

**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, MARCH 12, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**PRESENTATION OF AWARD**

Mayor Grove announced that Francie Skoflanc recently was awarded the 2013 Community Champion Vision to Action award for her leadership and her dedication to the community of LaSalle. She was honored at a dinner and awards presentation in Peoria on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Skoflanc was nominated by Don Aleksy and Laura Frizol for her work downtown and for the initiating the monthly Canal Market events. Ms. Skoflanc was applauded, and she thanked all those who supported her and said the award was for all of them.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Lori Welch, IVBI Clubhouse Director is allowed to address the council concerning brain injury awareness. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Ms. Welch is the director of the Illinois Valley Brain Injury Clubhouse in Streator. The IVBI Clubhouse offers on-going programs, services, and education to persons with brain injury in and surrounding LaSalle County and they encourage unity between survivors, families and friends of brain injury. A Proclamation declaring March as Brain Injury Awareness Month was read.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that March is proclaimed as Brain Injury Awareness Month in the City of LaSalle.

**PROCLAMATION:**

**March as Brain Injury Awareness Month**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the request for funding from Horizon House of Illinois Valley Annual "Road to Independence" Campaign is denied. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that permission is given for the Knights of Columbus Post 792 to have its annual Tootsie Roll candy sale at various businesses on September 20, 21 & 22 and also that the group is allowed to solicit in the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> & Bucklin on Saturday, September 21st between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the LaSalle Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4668 is allowed to have its annual Poppy Distribution Days in LaSalle on October 17, 18, and 19, 2013. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the request from the Laborers' Local 393 to have its annual Dad's Day (Dollars Against Diabetes) Collection in LaSalle on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Collection to be at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> & Bucklin between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation communication reporting motor fuel tax allotment for February 2013 of \$16,403.92 is accepted and placed on file. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Revenue reports showing sales tax for December 2012 of \$63,634.75 and referendum approved sales tax of \$26,403.61 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes that April 2013 be proclaimed as Fair Housing Month in the City of LaSalle. Each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

**April 2013 as Fair Housing Month**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that authorization is given for Change Order No 6 for the Retaining Wall Construction Project IKE Disaster Recovery CDBG Funded Improvements.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that authorization is given for the change of the regular city council meeting of April 9, 2013 (election day) to Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

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

Superintendent/Director of Public Works Sam McNeilly said that he and other water department personnel met with individuals from three engineering firms together so everyone had the same information on what the city's goals were regarding a water system needs study. Mr. McNeilly said that all three of the firms were excellent and qualified firms and the city has dealt with all of them, but based on the professional services agreement, it was his recommendation to award the work to HR Green. HR Green is being asked to prepare a pre-application document for State revolving funds through Illinois EPA to get the City of LaSalle on the 2013 list for projects related to their funds. This pre-application filing for the money does not obligate the city to spending these funds but allows the city to position itself for low interest funding in the near future to meet the needs presented in the study.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that, at the recommendation of Superintendent/Director of Public Works, the engineering firm HR Green is selected to do a water system needs study since theirs was the lower bid.

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

Mayor Grove said that this coming Saturday, March 16th, the annual St. Patrick's Day parade will be held in the downtown area and he invited everyone to attend. This year there will be a downtown window decorating contest and a traveling trophy will be awarded to the winner. Entries for the parade are still being accepted.

Alderman Lavieri announced that the Starved Rock Runners Club is having a cleanup day on the Illinois-Michigan Canal towpath on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, with a make-up date of March 24<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in helping can meet at the parking lot that morning near the canal boat.

## **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Attorney McPhedran said that he had prepared two different versions of the Ordinance regarding revisions to Ordinance No. 2237: An Ordinance Regulating Rules, Conditions and Rates Applying to Water and Services in All Territory Serviced by the City of LaSalle, Illinois. One is being consistent with the recommendation of the Water Committee as approved by the council by a 5-3 vote when the need arises, and also clarifying the intention that the city would in those events be willing to work out payment arrangements and also that the city's intention would be if the need arose that the city would have the discretion to place liens on property, which was the intention in any event.

Alderman Ptak said that two weeks ago when the recommendation of the Water Committee was given, he simply made a mistake in his vote and therefore, it was moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to deny approval of this version of the ordinance and to rescind the recommendation of the Council that the ordinance be changed to reflect the issues in connection with the needs that were set forth in the prior recommendation.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the second ordinance, Ordinance No. 2420: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 2237, which is an Ordinance Regulating Rules, Conditions and Rates Applying to Water and Services in the City of LaSalle, Illinois - which clarifies the intention of the existing ordinance is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

**Ordinance No. 2420: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 2237, which is an Ordinance Regulating Rules, Conditions and Rates Applying to Water and Services in the City of LaSalle, Illinois**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Resolution No. 201303: Expenditure/Authorization for Motor Fuel Tax Funds (\$29,198.38 for Bucklin Avenue) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy. Motion carried.

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

**Resolution No. 201303:**  
**Expenditure/Authorization for Motor Fuel Tax Funds (\$29,198.38 for Bucklin Avenue)**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Resolution No. 201304: Expenditure/Authorization for Motor Fuel Tax Funds (\$50,854.38 for Crosat St.) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy. Motion Carried.

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

**Resolution No. 201304:  
Expenditure/Authorization for Motor Fuel Tax  
Funds (\$50,854.38 for Crosat St.)**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Resolution No. 201305 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality (2013 road program) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

**Resolution No. 201305 for Maintenance of  
Streets and Highways by Municipality (2013  
road program)**

7:49 P. M. Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes that the council goes into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters**

8:33 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Executive Session is adjourned and that the council returns to the regular meeting.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$318,683.23 (Payroll \$143,715.59; bills to be paid \$64,023.57; bills paid \$110,944.07) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ADJOURNED 8:34 P.M.** \_\_\_\_\_ Virginia Kochanowski Clerk