

**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, November 16, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grove at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

Excused Absence: Alderman Herndon

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, November 9, 2015 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 Schneider to grant the request of Tracy Haas on behalf of La Salle Softball League to hold a Tag Day Collection on Friday, April 22, 2016 and Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at area businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

There were no reports from City Officers.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for August 2015 of \$92,723.94 and referendum approved sales tax of \$39,016.96 for a total of \$131,740.90. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Finance Director John Duncan commented that sales tax revenues are up 11% at this time which is our best year since 2010.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and enter into a seven year extension with Illinois Valley Waste for residential waste disposal services subject to a formal agreement.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and renew the min/max contract with IMLRMA for Property, Liability and Worker's Compensation policies.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize, pay and place on file Invoice #13 from RHMG Engineers, Inc. for La Salle Rotary Park Phase II Off-site Roadway Improvements Design and Permitting totaling \$2,922.27 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize, pay and place on file Invoice #21 and Final to RHMG Engineers, Inc. for La Salle Rotary Park Phase II engineering, bidding and construction services totaling \$1,042.81 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #3 and Final to John Pohar & Sons, Inc. for the La Fayette Street Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Replacement project totaling \$164,542.38 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #5 to Cruz Concrete, Inc. for the 2014-2015 Sidewalk Improvement Project totaling \$27,743.66 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #2 to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. for the 2015 MFT Road Improvement Project totaling \$72,351.01 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Alderman Bacidore inquired as to when the leaf vacuum program will end. Mayor Grove said typically it will run through the first week of December. Residents will be notified.

Alderman Reynolds expressed concerns brought to his attention regarding the condition of First Street between Crosat and Union Streets. Reynolds indicated that he was aware the Road Program was completed for this year, but hopes that this issue can be addressed in the next program. The Mayor stated that it is definitely a road that needs to be done.

Mayor Grove congratulated the LP Volleyball on the 4th Place Finish at State, LP Sophomore Rachel Hickey who also went to State for track, Alderman Ptak on his current season and all area teams .

NEW BUSINESS

Don Aleksy announced that "Light Up the Night" kick-off event for the Celebration of Lights at Rotary Park is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2015 from 4-7 p.m. The evening will feature food, kid's games, s'mores made by the Fire Department, performances by the LP Band and IVCC Choir. One child will be chosen to flip the switch to light the park for the first time. A hayrack will be available for rides through the park. Plans are to light the park at approximately 5 p.m. Mayor Grove added that the lights will be on nightly through January 3 and features over 100 displays.

"Miracle on First" is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015. LPAC's 50/50 drawing will be held at the Tree Lighting ceremony held at City Hall at approximately 4:15 p.m. The pot is currently at \$7,500. The goal is to reach \$15,000. Alderman Demes suggested the City obtain Paypal as a means for people to purchase and pay for tickets in the future. He indicated that other communities who conduct 50/50 drawings have found this to be an way to increase sales. Finance Director Duncan said that he would investigate this option further.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file

Ordinance 2612: An ordinance further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle on a portion of 11th Street between Bucklin Avenue and Chartres Street and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

**Ordinance 2612– Further
Regulating Parking within the
City of La Salle on a portion of
11th Street between Bucklin
Avenue and Chartres Street and
related matters.**

The Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee met to discuss the need to establish truck routes and amend our current ordinance in order to ticket trucks utilizing side streets. In addition, the amended ordinance will address spilling onto roadways. The committee tabled the issue in order for the City Engineer to develop a list of truck routes to be considered at the next meeting. The Aldermen have a draft copy of the proposed ordinance to consider, but it cannot be finalized until the truck routes are plugged in. Brief discussion followed.

Alderman Bacidore called a meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the issue further once the list is compiled.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file

Ordinance 2613: An ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone within the City of La Salle, Illinois, said Enterprise Zone being a portion of a larger Enterprise Zone encompassing Contiguous portions of the Cities of La Salle, Oglesby, and Peru, the Village of North Utica, and the County of La Salle, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

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Enterprise Zone within the City of
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Zone being a portion of a larger
Enterprise Zone encompassing
Contiguous portions of the Cities
of La Salle, Oglesby, and Peru,
the Village of North Utica, and
the County of La Salle, Illinois.**

COMMENTS

Chief Bacidore thanked all who attended the Wine Tasting Event. He stated that the new fire truck should arrive at the end of next week and the new ambulance will be inspected at the end of the month.

Building Inspector Chris Covert that progress is being made on several properties of concern around town that will either be sold or addressed in some other manner. The Mayor thanked Mr. Covert and Attorney McPhedran for their hard work on these matters.

Don Aleksy added that at the "Light up the Night" event there will be fire pits for warming and a videographer will be at the event to tape the event and the lights.

Mayor Grove thanked the great response from volunteers who have signed up to greet visitors every night of the Celebration of Lights project.

Alderman Reynolds inquired if we had any updates from Retail Strategies. The Mayor said we did not and stated that when the contract is up the council has the option to go another direction.

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

There were no bills presented at this meeting.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:27 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk