

**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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar,
Schroeder

ABSENT Alderman Herndon

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY FOR FORMER ALDERMAN FLORIAN
“BUD” KONIECZNY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the minutes of the last regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 23, 2010 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Joan Sage from Comcast is allowed to address the council regarding service changes. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Ms. Sage updated the council on Comcast’s network enhancements that are planned to begin on or after September 28, 2010. Comcast will be able to offer more digital benefits to all Expanded Basic customers. Customers subscribing to a package that includes Expanded Basic Service channel lineup will need a Comcast digital receiver or digital adapter for each TV. There will be no additional monthly charge for digital equipment for the primary TV and up to 2 digital adapters for secondary TVs. Beyond the 3 devices, additional equipment and service charges apply depending on cable service subscription.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that John Everett of Illinois Valley Waste is allowed to address the council regarding its garbage collection contract with the city. Mr. Everett said the current contract expires in January and he said he would like the city to extend the contract. There was discussion of either extending the contract or going out to bid but the council wanted to discuss the options before making any decision.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes that the subject of whether to extend the contract or go out to bid is referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion and a recommendation. Alderman Green asked that all aldermen be present at the Finance Committee Meeting when the discussion is held.

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

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the request from Don Kotecki for a waiver to the masonry requirement for an addition to a building at his business is granted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder. NAY: Alderman Demes. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Green that the request from the Peru Congregational Church for permission to have a food collection at various stores on Saturday, November 6, 2010 is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the request for a variance from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kessler to build a garage on their property at 1120 St. Vincent is referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that AmerenIP's request to break ground to repair a gas leak at 107 7th Street is granted. 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 August 2010 showing total value of construction of \$122,399.00 and total fees collected of \$1,756.00 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

PROCLAMATION

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Mayor's Proclamation designating September 17 through 23, 2010 as Constitution Week is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

September 17-23, 2010 as Constitution Week

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Green that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, no action is taken at this time regarding speed limit signs on Raccuglia Drive between St. Vincent and Chartres. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, Canal Street becomes one-way going west for one block from Rt. 351 to Marquette Street.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Salazar, Schroeder. NAY: Alderman Ptak, Lavieri. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, there be no parking on the east side of St. Vincent from 11th Street to McArthur, and from Maple Street north to the City Limits, and further that there be no parking on the west side of St. Vincent from 11th Street to the alley south of Lincoln Jr. High School and from Lindberg Street north to the City Limits. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

TABLED ITEM

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee concerning a request for 20 mph speed limit signs in the 600 and 700 blocks of Bucklin is removed from the table and that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee Chairman makes its recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Alderman Demes wanted to clarify that the signage in question is actually in the 500 and 600 blocks of Bucklin – not the 600 and 700 blocks. Further that pursuant to Ordinance No.705, section 45, 20 mph speed limit school signs be placed in the boulevard median; one in the 500 block by alley for northbound traffic and one in the 600 block boulevard median for southbound traffic. Further that the 125 mph sign in the alley on the east side of the 500 block of Bucklin going north should be removed and the 20 mph speed limit sign on the west side of the 600 block currently in place on a pole should be removed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Ptak that authorization is given for payment for CMT, Sjostrom and Pohar – Payment #6 – pending receipt of funds from IEPA (East side wastewater treatment improvement). Each alderman has a copy.

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

Superintendent McNeilly reported that he has received a tree replacement proposal from AmerenIP as agreed to in the Transmission Easement Document, and following discussion of the proposal, no further action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

The council discussed a proposed purchase of two trucks for public works. Alderman Green said that he didn't believe there was money available for the purchase and he would rather fix the 2 trucks rather than purchase trucks at this time. It was suggested we look into possibly purchasing used trucks.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that the city does not purchase the 2 new trucks at this time and instead repair the truck we have.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder.
NAY: Alderman Ptak. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that Ordinance No. 2242: An Ordinance Authorizing City of LaSalle, through its Representatives, to Enter into Contract with the United States Department of Agriculture Regarding the Receipt of Grant Money for an Equipped K-9 Vehicle and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

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Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Green that Ordinance No. 2243: an Ordinance Further Regulating Parking and Further Related to the Prevention and Abatement of Nuisances is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

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

Ordinance No. 2243: an Ordinance Further Regulating Parking and Further Related to the Prevention and Abatement of Nuisances

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Green that Ordinance No.2244: An Ordinance Further Regulating Traffic within the City of LaSalle (Canal Street, one way going west from Rt. 351 to Marquette) is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder.
NAY: Alderman Ptak. ABSENT: Alderman Herndon. Motion carried.

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COMMENTS

Engineer Furlan said that good progress is being made on the Bucklin road project. The sanitary sewer work is complete. Road work will start soon. The contract was approved by the State for road work on 11th Street from Chartres to Bucklin and Crosat Street from 11th to O'Connor.

Economic Director Don Aleksy said the city has received an \$85,795.00 grant for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant that we had applied for in June through NCICG. In addition, the state will also be awarding an additional grant of \$10,173.00 for the program based on our CDAP status. The city's cost for the project will be a little over \$18,000.00. That amount should be reduced by in-kind work by city staff. The grant will be for lighting, electrical, heating and cooling improvements for City Hall. Mr. Aleksy also said there is a meeting September 15th for the details.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that bills submitted totaling \$297,743.11 (Payroll \$148,281.92; bills to be paid \$38,274.99; bills paid \$111,186.20) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 8:12 P. M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk