

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar,  
Schroeder, Herndon

**ABSENT** Alderman Ptak

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the minutes of the last regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 7, 2010 are accepted with a correction on page 4 to show that the motion on Ordinance No. 2244 was seconded by Alderman Bacidore, not alderman Green and that the corrected minutes are placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar that Marci Duro, Executive Director of the Illinois Valley Chamber is allowed to address the council.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

Ms. Duro thanked the council for allowing her to talk and she explained some of what IVAC does for the communities they serve, including advertising, booths at trade shows, slide-show and site visits for visitors, providing speakers at IVAC breakfasts, etc. Ms. Duro said she thought IVAC is a very valuable asset to the entire community and region.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Scott Cavanaugh is allowed to address the council concerning a fence on 9<sup>th</sup> Place and additionally to request a variance to the Zoning Ordinance regulating construction of fences.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove said that Mr. Cavanaugh is a new resident and was unaware that he needed a permit to place a fence on his property. Our Building Inspector became aware of the fence and informed Mr. Cavanaugh of perimeters that need to adjusted regarding where the fence could be located, its height and zoning, etc. Attorney McPhedran said there is a 3½ foot requirement in our zoning ordinance in a residential area in connection with the

street intersection but there is a separate fence ordinance aside from the Zoning Ordinance that also deals specifically with corner lots amongst other things. Attorney McPhedran said Mr. Cavanaugh would probably need to pursue a combination of a variance to go as high as 4 feet and also there would be a concern of the independent fence ordinance that would have to be addressed by the council to waive the requirement on corner lots and also to grant a lease of a part of city right-of-way because the location of the fence would be on a part of city right-of-way. The first step would be to pursue a variance request to the Zoning Board. Mayor Grove said he wanted Mr. Cavanaugh to be aware of the \$200.00 fee for the ordinance granting a lease. The council would need to decide on waiver on the height and type of the fence in the independent fence ordinance, and also a lease of city real estate.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes, that the variance to the fence ordinance is approved for the property at 454 Ninth Place (corner of Ninth Place and Wright Street) subject to the Council eventually approving the lease of city right-of-way, and also subject to the variance being approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals, and eventually the Council as well.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the request for a variance to the Zoning Ordinance be referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a recommendation.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the request from the Crunching Cavs to have a tag day collection in the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> & Creve Coeur on Saturday, October 16, 2010 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon is approved with the stipulation that adults only are allowed to collect at intersections. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried. Engineer Furlan said that there should be construction at that intersection at that time, and it might limit the amount of the traffic. The Clerk will contact the group to let them know that they may need to collect at an alternate site.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that a request for a "Dead End/No Outlet" sign on Canaan Drive be referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Green that the request from Quality Liquid Feeds of LaSalle for an easement on a portion of Creve Coeur Street is accepted and the process is begun to grant the easement including any necessary publications. The property is south of Canal Street on Creve Coeur in the vicinity and adjacent to the present Quality Liquid Feed's operation.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the request from AmerenIP to break ground to repair a gas leak at 1520 Tonti Street is granted; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the request from the Starved Rock Runners Club to use the streets in LaSalle and for the Police Department to provide traffic control for its Canal Connection run on Sunday, November 7, 2010 beginning at 11:00 A.M. is granted. The race will begin at L-P High School and continue on the towpath and end in Utica. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that three children from Trinity United Church of Christ and chaperone Cheryl Kelish are allowed to go door-to-door to collect food items between the hours of 4-7 P.M. on September 28,29,30, 2010. The food collected will be donated to the local Food Pantry. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Treasurers' Report for August 2010 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$1,115,825.70 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$1,569,534.73 is accepted as read and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that the Police Income Report for August 2010 showing total fees collected of \$13,630.97 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing the motor fuel tax allotment for August 2010 of \$20,485.35 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Revenue reports showing sales tax for June 2010 of \$92,271.56 and referendum approved sales tax of \$40,476.81 for a total of \$132,748.37 are accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Alderman Green reported that the Finance Committee as well as other aldermen met to discuss the Waste collection contract. He said the committee would like to put the contract out for bid. The bid specs would contain the core of what we have now such as the services we get as far as pickup, recycling, lawn waste bags, calling and getting information to the city about who has put too much out, etc. He would like to have an "apples to apples" bid request. The new contract would state that if there is an increase

allowed because of high fuel costs, there should be something in it that stated there would be a decrease when fuel costs go down. The committee is requesting a 3-year bid. Specs be consistent with the present practice of operation and contain allowance in reference to fuel. Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Herndon to put our waste collection contract out for bid for a 3-year contract with the specifications to be consistent with our current contract and practices.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

Before his vote, Alderman Salazar inquired if there would be a starting point in reference to fuel adjustments. Alderman Schroeder said that probably it would be based on the cost of fuel at the time the contract is enacted and escalated costs would control any increase or decrease, subject to a month later or on a quarterly basis.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Schroeder said that in lieu of saving money by repairing existing equipment rather than purchasing new equipment plus looking at the fact that sales tax for this month is down almost \$15,000.00 is down for 2 years, he noted that the Mayor spent over \$2,000.00 in promotional expenses. Alderman Schroeder suggested that the Mayor consider a moratorium on advertising spending at this time other than for required legal advertising. Mayor Grove said he has been watching his advertising spending and he will continue to monitor his advertising spending. Alderman Schroeder asked the Mayor if he would consider a moratorium on advertising spending and the Mayor said no.

Alderman Salazar asked if the city could consider purchasing used vehicles rather than purchasing new vehicles. Alderman Demes said that was discussed at the previous meeting. Alderman Herndon said the city might consider a joint venture with other cities whereby they might use a fleet purchase – something like our police department does.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Green that the council considers discontinuing the shopper bus, and that the item is placed on the next meeting agenda for further discussion and possible action.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

Alderman Schroeder asked Economic Director Don Aleksy if North Central Illinois Council of Governments have the capabilities of writing the grant that Fehr-Graham is proposing and if they could write the grant at a reduced price. Mr. Aleksy said the grant proposal appearing on the agenda is a clean-up grant and the previous grants were assessment grants, and that NCICG had recommended Fehr-Graham because it is a specialized field, and NCICG couldn't do the grant writing for the price that Fehr-Graham

was charging. Mr. Aleksy said he thought we took the best option as far as pursuing the grant.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that authorization is given to retain Chapman & Cutler as Bond Counsel and First MidState as underwriters for General Obligation Bonds to fund East Side water, wastewater electrical and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinances regarding Vacant Buildings and Ordinance regarding St. Vincent signage were not acted upon.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that Resolution No. 201016: Resolution Authorizing The Entering Into Of Cost Reimbursement Subcontract Between North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) And The City of LaSalle is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

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Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ordinance No. 2245: An Ordinance Approving Agreement with Fehr-Graham and Associates (re: Asbestos removal at Matthiessen School) is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

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### **COMMENTS**

Trick or Treating in LaSalle will be Sunday, October 31 from 5-7 PM.

Alderman and city officials are invited to a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Jenny's Puppy Cuts on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at 3:00 P.M. on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mayor Grove thanked Alderman Green and his family and team for another successful car cruise held Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The weather didn't cooperate but it was a nice event. He also thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works

employees for all their help. Supt. McNeilly made a donation back to the group from the 50/50 drawing. Alderman Green said he will make donations to boys and girl's baseball and softball at the next council meeting.

City Clerk Kochanowski announced that petition materials for offices up for election on April 5, 2011 are available at her office. One alderman position in each of the four wards in the city is up for election. The first day to file the petitions is December 13, 2010.

Engineer Furlan said Bucklin Avenue project is about half way done.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the council adjourn regular session and go into Executive Session to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss possible acquisition of real estate and related matters.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the executive session is closed and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that bills submitted totaling \$1,381,443.21 (Payroll \$142,904.51; bills to be paid \$117,535.35; bills paid \$1,121,003.35) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Salazar and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**ADJOURNED 8:30 P. M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk