

**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, OCTOBER 23, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In memory of Robert Ksiazkiewicz, City Treasurer and former 4th Ward Alderman

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak,
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

ABSENT

Alderman Edgcomb

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 and the minutes of the special council meeting held Tuesday, October 16, 2012 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PETITIONS

Alderman Bacidore reported that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic met to discuss the request from Javier Casas to place an off-premise advertising pole sign either on City right-of-way or upon the City of LaSalle owned vacant lot located at the northwest corner of Eighth and Joliet Street and it was the committee's recommendation not to allow Mr. Casas to place a pole on the city owned lot. Mr. Bacidore suggested that Mr. Casas contact Illinois Department of Transportation to get their permission to put the sign on State of Illinois right-of-way. Therefore, moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to deny the request of Mr. Casas to place an advertising sign on the city lot at the northwest corner of 8th and Joliet Streets.

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

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request to put a "no semi-truck traffic" sign on Todd Street just North of 5th Street is granted.

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

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the “no trucks/dead end sign” on 2959th Road just East of St. Vincent’s is removed. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the request from Nick LaCosta for permission to close Second Street from Bucklin Street to Marquette Street and to place barricades at the each end, along with barricades on Wright, Gooding and Marquette Streets for the first annual Classic Antique Auto Show to be held Saturday, July 20, 2013 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. with the proceeds to benefit Horizon House “Tree of Hope.”

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that Ameren Illinois is given permission to replace a pole at the alley south of 9th Street and West of Joliet Street. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Police Income Report for September 2012 showing fees collected of \$10,400.14 is accepted and placed on file; 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 Report showing sales tax for July 2012 of \$75,724.76 and referendum approved sales tax of \$33,068.33 for a total of \$108,793.09 are 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 Ptak that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee the request to make the intersections of 2nd and Marquette and 2nd and Gooding Streets as 4-way stop intersections is denied.

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

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee the request to remove the handicapped sign at 928 Marquette Street and to move it to 930 7th Street is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the recommendation by the Planning Commission regarding the Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of North Terraces Subdivision (Pohar) and related matters is accepted; each and every alderman has a copy. The R-4 zoning was removed from the original request.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the recommendation by the Planning Commission to approve the 2012 City of LaSalle Zoning Map is accepted.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Ptak said that discussion on economic development program will be addressed in a few months.

Bids were received for demolition of houses at two locations: 228 Crosat Street and 359 Wright Street were obtained from Glens Demolition and Excavating, Inc. from Lyle's Trucking and from John Pohar & Sons. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that, at the recommendation of the Building Inspector, the low bid from Glen's Demolition and Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$11,422.00 is accepted. The demolition companies are responsible for taking care of environmental issues.

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

**BIDS: Demolition at 228 Crosat Street and
350 Wright Street to Glens Demolition for
\$11,422.00**

Alderman Bacidore announced that the Building and Grounds will have another Building & Grounds Committee and community meeting regarding abandoned buildings at City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 31st beginning at 6:00 P.M. and he invited anyone interested to attend.

Alderman Bacidore asked if the City was going to purchase another leaf vacuum machine. Alderman Demes said he thought that since the city has worked on the clutch several times on the used machine, that if we were going to purchase another machine that we look at a new machine that doesn't have a clutch. Alderman Duncan said he thought that we should delay purchasing a new machine. Alderman Ptak asked if we have the manpower to run two leaf vacuum machines. Supt. McNeilly said that if we used Township manpower to rake the leaves into the vacuum, it would be possible. Perhaps the item could be put onto the agenda for the next special meeting next week. Alderman Ptak moved and Alderman Duncan seconded that the city waits on the purchase of a leaf vacuum machine.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Herndon. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. As a point of order, the City Clerk said that the item wasn't on the agenda, so it probably shouldn't be acted upon. Mayor Grove asked that the item be put on the next agenda so that it could be acted upon.

Alderman Schneider asked if the Building & Grounds Committee meeting that Alderman Bacidore scheduled for Wednesday, October 31st could be changed from that night, since it was during Halloween trick or treating. Alderman Bacidore said it was ok to move the meeting to 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday October 30th. The special council meeting will follow beginning at 7:00 P.M. on that evening.

Alderman Demes reported that the Mapping #1 Committee met and discussed an idea to place audio equipment to allow for music and public address over loud-speakers in the downtown area. Alderman Demes will have more information including bids for this project after the next mapping meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider that pay increases are given for non-union employees with increases in year 1 at 2%; in year 2 at 3% and in year 3 at 2%. are approved. This increase will be retroactive to May 1, 2012 and reflect increases and the contracts of union employees.

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

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Demes that the contract for Fire Department Union personnel is approved and that the pay increases are retroactive to May 1, 2012. Each and every alderman has a copy of the contract.

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

Supt./Dir. Of Public Works Sam McNeilly discussed a proposed change to our Water Ordinance regarding the owner's responsibility concerning a service line break to address the locations from the shut off box (Buffalo Box) in the yard to the home and the timeframe for the correction of the problems.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the City of LaSalle commits to becoming part of the Grand Illinois Trail. Engineer Furlan said the first phase to get comments should be completed soon. When phase 1 is completed IDNR will go into Phase 2 and start drawing up plans and getting ready to go to bid. There is no cost to the city for that Phase 2. Once it goes out to bid the city would be responsible for construction costs and maintenance after that, and Mr. Bellovics of IDNR indicated that he thought there would be grants available for the city for funding. The city would still have the final say if they would go forward.

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

Alderman Lavieri moved and Alderman Schneider seconded that a request for signage on the North Side of Lindberg Street just west of St. Vincent is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation. The concern is that motorists are stopping immediately after turning onto Lindberg and dropping off or picking up students from Lincoln Jr. High School. Alderman Lavieri has requested some type of sign alerting motorists not to stop and drop off or pick up students in that area. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the request is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Alderman Ptak reported that he, Mayor Grove and Fire Chief Andy Bacidore recently attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference and attended sessions concerning abandoned properties (the city of LaSalle is one of many communities with this problem). They also attended sessions concerning Safe Homes, Pension Reform and Video Gaming.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes that Ordinance No. 2381: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of LaSalle and Dimmick Community Consolidated School District No. 175 (Industrial Park TIF) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

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Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ordinance No. 2382: Approval of Preliminary Plat of Subdivision of North Terraces Subdivision within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Ordinance No. 2382: Approval of Preliminary Plat of Subdivision of North Terraces Subdivision within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ordinance No. 2383: An Ordinance Approving Final Plat of Subdivision of North Terraces Subdivision within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Ordinance No. 2383: An Ordinance Approving Final Plat of Subdivision of North Terraces Subdivision within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ordinance No. 2384: An Ordinance Formally Recognizing the 2012 Zoning Map of the City of LaSalle and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

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COMMENTS

Superintendent McNeilly said that the City of LaSalle has been given an award from Ameren Illinois as “Most Progressive City.” Three businesses: Cyclops Welding, Illinois Valley Food and Deli and Save-A-Lot have all been given an award from Ameren for their efforts to conserve energy.

Engineer Furlan announced that city crews will be replacing a water main in the morning on Malcolm Avenue between 23rd & 24th and to avoid that area.

Mayor Grove reported a request from residents, that because of the width of the road, that there be no parking on one side of 7th Street for two blocks between Marquette St. and Hennepin Streets and he asked that it be referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation.

Mayor Grove gave a reminder that this coming Saturday there will be a Hometown Halloween Parade and various other activities downtown and he invited everyone to attend.

RESIGNATION

Alderman Duncan read a letter of resignation from his position as Alderman of the 3rd Ward effective the first meeting in November.

Mayor Grove thanked Alderman Duncan for his help during negotiations and for his time on the council. Alderman Schneider also thanked him for his time commitment during

the union negotiations. Alderman Ptak thanked Alderman Duncan for his time and commitment during the recent union negotiations and said Alderman Duncan will be missed on the Council.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the resignation of Alderman John Duncan IV is accepted with regret

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

RESIGNATION: Alderman John Duncan IV. As Alderman of the 3rd Ward effective November 6, 2012.

7:59 P.M. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council recesses the regular meeting and goes into executive session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union and acquisition of City real estate and related matters.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union, and acquisition of City real estate and related matters.

8:53 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$461,633.27 (Payroll \$152,897.72 bills to be paid \$90,583.42; bills paid \$218,152.13) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 8:54 P.M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk