

**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., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds,
Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

ABSENT Alderman Herndon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ameren Illinois is allowed to break ground to repair a gas leak at 904 10th Street. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the request from Brian Sellett for a variance to the Zoning Ordinance to place a 6 foot fence on his property is referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a recommendation.

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request for a handicapped parking sign in front of 1227 Seventh Street is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore announced that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee would meet at 6:45 P.M. on April 23rd to discuss the matter.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the request for a 2013 Raffle License from Renee Hutchinson for the International Child Abuse Prevention Task Force is granted.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the Treasurers' Report for March 2013 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$699,359.36 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,314,398.99 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing motor fuel tax allotment for March 2013 of \$19,412.70 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the Mayor's Proclamation declaring May 2013 as Motorcycle Awareness Month is accepted. Each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried. Alderman Reynolds said that since this topic came up he would like to comment on the noise that some motorcycle make and suggested that when residents feel the nose is too loud they should call the police department.

PROCLAMATION

May as Motorcycle Awareness Month

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that, at the recommendation by the Finance Committee, a donation of \$250.00 is given to the Better Fishing Association toward the two annual Kids Fishing events this year.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council ratifies the straw poll taken at the last meeting and formally authorizes the Payment #14 to HR Green for the LaSalle Retaining Wall Project (Invoice 85273).

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

Alderman Schneider commented about the delay of work at the Midwest Cathedral building and asked that this project be kept as a priority and said that he would like an update at the next meeting.

Mayor Grove announced that the burning ban in the City of LaSalle is still in effect and cautioned residents about burning. The police will ticket offenders.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the council accepts the Financial Audit Report for April 30, 2012. Each alderman has a copy.

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

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council approves funding for a Western Illinois University Intern in the amount of \$7,500.00 for an 11 month time period. Amount for the intern is \$26,800 and the City received a grant which pays all but the \$7,500.00 amount.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request for a TIF for Arnold Properties is accepted and referred to Attorney Tom Jacob's office for preparation of a formal proposal to bring back to the council in the form of an ordinance and redevelopment agreement.

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

Alderman Ptak commented that before the city proceeds with the TIF Agreement, that the City should get a commitment from Mr. Arnolds about work at the Midwest Cathedral in the near future.

Alderman Schneider said he was contacted by a resident on North Joliet Street who said that there used to be a sign in the alley behind his property. The sign was taken down and that resident would like it to be replaced. Alderman Schneider said he thought it would be better to place the sign at the entrance to the alley rather than in the middle of the alley and Alderman Schneider asked the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to consider the request.

Alderman Schneider also said that resident contacted him about the noise and days of operation of the LaSalle Speedway and he asked that the ordinance be reviewed to ascertain the ending time and the days of the week for the races.

Alderman Ptak commented on the city accepting ownership of property at 334 Fourth Street and he would like to see the process begun. The Finance Committee is in agreement that the city explores it further.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that Ordinance No. 2421: An Ordinance Authorizing IKE Grant Regarding Pedestrian/Bike Trails and Related Matters (Farnsworth) is accepted and passed; each and every Alderman has a copy.

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

Ordinance No. 2421: An Ordinance Authorizing IKE Grant Regarding Pedestrian/Bike Trails and Related Matters (Farnsworth)

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that Ordinance No. 2422: An Ordinance Authorizing the Development and Implementation of the City of LaSalle Comprehensive Plan (Lakota Group) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Ordinance No. 2422: An Ordinance Authorizing the Development and Implementation of the City of LaSalle Comprehensive Plan (Lakota Group)

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Ordinance No. 2423: An Ordinance Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Amendment to Boundary Line Agreement with Village of North Utica, Illinois is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Ordinance No. 2423: An Ordinance Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Amendment to Boundary Line Agreement with Village of North Utica, Illinois

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes that Ordinance No. 2424: Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1102 Entitled: “An Ordinance Establishing An Enterprise Zone within the City of LaSalle, Illinois said Enterprise Zone Being a Portion of a Larger Enterprise Zone encompassing Contiguous Portions of the Cities of Oglesby, Peru, LaSalle and the County of LaSalle, Illinois and related matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy. Alderman Lavieri noted that the Village of North Utica is also included in the Enterprise Zone

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

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$394,065.00 (Payroll \$143,880.77; bills to be paid \$77,708.02; bills paid \$172,476.21) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 7:32 P.M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk