

**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, April 25, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Excused Absence:** Mayor Grove, Alderman Duncan

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to appoint Tom Ptak as Mayor Pro-Tem in the excused absence of Mayor Grove.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, April 11, 2016 are accepted and 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 Reynolds to begin the process regarding the petition for Annexation and Consideration of Potential Annexation Agreement including request for rezoning between the City of La Salle and Kildare LLC for a 17 Acre parcel located approximately 850 feet southwest of N. 29th Road along the east right of way line of Interstate 39, La Salle, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant the request of ARC Pyrotechnics, Inc. to lease City property. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and donate \$250 to the Better Fishing Association/Kids Fishing Tournament in the Illinois Valley for the 18th Annual Fishing Exposition at Baker Lake on Saturday, May 21, 2016 and the I&M Canal Lock 14 La Salle 31st Annual Kids Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: Alderman Lavieri

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request from St. Margaret's Health for a donation the 8th Annual "Healthy Kids Camp" being held the weeks of July 11 and July 18, 2016 in Kirby Park, Spring Valley. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Softails La Salle to allow open alcoholic liquor containers on the premises at 3 Third Street for a kick-off fundraiser for Andy Skoog on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from noon until 8 p.m. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Attorney McPhedran pointed out that there have been other establishments granted permission for this same type of request and that this is not just being granted because it is a political event. It is appropriate and Softails has the property to hold the event which will be limited to that property.

A straw poll was taken regarding a request from Trinity Catholic Academy to hold a 5K Run/Walk utilizing City streets on Saturday, April 30, 2016. All aldermen were in favor.

#### **REPORT S OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for March 2016 showing total fees collected of \$792.20 and total value of construction of \$303,102. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for March 2016 showing total fees collected of \$9,262.55. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the email communication sent by Gwen Walsh regarding the Giving Garden.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for January 2016 of \$65,383.07 and referendum approved sales tax of \$27,592.84 for a total of \$92,975.91. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Chairman Schneider reported that the Public Ground and Real Estate Committee met earlier in the evening regarding the bid received for the demolition of 615-625 Sixth Street. The committee has no recommendation at this time. The meeting was recessed and will reconvene on May 9, 2016 immediately following the Finance Committee with hopes that the contractor who bid the job will be present to answer questions.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Brief discussion took place regarding the recommendations made by Building Inspector Chris Covert concerning new building permit fees. Mr. Covert explained that the fees proposed are in line with surrounding areas and will simplify the process. Alderman Schneider stated that he felt simplifying the process was a good idea. The fee revisions would include remodels which would be a flat \$50 permit

fee. Fees for residential new construction would be \$0.30 per square foot with a minimum fee of \$50.00. Commercial new construction permits would be determined by square footage beginning at \$0.30 per square foot with some increases for larger building sizes.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the Building Inspector's recommendations regarding changes to building permit fees. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Schneider asked the press to remind residents that La Salle has a leash law requiring that dogs need to be on a leash at all times.

City Engineer Brown stated that 6<sup>th</sup> Street near LP High School was added to the 2016 Street Program as of today. Brief discussion about the Street Program followed.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the 2016 Street Program (MFT Maintenance). Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Alderman Schneider on behalf of himself, parents of players and the Little League Board, thanked Brian Brown, Jeff Bumgarner and City workers who worked to repair the Little League diamond. Alderman Schneider stated that the staff did an amazing job and he has received many compliments about the field from Board members and parents.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve **Ordinance 2630:** an ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the La Salle County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board and Providing for the Consolidation of and Operation of Certain Public Safety Answering Points (Participating Members: City of LaSalle, City of Marseilles, City of Mendota, City of Oglesby, City of Ottawa, City of Peru and County of LaSalle, Illinois on behalf of the LaSalle County Emergency Telephone System Board) and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

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Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve **Ordinance 2631**: an ordinance Amending Title 3 (Administration), Chapter 32 (Boards, Commissions, and Organizations), of the La Salle City Code to Dissolve the La Salle Emergency Telephone System Board and Amend Chapter 32 to Add Section 130 et.seq. in order to participate on the La Salle County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

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Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve **Ordinance 2632**: an ordinance making Transfers of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Ordinance 2632: Making Transfers of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose.**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve **Ordinance 2633**: an ordinance regarding lease of Municipal Property with ARC Pyrotechnics, Inc. and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Ordinance 2633: regarding lease of Municipal Property with ARC Pyrotechnics, Inc. and related matters.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve **Resolution 201602**: a resolution to petition IDOT for temporary closure of portions of State Highway for a 5K Run/ Walk on Friday, June 24, 2016. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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**COMMENTS**

Alderman Bacidore complimented how nice First Street is looking, but expressed concern about the number of rental properties throughout the City and the condition of those properties. Alderman Bacidore suggested the council consider passing some type of ordinance where landlords can be fined if the tenants do not keep the property looking presentable. Attorney McPhedran stated that we can go after

landlords if a nuisance is present. Alderman Bacidore responded that it is not necessarily a nuisance, but more of an eyesore. Attorney McPhedran stated that we can look into this. Alderman Reynolds stated that the Building Inspector has addressed some of these problem properties and the tenants clean it up, but within weeks the problem returns. Brief discussion followed.

There were no public comments.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that bills submitted totaling \$416,638.57 (Total Payroll \$160,795.21, Bills to be Paid \$149,629.71, Total Bills Paid \$108,713.65) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

City Engineer Brown asked the press to notify the public that the widening project on the county road near Rotary Park has begun and residents and visitors should use the north entrance during construction. He added that through donations made to the Celebration of Lights project, a parking lot is being constructed near the Bacidore shelter. It will add an additional 90 parking spaces. In addition, a permanent surface will be paved around the loop of the park creating a gravel shoulder that can also be used for parallel parking, substantially increasing parking at Rotary Park.

Alderman Lavieri inquired as to when IDOT will begin the Route 6 repairs. Mr. Brown stated that he has not heard a definite start time. He added that he has sent a request to IDOT to make some repairs from Canal to Hegeler Park on Route 351 as part of this project and is hoping for a good response.

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 7:43 p.m.**



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Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk