

**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., TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds,  
Lavieri, Schneider

**ABSENT**

Alderman Duncan, Herndon

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 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 Demes that Tom Collins is allowed to address the council with an objection to Tag Day collections at roadways. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Collins said he witnessed people in the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> and Bucklin as they collected donations. He said he thought collecting in intersections is getting dangerous and he thought that one of these days a distracted driver is going to hit someone. He said that collecting on sidewalks in front of businesses is perfectly acceptable.

Alderman Schneider said that in the recent past the council made some adjustments to collection times as a courtesy to the neighbors and he is not willing to take away that fundraising effort, and those collecting are required to wear safety vests and that adults only are allowed to collect in intersections.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that Ameren Illinois is granted permission to break ground to repair a gas leak at 2780 Rockwell Road. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Cops-4-Cancer are allowed to have a parade through the city beginning in Peru at 1:00P.M. on Saturday, July 13, 2013. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from James Hughett and Rebecca Hughett for annexation of their property at 2975 East 350 Road (2975 St. Vincent) is accepted and the annexation process is begun.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
 NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the request from Adele Khoija to increase the density of her apartment building located at 928 First Street is accepted and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Marcia McCutchan of RHMG is allowed to address the council with an update concerning the Master Plan and Rotary Park. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Ms. McCutchan discussed the LaSalle Rotary & Prairie Parks Master Plan developed by RHMG. She said that Phase 1 is a little behind schedule because of an Indiana Bat issue and weather conditions, but basically the project was almost complete. Ms McCutchan discussed the Rotary Park Master Plan, Rotary Park Phasing Plan, the Off-Site Roadway Improvements, Utility Master Plan, and Phase I Cost Summery. Also discussed were Rotary Park Phases II-V Preliminary Engineers Opinion of Probable Costs, Rotary Park Alternate Master Plan, a Prairie Park Master Plan, the Prairie Park Utility Master Plan, Prairie Park Preliminary Engineers Opinion of Probable Cost, Prairie Park Utilities Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost and a Road Network Master Plan.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Gerald Savage is allowed to address the council concerning the recent flooding at his home. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Savage said this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in six years that his home has been flooded because of heavy rains. During heavy rains he shuts his sewers off and his family is without the convenience of sewers. He thought the City was going to try to correct the problem.

Supt. McNeilly said that part of the problem is when people put downspouts and sump pumps into the sanitary sewer as this causes the sanitary sewer to become ineffective.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the Building Inspectors' Report for March 2013 showing total value of construction of \$22,665.00 and total fees collected of \$240.00 is accepted and placed; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Revenue Reports showing sales tax collected for January 2013 in the amount of \$53,861.05 and referendum approved sales tax of \$21,800.72 for a total of \$75,361.77 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation Audit Report No.66 concerning receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request for a handicapped parking sign in front of 1227 Seventh Street is granted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request for a “No Through Traffic” sign at the beginning of the alley behind North Joliet Street is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that authorization is given for Change Order No. 1 from John Pohar & Sons, Inc. for Phase 1 of Rotary Park Project.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that authorization to retain Farnsworth Group, Inc. on a non-exclusive basis regarding grant writing and related matters is granted, subject to working out contract language.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

Alderman Ptak said he wanted to recognize Sam McNeilly and his staff and others involved in applying for the grant to increase the size of the dike around the old waste water treatment plant. The project was recently completed and it allowed the city to avoid damage to the plant again. Sam and his staff and others involved were applauded.

Mayor Grove read a letter from Foreman of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Kevin Daley. Mr. Daley thanked and recognized all departments and people who helped out during the recent flood: He thanked Chief Bacidore for sending the fire department members and cadets down to help during the flood event, also the Public Works Department came through again with their crew in helping sand bag and prepare for the flood event. He gave a special thanks to HR Green, the engineering firm that designed the wall as well as Illinois Constructors and Fisher Contractors for helping with the event.

Mr. Daley also thanked Wedron Silica which once again came through with sandbags on very short notice. Mayor Grove also recognized Frank Mautino and Sue Resin who helped us obtain the grant for the project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds the Mayor's appointment of William Patrick Dooley to the Police Pension Board for a 2 year term is accepted.

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

#### **APPOINTMENT: W. Patrick Dooley to Police Pension Board – 2 years**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the Proclamation and Declaration of Local Disaster which was an emergency addition to the regular scheduled meeting is accepted. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

Attorney McPhedran read the notice which was sent to all of the appropriate media and parties that have asked for information regarding any emergency-type meetings.

#### **PROCLAMATION: Declaration of Local Disaster.**

Alderman Reynolds announced that International Comic Book day is Saturday, May 4, 2013 and Metropolis Comics on 1<sup>st</sup> Street will have a celebration starting at 12:01 A.M. and go to 4:00 A.M. that day with individuals 18 and over only allowed on the premises.

Alderman Schneider said that Scott Clark from Jake's Pour House would like to block off his parking lot at his business at 201 Ninth Street to be able to grill outside and have games set up outside as part of a softball smoker on May 11, 2013. Alderman Schneider asked for the request to be on the Agenda for May 7, 2013 for consideration.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that Ordinance No. 2425: Ordinance Making Transfers of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance No. 2425: Ordinance Making Transfers of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Ordinance No. 2426: An Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriation and Transfer of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2426: An Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriation and Transfer of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Resolution No. 201308: IDOT Obligation Retirement Resolution (2002 Street Program) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 201308: IDOT Obligation Retirement Resolution (2002 Street Program)**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that Resolution No. 201309: IDOT Resolution for Improvement of Roads (Crosat St. from 11<sup>th</sup> to O'Connor) to supersede Resolution 201303 is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 201309: IDOT Resolution for Improvement of Roads (Crosat St. from 11<sup>th</sup> to O'Connor) to supersede Resolution 201303**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Resolution No. 201310: IDOT Resolution for Improvement of Roads (Bucklin Ave. from 11<sup>th</sup> to O'Connor) to supersede Resolution 201304 is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 201310: IDOT Resolution for Improvement of Roads (Bucklin Ave. from 11<sup>th</sup> to O'Connor) to supersede Resolution 201304**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that Ordinance No. 2427: Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Real Estate in the Vicinity of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marquette is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2427: Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Real Estate in the Vicinity of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marquette**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2428: Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Premises at 334 Fourth Street, LaSalle, Illinois is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2428: Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Premises at 334 Fourth Street, LaSalle, Illinois**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that Resolution No. 201311: Resolution Authorizing Appeals in Property Tax Assessment Proceedings is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 201311: Resolution Authorizing Appeals in Property Tax Assessment Proceedings**

**COMMENTS**

Dir/Supt. of Public Works Sam McNeilly announced that Rt. 351 south of 1<sup>st</sup> Street will remain closed for a couple of weeks while repairs as a result of flooding are completed.

Supt. Sam McNeilly also announced a temporary closure of Canal Street between Marquette Street and Joliet Street for Ameren to place a temporary sub-station. The closure will only be a few days.

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy announced that the ground breaking for the L-P Sports Complex will be held at noon on April 24<sup>th</sup> and everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. Aleksy also announced that there will be a special meeting of the LaSalle City Council, in City Hall, 745 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, LaSalle beginning at 6:00 P.M on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. Purpose will be for the Lakota Group to train the council on the process of the comprehensive plan

8:14 P. M. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Council goes into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters, non-union personnel and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE; Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and non-union personnel and related matters**

9:29 P.M. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the Executive Session is adjourned and that the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE; Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider.

NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Duncan, Herndon. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$666,235.53 (Payroll \$161,489.30; bills to be paid \$121,335.79; bills paid \$383,410.44) 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. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes that the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**ADJOURNED 9:30 P.M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk