

**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, FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In memory of Ron Wren, who was an Alderman in the City of Peru and in memory of Janice Herndon, mother of LaSalle Alderman T. “Boo” Herndon.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri,  
Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon

**ABSENT**

Alderman Green

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the minutes of the last regular meeting held Tuesday, February 8, 2011 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the request for stop signs going eastbound and westbound at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marquette Streets and also that an additional request for stop signs for eastbound and westbound traffic at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Gooding are referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the request for signage “Truck Entrance” at Rt. 6 and the intersection going into JC Whitney is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Treasurers’ Report for January 2011 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$500,231.56 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,549,388.95 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Police Income Report for January 2011 showing total fees collected of \$14,759.55 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing motor fuel tax allotment for January 2011 of \$22,822.99 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Illinois Department of Revenue reports showing sales tax for November 2010 of \$71,407.10 and referendum approved sales tax of \$31,210.20 for a total of \$102,617.30 are accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. activity summary for January 2011 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## BIDS

Bids for an 8" water main bore under Rt. 6 (Senica Towing) were received from Len Trovero Construction, Ossola Construction, John Pohar & Sons and Walker Excavating. The low bid was from Len Trovero Construction for \$60,401.50. Engineer Mike Furlan recommended the council award the bid to Len Trovero Construction.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar the low bid from Len Trovero Construction in the amount of \$60,401.50 for the 8" water main bore under Rt.6 (Senica Towing) is accepted.

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

**BID: 8" Water Main Bore under Rt. 6 (Senica Towing) to Leonard Trovero Construction for \$60,401.50.**

## STANDING COMMITTEES

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

## OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes, that authorization is given for payment to Sjostrom and Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, pending IEPA approval.

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

Alderman Schroeder said he wanted to go on record as opposing the decision to hire an intern from Illinois State University. The vote was taken January 10, 2011 when Alderman Schroeder was absent and 7 of the aldermen present voted to hire the intern and make a financial commitment of \$24,998.00. Alderman Schroeder asked if the council would reconsider the decision and rescind the vote, because he thought we should make

the highest and best use of every tax dollar that we have because of the situation the city is in now. He asked for thoughts from council members. Alderman Demes said that for the quality of people we will get through the program, he thought the city should take advantage of the opportunity. Alderman Lavieri said this is an important step in moving forward, and he thought the money is worth spending, and we need to plan for the future, and he was still in favor of the original vote. Alderman Schroeder said he respected the council's decision but he wanted to make his opposition known.

Alderman Bacidore commented on a "LaSalle Insider" blog. He said he read the item regarding the recent snow storm and he wanted to go on record that he was the alderman being referred to. He asked that the blog contains names. He wanted to go on record that he and Alderman Herndon were also the alderman referred to on a blog. He said he polled Aldermen Ptak, Lavieri, Demes, Herndon and himself. Those 5 wanted to remove snow piled in the center of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. He had 2 aldermen who didn't want to remove the snow and he couldn't get in contact with Alderman Salazar. Ultimately, the Mayor made the decision to have contractors remove the snow in the center of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Alderman Schroeder said he appreciated the comments of Alderman Bacidore, and said anything he posts on the web site is factual because he talked to the individuals directly. Alderman Schroeder said his job as alderman is to try to reach as many constituents as possible. Alderman Herndon thanked the Mayor for having the snow removed. Aldermen Lavieri and Ptak said the merchants appreciated that the snow was plowed to the center of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Alderman Salazar said he is available if people will leave a message on his answering machine

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The agenda item regarding bids for flood lights for water department use will be considered at a future meeting.

The agenda item regarding bids for heated wiring in gutters at City Hall will be addressed at a later date.

Engineer Furlan said he contacted the LaSalle County Highway Department and they gave him a copy of the ordinance for weight limits that they use. Engineer Furlan wanted to bring it up to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to have the members look at the ordinance so weight limits could be put on certain roads for 90 days. Specific roads were listed and the committee could add other roads.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the proposed Weight Limit Ordinance is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation, with possible additions to the list of roads. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Alderman Demes scheduled a meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee following the 6:30 P.M. Finance Committee meeting on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Salazar said he received a phone call, regarding the condition of certain traffic signs on Creve Coeur Street from 9<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Mayor Grove said the city is aware of the problem and it is on the list for items to be addressed. Also, Alderman Salazar said he received another call and the caller said that perhaps the city could consider joining two offices together to save money. The caller also suggested the aldermen take a \$20.00 per meeting cut in pay.

#### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Resolution No. 201102: Resolution in Support of Environmental Site Remediation of Contamination Located in the Village of DePue and Surrounding Areas is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

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

#### **Resolution No. 201102: Resolution in Support of Environmental Site Remediation of Contamination Located in the Village of DePue and Surrounding Areas**

#### **COMMENTS**

Fire Chief Andy Bacidore updated the council regarding the changes in the Emergency Medical Services for the City. The Illinois Department of Public Health will be in the city tomorrow and inspect our 2 ambulances. The members of the fire department have put in a lot of hours getting the ambulances ready. The building has been adjusted for living quarters. Six paramedics have been hired. Three of those paramedics live in LaSalle, and two of those are already on our fire department so they know the system and will be providing leadership. The city of LaSalle runs the service and they contract the paramedics through PSI, and the billing is contracted out. March 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 A.M. the city will begin service and Chief Bacidore invited everyone to come celebrate at the Fire Department at that time. The new paramedics will be introduced to the council at the March 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Chief Bacidore said he appreciated the support of the Mayor and Council. Alderman Schroeder said he appreciated all the work that Chief Bacidore has done, and he also thanked Mayor Jeff Grove for his leadership in this endeavor. Chief Bacidore also acknowledged the help from the council and specifically from Alderman Schroeder and Alderman Demes. Alderman Demes told Chief Bacidore he was proud of what he has done and he knows that this will be a well run, well disciplined department under the his leadership, and Chief Bacidore was applauded.

Director/Supt McNeilly reported that FEMA is reviewing or claim for over \$30,000 for recent snow removal.

Our Economic Development Director Don Aleksy announced that our new Senator Resin will be visiting different sites in the city and she will be at City Hall from 10:00AM to 12 noon on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Alderman Diz Demes invited everyone to support him at Right Spice Supper Club in Peru on March 8, 2011 for the March of Dimes Celebrity Waiter Night.

Clerk Virginia Kochanowski gave her congratulations to Freshman Jacob Weaver and Senior Jason Huebbe, two wrestlers from L-P High School who qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament held in Champaign over the weekend. Jason Huebbe finished in third place in the State of Illinois in his weight division.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$226,475.93 (Payroll \$148,534.25; bills to be paid \$71,911.23; bills paid \$6,030.45) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ADJOURNED 7:48 P. M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk