff Grove called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** - Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**Absent:** NONE

A quorum was present.

**Others Present:** Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Superintendent of Public Works Patrick Watson, Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski, City Attorney James McPhedran, City Engineer Brian Brown

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve, accept and place on file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held August 8, 2022. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS:**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at:

- 830 11<sup>th</sup> Street to replace a pole.
- 1601 Rockwell Road to replace a pole.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Lavieri thought that past practice if someone requested a streetlight in an alleyway, they were responsible for the power bill on it.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to send the request for a streetlight in the alley west of 1511 Creve Coeur to Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee two weeks from today following the Finance Meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to approve the request from Bradley Gruenwald of Grueny's Detailing and Powder Coating, for a special event permit to close 27<sup>th</sup> Street to Hennepin Street for a car show and open house with prizes.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve a request from the Perfectly Flawed Foundation to place “inspirational” yard signs on Bucklin Street and/or at Rotary Park for the nationwide “Turning the Town Purple” campaign.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded Alderman Thompson to approve and place on file the Treasurer’s Report for July 2022 showing total cash balances in LaSalle State Bank of \$12,614,396.69 and in Hometown National Bank of \$6,111,284.59. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for May 2022 of \$97,624.12 and Home Rules Sales Tax of \$85,299.90 for a total of \$182,924.02. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept the recommendation of the Police Chief and the Board of Fire and Police Commission to promote Brian Zebron to the position of Sergeant from the Sergeant’s Eligibility List.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

### **MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the appointment of Chief Mike Smudzinski to the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch board.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

### **MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Mayor thanked Leah Inman, Brent Bader, and John Duncan for their work put into finding the city’s next Economic Development Director. Mr. Bedei will finish the term to 2025.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the appointment of Curt Bedei to the role of LaSalle’s Economic Development Director.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Alderman Ptak asked for the discussion of a 2023 Ford F750 Dump Truck/Snow Plow to be put on the Finance Meeting agenda in two weeks, allowing time for Supt. Watson to accumulate another bid and some options for this piece of equipment.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the selection and approval of the quote for Veteran's Memorial Pool repairs, to replace the existing liner from Natare Corporation for \$222,922.74.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding extending iFiber connection to LaSalle Wastewater Treatment Plant, 200 River Road.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Clerk Bader asked for a straw vote from the Council members for the retirement for Sergeant Quinn.

All council members accepted this retirement and it will be placed on the agenda next council meeting for an official vote.

Deputy Clerk Bader asked for a straw vote from the Council Members for the hiring of Austin Bray. This is a recommendation from the Fire and Police Commission.

All council members agreed with this hiring and it will be placed on the agenda next council meeting for an official vote.

Bader also asked for a straw vote on a recommendation to pay Universal Asphalt and Excavating to pay \$22,900 on the 2022 Lagoon Modifications and this will coming out of the sewer funds.

All council members agreed with this hiring payment and it will be placed on the agenda next council meeting for an official vote.

Bader mentioned a letter from resident at 437 Crosat. This request just came in today in regards to a handicap sign in front of home. She does have an official placard.

Bader had all council members agree to recommend this item to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Bader mentioned that the regular protocol will still occur where letters sent out to residents in and around that address. This same resident, from 437 Crosat, to get a "Children at Play" signs in her alleyway.

Moved by Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to send the following two items to SAT committee two weeks from today:

- Resident at 437 Crosat requested a handicap sign in front of her home.
- Resident at 437 Crosat requested a "Children at Play" sign in her alleyway.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Herndon received two calls in regards to the contractors that did the roadwork on Crosat St. The phone calls mentioned the southbound lane, 8<sup>th</sup> and Crosat intersection, was not too good of work.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Reynolds provided each and every alderman with a copy of his update that he received from Mr. Watson from the 801-805 First Street. The city's structural engineer requested some additional changes from original plan that is holding up any additional progress. The city's structural engineer and their engineer are on the same page to continue this progress of the building.

Alderman Bacidore questioned who would be liable if something were to happen to the building and an injury occurred. Attorney McPhedran stated that it is the contractor and the owner's responsibility to keep the building safe. The city has been on notice in regards to some safety concerns and has been vigilant to address them. Attorney McPhedran believes that if the structural engineer feels that the structure is greatly impaired, the city will be put on notice and court action may occur. Attorney McPhedran mentioned that if the structural engineer recommended putting up a structure for safety than the city needs to make sure that they are taking pertinent measures to maintain safety.

Mayor Grove believes that the city is taking appropriate actions on their end to maintain the safety.

Attorney McPhedran began the discussion in regards to the solid waste service agreement. The city has sent out formal bids for solid waste services due to the complexity of the agreement. The request for proposal was to be advertised and also certain copies were sent. A great deal of information was received. The city felt it was best to go for requests for proposal with so many factors and aspects of it, such as general refuse, plus yard waste, plus recycling, plus large items. The city did receive responses to several potential contractors. There was a lot of input on pricing. Attorney McPhedran did mention that not everyone answered the entirety of questions asked.

Mayor Grove appreciates Bader and Duncan and Attorney McPhedran for going through the RFPs.

Alderman Ptak stated that all statements are used in considering responses submitted by other parties with regard to requests for proposals for solid waste services. The city did obtain a substantial amount of information and much information for documented aspects of the city's request for proposal. All requests do not appear to address all the matters that the city has requested; for example, and this list is not meant to be inclusive. All of them did not specially address and equally requested in regard to penalties, which was an important aspect. All of them did not specifically respond to a request for proposals in regards to 35, 65, 95-gallon pickups. Emergency cleanup was not mentioned in all of them. Additionally in discussion amongst ourselves attended the request for proposal was published was also discussed amongst ourselves, individually, one on one, that maybe it would be better for city to go in a different direction in regard to a matter to address yard waste pickup as opposed to curbside, considering the totality of the circumstances and factors involved.

Considering the totality of the circumstances, Alderman Ptak moved that the city find to be in the city's best interest of the citizens of LaSalle, in the best interest in general, that all of the request for proposals for potential prospective contracts will be rejected. Ptak also moved to request for proposals originally tendered on or before April 8, 2022 be rejected. Seconded by Alderman Reynolds.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Attorney McPhedran stated that after the request for proposal was sent out and after the city received this message indicated there were further discussions amongst potential prospective contractors in regard to get another input for example in regard to how we address yard waste and some other factors. At this point the council rejected only in the form intended for recognizing that separate purposes for audit process been served and that advertising was made to reach out to all prospective contractors so as everyone who would be reasonable would have been a chance to process. The council could go into a further bidding process or the council can alternatively and make a motion to go forward with the ordinance.

Attorney McPhedran continued to state that if the council goes in that direction, it will take, given that will would be a further bid process. It would take 2/3 vote of all aldermen sitting in order to pass such an ordinance. Each and every Alderman has a copy.

Mayor Grove stated that KFC demolition should be moving forward shortly. The Fencing is up. The lack of demolition sounds to be an issue with the insurance. The city did start the process for the 15-day notice. The city will follow through with an emergency tear down if need be and the city will put a lien against the property.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the ordinance related to entry to solid waste disposal agreement, ultimately, and city households and related

matters. Each and every alderman have a copy. Agreement goes to Lakeshore Recycling systems, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company licensed to do business and which ordinances also provide the most other things that the city council funding in the best interest of the city itself. In the best public interest in general the set ordinance and agreement approved and accepted.

Attorney McPhedran stated the the city will be waiving any need for any further formal bid process in addition to the extent for request of proposal set out and will need to have to 2/3 vote of the council to pass.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

**DISCUSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept and approve the ordinance confirming compliance commitment agreement with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Cannon Water Tower). Each and every alderman has a copy.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

**COMMENTS**

Alderman Bacidore asked if the \$180,000 dump truck bid could get one more bid. Supt. Watson stated that he will be putting in for 550s bid in comparison to the 1 tons.

Alderman Lavieri asked for an update on the Civic water tower. Watson state that it should be done in a month. The city originally had lead paint, so that prolonged the completion process.

Alderman Reynolds stated that 801 1<sup>st</sup> St delay was not necessarily on them, it was on the city's structural engineer and CL enterprises engineer working together to proceed. It still may get done in a week.

Alderman Crane stated that with the updates to 540 1<sup>st</sup> St. Is now allowing LaSalle to enter the wedding venue business.

There were no more comments from the public.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept, authorize, and place on file the bills from August 8, 2022. Total Submitted: \$1,257,746.72 (Total Payroll

\$223,698.19, Bills to be paid \$285,735.57, Total Bills Paid \$748,312.96). Each and every alderman has a copy.

**AYE:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAY:** None

**Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 7:03pm**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Amy" on the left and "Quinn" on the right, connected by a flourish.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk