

**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 15, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar,  
Schroeder, Herndon  
**ABSENT** Alderman Ptak

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the minutes of the last regular meeting held Monday, November 1, 2010 and the informal council meeting held Monday, November 8, 2010 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar, that Chris Plachno of Clifton Gunderson is allowed to address the council concerning computer items.

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

Mr. Plachno said he was requested to give a proposal concerning computer items related to public works department and city offices. He has been servicing the city since 2000 and Clifton Gunderson has been servicing the city for about 14 years. Mr. Plachno said he has several recommendations and he made those available to the aldermen. He would like to perhaps pursue other avenues to share resources. Mr. Plachno has not prepared a quote because he didn't want to officially quote because he wanted to make sure what he was actually quoting on.

Mayor Grove suggested that Mr. Plachno and Mr. Borelli of Connecting Point, along with Superintendent McNeilly, take a second look and try to come up with some cost savings.

Mr. McNeilly said he thought we should try to have a decision made soon because it's time to renew our contract on January 1, 2011 and we will need to pay the \$1,000.00 renewal fee at that time.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that Mr. Jeff Borelli of Connecting Point is allowed to address the council concerning computer issues.

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

Mr. Borelli said everything they sell they support. Mr. Borelli said he would be happy to work with Sam McNeilly and Chris Plachno to do what needs to be done.

Supt. Sam McNeilly will meet with Mr. Borelli and Mr. Plachno to try come up with something that can save the city money over what the original quote was. This will be addressed at the November 29<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

### **PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Salazar that AmerenIP's request to break ground at Chartres Street to remove bond, install anodes and test leads between main on northeast corner of Chartres and 1<sup>st</sup> Street is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that AmerenIP's request to break ground at 138 Marquette Street to install drop pole is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the request for funding from the Illinois Valley Fine Arts Trust is referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Green that the request for a 2011 Raffle License from the LaSalle Rotary Club is accepted. Voice vote all ayes with the exception of Alderman Lavieri who passed; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Green that the request for a 2010 Raffle License from the Kid's Place is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes, that at the recommendation of the Building Inspector, a waiver to the masonry requirement for the Ancare Veterinarian Clinic at 2400 Chartres Street is granted.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the request from Ancare Veterinarian Clinic to break curb on 24<sup>th</sup> Street and on Chartres Street is granted.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the request for a “no parking during school hours” sign on the north side of the 200 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the request from Phillip Lattin, Carrie Lattin, and Carrie-all, Inc. for a Planned Unit Development is accepted and referred to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that the request from Alissa Gearhart for a variance to the zoning ordinance for placement of a fence on the west and south side of her property at 2154 St. Vincent is accepted and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from the LaSalle Little League to have tag day collections at various businesses and at the intersections of 11<sup>th</sup> & Bucklin and 11<sup>th</sup> & Creve Coeur on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, 2011 is granted, with the stipulation that adults only are allowed to collect in the intersections. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the Building Inspectors’ Report for October 2010 showing total value of construction of \$135,605.00 and total fees collected of \$830.00 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Treasurers’ Report for October 2010 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$1,262,012.64 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,500,316.52 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. Activity Summary for October 2010 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing motor fuel tax allotment for October 2010 of \$17,276.58 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Illinois Department of Revenue Reports for August 2010 showing sales tax of \$68,708.70 and referendum approved sales tax of \$29,229.57 for a total of \$97,938.27 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the Mayor's Proclamation designating December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month is accepted and placed on file. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **PROCLAMATION: December 2010 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month**

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, on action is taken at this time regarding a request for signage on Maple Road between St. Vincent and Campbell. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, Ordinance No. 1117 is amended and the no parking on the East side of Bucklin from Pershing to Balbo is changed to no parking on the west side of Bucklin from Pershing to Balbo. This would make the parking on Bucklin uniform. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Fire Chief Andy Bacidore reported on results of the question and answer session with different companies regarding ambulance service held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Chief Bacidore said that Paramedic Services Inc (PSI) finished highest in scoring, and he recommended PSI, however, he is asking for input from the Aldermen.

Mayor Grove recapped that our contract with PVAS is up in November. He and Fire Chief Bacidore came up with some things they'd like to see in the next contract with any future ambulance service. Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service was given the information and a meeting was held with the PVAS Board to discuss our requests. One of our requests was for 7 days a week, 24 hour service and that was not available from PVAS. At that point the decision was made to contact other services. Five groups gave presentations November 8<sup>th</sup> and that included PVAS. Mayor Grove said that after all the presentations were given he didn't think it would be fair to all companies to accept any last minute proposals by any other ambulance services.

Alderman Schroeder wanted to know how the city would deal with the transition period, since our contract is up at the end of November with PVAS, if there was a change. Chief Bacidore said he hoped PVAS would continue on during that transition period.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that Mark Roberson of PVAS is allowed to address the council. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Roberson said PVAS would like the city to consider another proposal since the original one presented on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roberson also said that, in the event their contract was not renewed, PVAS would continue to serve LaSalle during the transition period. Alderman Green said that the proposal given by PVAS November 8<sup>th</sup> should have been the best they could do, and they should not come back with another proposal because that wouldn't be fair to other companies. Alderman Demes, as representative on PVAS Board, said he thought the biggest problem between LaSalle and PVAS is that the management styles differ and there is no communication.

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Green that Fire Chief Bacidore, City Attorney and Mayor are authorized to begin further negotiations with PSI regarding a possible contract.

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

The appointment to the Library Board will be made at a later date.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Green said he had been contacted by a building owner about sidewalk construction downtown by his building. He asked that the city reconsider putting the stamped brick concrete down. Mayor Grove said unless there are other issues, that in order to be consistent, the current plan for decorative sidewalks will be continued throughout the downtown area.

Alderman Green commented that he was opposed to the decision of the council at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting regarding altering parking downtown. He said we are losing over \$15,000.00 per year in addition to parking fines and in the current economic climate he felt that the decision was not fiscally responsible.

Alderman Lavieri asked if those people currently renting spaces in the lots will be allowed to continue renting those spaces. Attorney McPhedran suggested that the council should wait at least one more meeting to fine tune all the points and then make a motion to formally change the parking ordinances. Police Chief Uranich asked for some clarification as to the effective date and when tickets should be issued. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Alderman Demes said parking around the schools seems to continue to be an issue. Currently there appears to be a parking problem in the 300 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Street where people are parking across from driveways. Alderman Demes asked people parking around schools to be considerate of residents in the area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Publication of 2011 schedule of regular meetings of the LaSalle City Council and its Committees is accepted; each alderman has a copy.

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

Alderman Bacidore suggested that the water ordinance be amended to show that when a building becomes vacant, the owner will still need to pay the minimum water bill, to maintain the pipes in the system. The subject will be addressed later.

Alderman Salazar said he had been contacted about the road construction project along Bucklin. The complaint was that the ground around the corners was not leveled and seeded. Engineer Furlan said there was nothing in the contract to address this. He did tell the contractor to fill dirt along the sidewalks and he plans to take care of seeding in the spring.

## **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Green that Resolution No. 201019: PARC-3 Resolution of Authorization is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy, and further the resolution allows the city to approve up to 3 times the amount that Mr. Gary Gearhart raises in pledges toward the \$1,000,000.00 Grant, but not greater than the amount that there is a commitment on the match for, and there would be no cost to the city other than the cost of bonding initially and the interest until the project was done and the State reimburses for the grant; each alderman has a copy. In discussion following the motion, Alderman Lavieri said this was a 75% grant with a 25% match for infrastructure at Rotary Park. Mr. Gary Gearhart, as chairman of the Rotary Park Committee, has secured pledges to \$200,000.00 and anticipates raising an additional \$50,000. City Attorney McPhedran said if we apply for a grant of \$1,000,000 we have to raise \$250,000, and he asked Mr. Gearhart if he understood, as chairman of the Rotary Park Board, that pursuant to the Resolution, the importance of his representation in that regard, that Mr. Gearhart would be representing that he has that money pledged or will be available when needed.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Salazar that Mr. Gary Gearhart is allowed to address the council. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Gearhart thanked the entire council and the Mayor for everything they have done so far to help acquired the 162 acre park. The grant money being applied for can be used for infrastructure, and this grant would enable the city to put in electrical, water and sewer. The grant needs to be submitted by the 29<sup>th</sup> of November and Nora Fesco-Ballerine through NCIGC is submitting the grant application. Mr. Gearhart said his group has secured private funding and he has a commitment for close to \$200,000 in private funding and by the 29<sup>th</sup> he hopes to secure an additional \$50,000 so they can go for a \$1,000,000 grant to do the infrastructure work that they need. Attorney McPhedran said he wanted

Ms. Fesco-Ballerine to understand that the authorization would be granted only up to the extent that the city's match would be that amount raised by Mr. Gearhart. Ms. Fesco-Ballerine said she understood that.

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

**Resolution No. 201019: PARC-3 Resolution of Authorization**

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Ordinance No. 2249: Ordinance Approving Sale of Easement in Municipal Property (Quality Liquid Feeds at Creve Coeur St.) is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy

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

**Ordinance No. 2249: Ordinance Approving Sale of Easement in Municipal Property (Quality Liquid Feeds at Creve Coeur St.)**

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Mr. Kevin Heid of First Midstate is allowed to address the council. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Heid said this \$1,875,000 General Obligation Bond would be one that the city abates annually. The net interest cost on the issue is 3.82%, and the bonding company commented that they would like to see the city's reserves grow. The bonding company was pleased that city's accounting methods are in compliance with all government standards and regulations.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Salazar that Ordinance No. 2250: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,875,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B, of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

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

**Ordinance No. 2250: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,875,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B, of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds**

Mr. Heid discussed the 2001 bond for the library project, and at this point in time the city could save approximately \$51,500.00 if the bond was refinanced. He said the market is very good now and he wanted to know if the council was interested in refinancing. A

straw poll of the aldermen was taken, and all 7 of the aldermen present were in favor of going ahead with the refinancing. Formal action will be taken at the next council meeting.

Economic Director Don Aleksy reported that he has been working with area mayors to try to make enterprise zone fees competitive and not put any burden on taxpayers. The area cities have come to an agreement that the new fee will be a flat \$1,000.00 for any developer coming into town. The Enterprise Zone Board will retain about 25% of each application fee so there will be money to help offset future engineering costs. Mr. Aleksy also gave the reminder that in 2014 the city will have to begin the recertification process. The Enterprise Zone Board will be maintaining control over the fee account and will pay the administrative fee from those monies.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$791,935.76 (Payroll \$152,796.71; bills to be paid \$121,172.31; bills paid \$517,966.74) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ADJOURNED 9:18 P. M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk