

**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 6, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence- None

PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to open the public hearing regarding vacation of the southeastern portion of the alley diamond between 3rd and 4th Streets. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy explained the details of the vacation, however Attorney McPhedran indicated that some other matters have arisen therefore the developer is not expecting formal action on the vacation until the issues are resolved in connection with the development. However, the Public Hearing process, including publication, needed to occur in order for the process to continue and for the public to have an opportunity to comment on the vacation. When the matters are resolved, the potential vacation will be subject to an appropriate development agreement between the City and the developer and any other pertinent issues prior to passing the ordinance. Attorney McPhedran indicated he had spoken to City Engineer Brian Brown and he had no objections to the vacation in this portion of the alley. There were no other questions and no comments from the public.

Moved by Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to close the public hearing and re-enter regular session.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to allow Marsha McCutchan of RHMG Engineers to address the council regarding Rotary Park Phase II.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Marsha McCutchan introduced Chris Bouchard from RHMG Engineers who reviewed the scope, costs and timeline for the Rotary Park Phase II project. The project went out for bid on April 29, 2014 with a bid opening scheduled for May 27, 2014. The contract will be presented to the council for consideration on June 3, 2014. Discussion followed.

Alderman Demes suggested drafting a letter to the La Salle County Board asking for funding assistance for the turn lanes into the park.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to allow Laura Frizol and Cristy Stupegia to address the council.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Library Director Laura Frizol thanked the City Council and the City of La Salle for the assistance over the past sixteen years. She reviewed a few of the accomplishments that have occurred over those years, including the new building and renovations to the library. She then introduced the new Library Director, Cristy Stupegia. Ms. Stupegia stated that she was proud and humble to serve as the new Library Director beginning May 30 and that her family is very excited to come to La Salle. She stated it was bittersweet, as she believes Laura Frizol is one of the finest librarians Illinois has to offer and she will be missed. She invited the council to attend a gathering on May 18, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. to honor Laura.

Mayor Grove recognized Laura for all she has done as Library Director, but also for her involvement in other volunteer organizations within the City. He, too, expressed that she is appreciated and will be missed.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of Kevin Dale of the Illinois Valley Building Trade's Council of the AFL-CIO to hold its annual Dollars Against Diabetes Dad's Day Collection on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 11th and Bucklin Streets and at local businesses from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Elton Murphy of the La Salle VFW Post 4668 to hold a Poppy Distribution from May 22-24, 2014 at businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Lavieri informed the council that he had a discussion with City Engineer Brian Brown regarding the request from Brian Claudnic to vacate a portion of Polar Bear Drive. Mr. Brown was not in favor of vacating the right of way. In addition, Alderman Lavieri indicated that vacating this area contradicts our Comprehensive Plan which calls for connected roads.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to deny the request from Brian Claudnic.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove added that others in addition to City Engineer Brian Brown opposed this potential vacation. The council was in agreement that this is an integral connecting road we may need in the future.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 1301 5th, 1339 5th and 528 Sterling streets to retire gas service.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for March 2014 totaling \$12,659.84. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation concerning Casey's Consolidation Plat and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

The Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee made a recommendation regarding placing a handicapped parking sign at 1107 6th Street. A straw poll was taken and all aldermen were in favor. A formal vote will be taken at the May 20, 2014 council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the appointments of Beth Swingel as Administrative Assistant for a three year term and also continuing as Deputy Clerk, and Chris Covert as full-time Building Inspector for a three year term.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

Appointments:
**Beth Swingel-Administrative
Assistant, continuing as Deputy
Clerk-3year term**
**Chris Covert-Full time Building
Inspector-3 year term**

Alderman Demes suggested establishing an attendance policy for those who serve as board members, suggesting after two absences the board member be removed. Mayor Grove understood the frustration caused when a meeting has to be postponed due to the lack of a quorum, but stated that we need to be sensitive as these are unpaid positions and people are busy. Mayor Grove also explained that he has several vacancies on boards that he needs to fill.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

In regard to increasing the number of Class B liquor licenses, Mayor Grove explained that in order to have gaming machines, a pre-requisite for businesses is to acquire a Class B liquor license. The fee for a Class B license is \$400 and the City's current ordinance allows five (5)

licenses to be issued. At this time, all five are accounted for and there is a request for a sixth. A Class B license allows the sale of beer and wine on the premises and must be in a commercially zoned area. In order to meet the demand, the council needs to consider increasing the number of available licenses.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to adjust the number of Class B liquor licenses in the City of La Salle from five (5) to ten (10).

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

Motion carried 8-0

Alderman Ptak explained that an agreement has been reached with Peru Federal Savings Bank in regard to roadwork repair that needs to be done at Country Aire Subdivision now taken over by the bank due to foreclosure. The City has agreed to pay half of the road work repair estimate from TIF funds totaling \$105,000.

A straw poll was taken and all aldermen were in favor as long as payment came out of TIF funds. Alderman Lavieri passed.

Alderman Schneider was contacted by a resident who stated they saw Illinois Valley Waste combining yard waste bags in the same truck as garbage. Alderman Schneider questioned if our rates and contract reflects the need for special bags and stickers. If it does, he asked that we contact IV Waste for an explanation as to why the yard waste is being combined. Mayor Grove indicated we will follow-up with Illinois Valley Waste and review our current contract.

Alderman Bacidore encouraged the City to begin a program to buy new trucks. Mayor Grove asked Alderman Bacidore to sit down with Superintendent Bumgarner and Finance Director John Duncan to develop a plan for the council to consider. Alderman Duncan reminded the council that funds must be set aside for the Police Pension fund or a tax will be assessed on homeowners.

Alderman Reynolds was contacted by several people who were at Rotary Park with their children. The indicated that teenagers were playing on the equipment and asked if there was some way the police could patrol. Mayor Grove stated that residents need to contact the Police Department at the time so that they can address the issue while it is happening.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve and place on file **Ordinance No. 2483** an ordinance approving consolidation plat of a portion of Block 57 within the Original Town, now City of La Salle and the vicinity thereof. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion carried 8-0

Ordinance No. 2483: an ordinance approving consolidation plat of a portion of Block 57 within the Original Town, now City of La Salle and the vicinity thereof. (Casey's)

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve **Ordinance 2484** an ordinance approving Labor agreement between the City of LaSalle(Sergeants/Lieutenants) and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

Ordinance No. 2484: an ordinance approving Labor agreement between the City of La Salle (Sergeants/Lieutenants) and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police.

The ordinance pertaining to the impoundment and towing of vehicles used in the commission of certain offenses within the City of La Salle was passed on.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept Ordinance 2485 an ordinance amending Ordinances including No. 1287 and City of La Salle corresponding Code Provisions (Section 110.21) regarding limitation on number of liquor licenses and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion carried 8-0

Ordinance No. 2485: an ordinance amending Ordinances including No. 1287 and City of La Salle corresponding Code Provisions (Section 110.21) regarding limitation on number of liquor licenses and related matters

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file **Resolution 201410** for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (2014 Road Program). Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion carried 8-0

Resolution 201410: a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (2014 Road Program)

COMMENTS

Fire Chief Andy Bacidore commended his department for their hard work and reported the last month had been extremely busy.

Building Inspector Chris Covert thanked the council for his appointment, as well as for reappointing Beth Swingel.

Parks and Recreation Director Don Baldin informed the council that the 2014 summer program booklet will be available next week and distributed to the schools and City Hall.

County Board member Mike Kasap informed the council that he will take the suggestion regarding possible funding assistance in regard to the future turn lane for Rotary Park back to the County Highway Department for consideration.

Superintendent Bumgarner informed the council that the new leaf vacuum will arrive shortly and that a street sweeper schedule is being developed.

8:05 p.m. Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to enter 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 and the employment, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c)1-3,5,6,and 11 thereof.

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

Motion carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to exit Executive Session and return to regular session.

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

Motion carried 8-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling: \$384,937.33 (Total Payroll \$168,992.72 Bills to be Paid \$61,914.26, Total Bills Paid \$154,030.35) 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 Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 9:02 p.m.

Carrie Brown, City Clerk