

**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, July 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,
Excused Absence- Alderman Schneider

PUBLIC HEARING-opened at 7:06 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to open the public hearing giving interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG grant project.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,
NAY: None Absent: Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy introduced Shelly Griswold from Fehr Graham. Ms. Griswold stated the following: "The City of LaSalle, Illinois, is holding this public hearing to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federal funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project.

On or about August 20, 2014, the City of LaSalle intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program, the Community Development Assistance Program Emergency Public Infrastructure Component, is funded by Title 1 of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: replacing a water main on Lafayette Street at a sufficient depth to avoid recurring freezing of the main and to eliminate a dire health and safety threat to the community. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$175,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income persons is \$101,500. The City of LaSalle also proposes to expend \$86,099 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: City of LaSalle general fund.

Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues at this public hearing. Interested citizens also were invited to provide comments by prior written statement submitted to City Engineer Brian Brown, no later than 4:30 pm local time, Tuesday, July 15, 2014, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings.

Funding availability. For 2014, the State's federal Community Development Assistance Program tentative allocation is \$26,542,147. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity accepts grant applications at various designated times throughout the year from non-entitlement communities for competitive programs, such as the Public Infrastructure

component. There is \$4,000,000 available in the Emergency Public Infrastructure component this year with a \$200,000 grant ceiling per request.

Range of activities that may be undertaken. The Emergency Public Infrastructure component includes eligible activities such as acquisition, construction, reconstruction, demolition or installation of public infrastructure and improvements projects of an urgent and unforeseen nature that have occurred outside the normal funding cycle. The City of LaSalle has experienced a water main freeze that has posed a serious and continuing threat to the health and safety of the City's residents. The City of LaSalle will pursue CDAP Emergency Public Infrastructure funding to replace an existing water main on Lafayette Street, which will eliminate the dire health and safety issues currently threatening the community.

LMI benefit. The benefit to low-to-moderate income persons is 58%. This percentage was substantiated through a random sample Community Income Survey conducted in 2009. The total amount of funding requested by the City will be \$175,000. The total amount proposed for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income individuals will be at least \$101,500.

Plans for minimizing displacement. The proposed project will not displace any residents or businesses.

Project scope. The project will include replacing a water main on Lafayette Street at a sufficient depth to avoid recurring freezing of the main, reinstating full service to residents, and eliminating the health and safety threat posed by the unforeseen freezing of the main. The project benefits the entire City of LaSalle as the replacement main will improve the ability of the City's system to maintain flow, pressure and chemical feed.

CDAP records. The CDAP grant application is a public document and will be on file at the City of LaSalle City Hall with the City Clerk for all who are interested in viewing the document.

Second public hearing. As a condition of the CDAP grant program, a public hearing will be held after the project work is completed to obtain citizen comments regarding the overall project performance.

Prioritized list of community development needs.

1. Aging water system infrastructure
2. Aging wastewater infrastructure"

For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Brian Brown, City Engineer, 745 2nd Street, LaSalle, Illinois, 61301, 815-223-7041.

The grant is due on August 20, 2014.

Discussion followed. Alderman Herndon asked for clarification that the City portion is \$86,099, not \$81,099 as indicated in the Public Hearing Notice. Ms. Griswold confirmed that \$86,099 is the correct City portion.

There were no public comments or objections verbally and there were no comments or objections submitted by mail to City Engineer Brian Brown.

Public Hearing Closed-7:13 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to close the public hearing and return to regular session.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Schneider 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 Tuesday, July 1, 2014 are accepted and placed on file.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Mr. Nick LaCosta had requested to address the council, however was not present at the meeting. Alderman Reynolds explained that Mr. LaCosta asked him to relay his concern about people dropping yard waste and garbage near Oakwood Cemetery and request the council's assistance in addressing this problem. Mayor Grove indicated that steps are currently underway to add an additional gate so the drop-off area can be accessed more readily and signage will be updated to reflect current information.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant permission to Hurst Funeral home to break curb at 650 Fifth Street to install an ADA accessible ramp in front of the premises.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Ptak to grant the request for a 2014 Raffle License to the Center for Youth and Family Solutions.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request from the Center for Youth and Family Solutions to hold a drive thru Pork Chop Bar-B-Que fundraiser on Wednesday, August 20 from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request of Illinois Valley Dolphin Swim Team to hold a Tag Day at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and businesses on Saturday, September 27, 2014 adhering to established guidelines.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at -1801, 1803, 1901, 1905,1906,1911,1916 Rockwell Road to retire gas service.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the request for a Peddler Permit from Dianna Downing of Stan's Ice Cream to sell pre-packaged ice cream products from a vehicle because the application was not complete.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Regarding the request for a Peddler Permit from Carina Paju of Southwestern Advantage, Alderman Demes informed the council that he had heard Ottawa was having some issues with the representatives selling for this company. Alderman Demes moved to deny the request to grant a Peddler Permit to Carina Paju of Southwestern Advantage, but the motion failed for lack of a second. Discussion followed and Mayor Grove asked the City Clerk to remind Ms. Paju of the guidelines established by the City with regard to soliciting door-to-door.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to grant the request for a Peddler Permit from Carina Paju from Southwestern Advantage to sell educational books door-to-door and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,
NAY: Alderman Demes Absent: Alderman Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for June 2014 showing total fees collected of \$1,699.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

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 April 2014 of \$79,530.13 and referendum approved sales tax of \$32,918.60 for a total of \$112,448.73.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Standing Committees.

APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor indicated several committee appointments will be made at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Inspector Chris Covert indicated he would like to hold off on action regarding the regulation of electrical contractors until the July 29, 2014 Council meeting.

Alderman Demes explained that the council received information on grass cutting fees from various communities. Alderman Demes felt we should implement a fee schedule similar to what Streator does, which charges \$95/hour for mowing, \$50 for equipment charge and \$35 for vehicle charge, totaling \$190 per cut. Fees could be attached to water bills and liens filed. Alderman Bacidore indicated the thought the fees were very high. Mayor Grove stated that we would need to check with our City Attorney to see when the new fees could be implemented. Alderman Duncan inquired as to how many properties we cut each year, how many of the fees are actually paid and how many of these properties are occupied.

A motion was made by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds raise grass cutting fees to \$190 per cut, however because the item was not on the agenda, action could not be taken.

Alderman Demes amended his motion and it was seconded by Alderman Reynolds to move forward with drafting an ordinance reflecting a new fee structure similar to the City of Streator regarding grass cutting. A straw poll was taken.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,
NAY: Alderman Bacidore Absent: Alderman Schneider Abstain: None
Motion Carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Lavieri received a complaint about the 800 Block of First Street regarding people parking in spaces longer than 3 hours. Alderman Ptak agreed and added that it also affects the 600 and 700 Block as well. He believes many of the people parking more than 3 hours are employees of various businesses which affects shoppers and customers of downtown businesses. Mayor Grove asked Police Chief Rob Uranich to look into solutions to this problem and perhaps enforce the three hour parking limit more heavily. Alderman Ptak stated that he will meet with the Chief and discuss possible solutions and the Mayor indicated a letter can be sent out to business owners regarding this issue.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance No. 2495** an ordinance further regulating parking within the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Ordinance 2495: an ordinance further regulating parking within the City of La Salle. (handicapped parking sign at 1114 First Street)

COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Lockhart, Business Representative of IBEW Local 176 and a twenty seven year electrician. Mr. Lockhart praised the City for its efforts to regulate electrical contractors since the State does not have a license. He praised the City for taking steps to protect its residents.

There were no other comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling: \$325,634.05 (Total Payroll \$183,894.44 Bills to be Paid \$68,573.73, Total Bills Paid \$73,165.88) 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 Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 7:44 p.m.