

**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, MAY 2, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In memory of retired street department mechanic James Vohs. Mr. Vohs was employed by the City from 1988-1999.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Alderman Demes, Green, Ptak, Lavieri,  
Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon

**ABSENT**

Alderman Bacidore

**COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING ALDERMEN**

Mayor Grove asked that the outgoing aldermen are recognized for their time and dedication to their constituents and the City of LaSalle, and they were applauded. The Mayor thanked them for their service and invited them to speak.

Alderman Green thanked the citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward for allowing him to serve them for almost 20 years. He also thanked his wife and family for supporting him. He thanked the former mayors and city employees for their help and input. He also thanked all employees for their work.

Alderman Schroeder thanked the 21 different aldermen that he served with over the years and he said he enjoyed serving with them all. He also thanked former Mayor Washkowiak and others in the city that he was able to go to when he had a question or a problem. He said he always tried to do what's best for the City. He said he had one regret and that was his no confidence vote in former City Engineer Pam Broviak, and if he had the chance he would change his vote. He said he wanted to go on record to publicly say his decision was wrong. Mr. Schroeder thanked the citizens of the 4<sup>th</sup> ward for allowing him to serve for 12 of the last 14 years, and said he wished nothing but the best for the city in its future.

Alderman Salazar thanked Mayor Grove for appointing him to serve as alderman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward for the past 2 years. He said he enjoyed the term and said it went by fast. He said there was always something going on in the two years, and he tried to address citizen concerns, however some were not resolved. He thanked the staff including the Mayor, Police Department, Fire Department and other departments for their help. Mr. Salazar said he has lived in all four wards of the City of LaSalle, and he wanted the city to go into

a new direction and he wanted to see progress. Alderman Salazar also thanked his wife and family for their support.

Fire Chief Andy Bacidore spoke and offered his thanks to the outgoing aldermen and said he appreciated their support during his years as Fire Chief, and especially in the last few months when the department began a new ambulance service. Chief Bacidore said Alderman Green and Schroeder were serving when he took over as Chief 14 years ago, and he learned a lot from both of them. He said Alderman Schroeder understood that the fire department raises a lot of money and brings a lot of equipment into the City, which keeps it off of the tax rolls, and thanked him for being at every fire department fundraiser. Chief Bacidore said Alderman Green, as Chairman of the Fire Committee, always brought up on the council floor any of his concerns with enthusiasm, and it meant a lot to the members of his department.

Alderman Ptak said he wanted to recognize Alderman Green for his help when he came on board as a new alderman, and he said he appreciated his knowledge and experience. Also he said he would miss the experience and knowledge of both Alderman Green and Schroeder, and said their concern was always with the citizens of LaSalle.

Following their comments, the alderman were applauded and given a standing ovation.

#### **OATHS OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

City Clerk Virginia Kochanowski gave the oath of office to First Ward Alderman James “Diz” Demes; to Second Ward Alderman Joe Edgcomb; to Third Ward Alderman John S. Duncan and to Fourth Ward Alderman Mark Schneider. They were each applauded and were then seated and congratulated.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Demes, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri,  
Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**ABSENT:** Alderman Bacidore

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the public hearing regarding vacation of the alleyway in the vicinity of 2290 Washington Street is opened for public comment. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

City Attorney James McPhedran said that the owners of the property at 2290 Washington Street thought that the alley vacation was taken care of many years ago, but have since discovered that there was no record of that vacation at the City or the County and that they were now requesting a vacation of alleyway.

There were no comments from the public. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the public hearing is closed. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the minutes of the last regular meeting held Monday, April 18, 2011 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **RESIGNATION**

Mayor Grove announced that City Treasurer Fran Baratta has given him notice that, because of personal reasons, she was resigning as Treasurer of the City of LaSalle. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes that the resignation is accepted with regret.

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

#### **RESIGNATION:**

**Fran Baratta as City Treasurer**

Mayor Grove said he would like to appoint former alderman Robert “Ice Man” Ksiazkiewicz to fill the remaining 2 years of the Treasurer’s term.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Mayor’s appointment of Robert “Ice Man” Ksiazkiewicz to fill the remaining 2 years of the Treasurer’s position is accepted.

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

#### **APPOINTMENT:**

**Robert “Ice Man” Ksiazkiewicz as Treasurer**

### **PETITIONS**

The Agenda item regarding a petition for a zoning variance for 1204 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Gary Urbanski was not acted upon.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ameren Illinois is given permission to break ground at 1653 LaHarpe Street on the west side to repair a gas leak and at 1630 Prospect Avenue to repair a gas leak. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

The petition from Stephanie Belock for the Acri Company was not acted upon. Further information needs to be obtained.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the request for funding from cops 4 Cancer, Inc. is referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Building Inspectors’ Report for March 2011 showing total value of construction of \$4,500.00 and

total fees collected of \$150.00 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy.  
Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **BIDS: North Joliet Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project**

Engineer Mike Furlan said two bids were received: One from Leonard J. Trovero Construction at \$503,542.00 with an alternate bid amount of \$44,083.91 and one from J. W. Ossola Co., Inc. in the amount of \$506,082.00 with an alternate bid of \$48,894.00, and he recommended that the council accept the low bid from Leonard J. Trovero for \$503,542.00 with an alternate bid for additional road work in the amount of \$44,083.91. Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that, with the recommendation of the City Engineer, the low bid from Leonard J. Trovero for \$503,542.00 with an alternate bid for \$44,083.91 for the North Joliet Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project are accepted

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

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

Mayor Grove announced his committee appointments for 2011-2013

### **APPOINTMENTS TO 2013**

**Finance Committee: Alderman Ptak, Chair.,  
Alderman Lavieri, Herndon, Duncan, Schneider.**

**Police & Judiciary: Alderman Herndon, Chair.,  
Alderman Bacidore, Ptak, Duncan, Edgcomb.**

**Public Health: Alderman Duncan, Chair.,  
Alderman Lavieri, Bacidore, Edgcomb,  
Schneider.**

**Streets/Alleys/Traffic: Alderman Bacidore,  
Chair., Alderman Ptak, Herndon, Edgcomb,  
Dun can.**

**Fire & ESDA: Alderman Demes, Chair.,  
Alderman Herndon, Lavieri, Duncan, Edgcomb.**

**Economic Development: Alderman Ptak, Chair.,  
Alderman Lavieri, Demes, Duncan, Schneider.**

**Grants: Alderman Demes, Chair., Alderman  
Herndon, Lavieri, Schneider, Edgcomb.**

**Waterworks: Alderman Lavieri, Chair.,  
Alderman Ptak, Demes, Bacidore, Edgcomb.**

**Waste Water/Environmental:** Alderman Bacidore, Chair., Alderman Herndon, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan.

**Lighting:** Alderman Duncan, Chair., Alderman Ptak, Demes, Bacidore, Schneider.

**Licenses:** Alderman Bacidore, Chair., Alderman Herndon, Demes, Edgcomb, Schneider.

**Grounds/Real Estate:** Alderman Schneider, Chair., Alderman Lavieri, Bacidore, Ptak, Herndon.

**City Improvements:** Alderman Herndon, Chair., Alderman Demes, Ptak, Schneider, Duncan.

**Building Codes:** Alderman Edgcomb, Chair., Alderman Bacidore, Herndon, Demes, Lavieri

**Park Board:** Alderman Lavieri;  
Alderman Schneider, Alt.

**Library Board:** Alderman Lavieri,  
Alderman Demes, Alternate

**ILL Municipal League:** Alderman Demes  
Alderman Bacidore, Alternate

**LPAC Liaison:** Alderman Schneider  
Alderman Edgcomb, Alternate

**Police/Fire Board Rep.:** Alderman Herndon  
Alderman Duncan, Alternate

**LBA Liaison:** Alderman Ptak  
Alderman Duncan, Alternate

Alderman Lavieri said that the Rotary Park Committee needs some new and/or reappointments and he said they do have the fund raising foundation set up and the paper work is in progress for the 501C(3) status.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the Mayor's Committee appointments are accepted; each and every alderman has a copy of the appointments.

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

Alderman Demes reported that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee met regarding a request for signage in the alley going north off of 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Bucklin and Wright Streets. Therefore, moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the unanimous recommendation that signs indicating the speed limit in the alley is 15 mph are placed both at the north and south ends of the alley going north off of 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Bucklin and Wright Streets.

Alderman Lavieri questioned if an ordinance would need to be drawn up since it was his understanding that a 15 mph speed limit in alleys is set by state statute. Attorney McPhedran will research.

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

Mayor Grove announced that Police Chief Uranich has informed him that William Liepold has given his resignation as a full-time police officer and asked that the resignation be accepted with regret.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the resignation of full-time police officer William Liepold is accepted with regret.

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

### **RESIGNATION**

#### **Full-Time Police Officer William Liepold**

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The recommendations by the Zoning Board of Appeals on the petitions of Richard Smith and Keith Boggio will be acted upon at a later date.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that authorization is given for payment to Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., pending approval of the IEPA; each alderman has a copy of the invoices.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the request for a change in the number of coin operated amusement devices allowed in businesses is referred to the License Committee for review and a recommendation.

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

Alderman Herndon asked City Engineer Mike Furlan if something could be done regarding failing roads on North Crosat an North Bucklin that were resurfaced as part of the ARRA project by sealing the cracks that have developed. Engineer Furlan will look at the roads and contact the State.

Alderman Lavieri asked if there has been a cost estimate to supply water service to a lot by Chartres & Garfield, and asked if it could be looked into. Engineer Furlan is investigating.

## **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2269: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of City Right-of-Way in the vicinity of 2290 Washington Street and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

### **Ordinance No. 2269: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of City Right-of-Way in the vicinity of 2290 Washington Street and Related Matters**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Demes that Ordinance No. 2270: An Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Police Squad Cars and Related Financing Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

### **Ordinance No. 2270: An Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Police Squad Cars and Related Financing Matters**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Ordinance No. 2271: An Ordinance Authorizing Agreement Regarding Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

### **Ordinance No. 2271: An Ordinance Authorizing Agreement Regarding Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant and Related Matters**

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that bills submitted totaling \$994,272.05 (Payroll \$148,555.49; bills to be paid \$25,011.35; bills paid \$820,705.21) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ADJOURNED 7:50 P. M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk