

**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, MAY 31, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the minutes of the last regular meeting held Monday, May 16, 2011 and for the Special Meeting held Monday, May 23, 2011 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 Bacidore that Kevin Heide of First MidState is allowed to address the council regarding bonding. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Heide informed the council that the time may be right to refinance some of the city's bonds. He said he couldn't predict whether this should be done, but conditions are now favorable for refinancing. Nothing can be done for a few weeks.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Demes that Richard Oertel of Stan's Ice Cream, Inc. is issued a Peddler Permit to sell ice cream products from a step van, provided the required information is on file. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the request from Ahmad Abusamrth of So Sweet Ice Cream is tabled until the required information is received. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Alderman Duncan inquired if the city had a certain amount of liability insurance that is required in order to sell in the City, and he recommended that we require liability insurance. Attorney McPhedran said we will check the ordinance to see if there is a minimum.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the request for a 2011 Raffle License from Starved Rock Area Special Olympics is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from Lana Fay for a lease agreement to place a concrete pad for a refrigeration unit on city right-of-way near her property at 201 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Jake's Pour House) is granted provided there are no utilities under the concrete pad, subject to a JULIE check.

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the request for a 2011 Raffle License from Samuel Ratliff for "Promise for Ethan" is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Ameren Illinois's petitions to break ground at 1<sup>st</sup> and Chartres to expose flange valve on gas main and at 890 Walnut Road to install a 30 ft. pole are granted; each and every alderman has a copy of the requests. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the request to close Lindberg Road from St. Vincent Avenue to the East side of the alley located west of Lincoln Junior High School from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried. Mayor Grove said that this would be during the City's mapping meeting and in coordination with that there would be a memorabilia night and the municipal band would be entertaining. The meeting begins at 6:30 P.M. in Lincoln Jr. High and that the municipal band will be playing 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. prior to the meeting.

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the Police Income Report for April 2011 showing total fees collected of \$15,827.57 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request for stop signs at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and Marquette Streets for East and West bound traffic is denied. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon that, at the recommendation by the Finance Committee, the request for funding from the Central States Tournament Committee is denied.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Edgcomb Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: Alderman Bacidore. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the request to officially combine both parcels of Rotary Park (52 acres and 110 acres) as one park for grant and development purposes is referred to the Finance Committee for discussion and a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the request to negotiate contract(s) with Hitchcock Group, King Engineer and Tony Morelli to finalize design and engineering to implement OSLAD Development Grant is referred to the Finance Committed for discussion and a recommendation.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the request for authorization to hire Hitchcock Group for \$5,000.00 (paid by Rotary Park Foundation) to prepare a Phase 2 OSLAD Grant, further that the Rotary Park Foundation will raise the 501 matching funds and anticipate applying for \$800,000 maximum, is referred to the Finance Committee for discussion and a recommendation.

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

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

Mr. Gearhart said he is here to celebrate the fact that the city received an OSLAD Grant, and that was possible by the action of the Mayor and Council. Mr. Gearhart also wanted to thank committee members and the foundation members present: Andy Bacidore, John Lavieri, Mayor Grove, Sam McNeilly, Ruth and Don Spayer, John Steele, Alissa Gearhart, Susan Thornton, Tony Morelli, as well as a representative from King Engineering. Mr. Gearhart said he wanted to address the three new council members and he wanted to bring everyone up-to-date on Rotary Park. The \$800,000 OSLAD grant received will accomplish four specific things: (1) A handicapped accessible playground; (2) trails and pathways (3) a soccer field (4) a fishing station at a pond. Mr. Gearhart asked Tony Morelli, who did the design work for Rotary Park to update the council on the plans. Mr. Morelli said the Hitchcock Group submitted the Grant for the city. Mr. Morelli said they were incorporating a dog park into the plans for the park. Bill Inman of the Hitchcock Group also addressed the council and noted the city is considering entering into a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase for a further grant, and feels there is a good chance that the city could be awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> OSLAD grant. Mr. Inman said he didn't believe the city had a chance to get the PARC Grant that we applied for. Attorney McPhedran said that, at this time, there is no way to tell if we would or would not be able to get that PARC Grant. Mr. Gearhart said that at the time the city applied for the PARC Grant he had private monetary commitments that could be used toward another OSLAD Grant if the PARC Grant is not received.

Alderman Lavieri asked Mr. Gearhart that if the city did, by some miracle actually receive the PARC Grant, would the he and others would be able to raise, in private money, the \$650,000.00 that the city would be committed to. Mr. Gearhart said we would have 2 years to build, and in kind contributions would count toward the city's portion. Mr. Gearhart said a public hearing is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> for OSLAD Phase 2 would be held when residents and interested individuals could speak and ask questions. The meeting is currently scheduled at the Library at 7:00 P.M. June 9<sup>th</sup>, but it would be combined with the scheduled mapping Public Hearing at Lincoln Junior High School on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that authorization is given for Change Order No. 6 for the East Side Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that authorization is given for payment to CMT, pending approval of the IEPA for the East Side Wastewater System Improvements.

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

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that discussion and possible action regarding the Yaklich property water line issue is Tabled for further study. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that Ordinance No.2277: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Numbers 1701 and Ordinances Related Thereto (regarding coin operated amusement devices) is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

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

**Ordinance No. 2277: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Numbers 1701 and Ordinances Related Thereto (regarding coin operated amusement devices)**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Ordinance No. 2278: Ordinance Regarding Lease of Municipal Property (Lana Fay – 2 year lease at 201

Ninth Street) is accepted and passed, subject to a JULIE check to determine where the underground utilities are located; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

**Ordinance No. 2278: Ordinance Regarding Lease of Municipal Property (Lana Fay – 2 year lease at Northeast corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Creve Coeur)**

**COMMENTS**

Economic Director Don Aleksy said the USDA will be testing at the Little Vermilion River.

Engineer Furlan gave a reminder that there is construction going on at North Joliet/Walnut/Sobieski streets and asked residents to avoid that area.

A Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the Mapping meeting at Lincoln Junior High School on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The Public Hearing will be to receive comments regarding a Phase 2 OSLAD Grant for Rotary Park

Alderman Lavieri said that the Lock 14 fishing tournament is Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 9:00-11:00a.m., with registration beginning at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Grove announced that the city did receive a Grant for work at the Dike around the Waste Water Treatment plant near the Illinois River.

Celebrate LaSalle will be held at Hegeler Park June 10, 11, 12.

The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri, that bills submitted totaling \$1,140,248.00 (Payroll \$143,115.77; bills to be paid \$133,382.56 bills paid \$863,749.67) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried. **ADJOURNED 8:05 P. M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk