

Meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee of the City of LaSalle

Monday, January 22, 2024

**Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting - City Hall Council
Chambers**

Chairman Bacidore called the Meeting to order at 6:07pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Bacidore, Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

Excused Absence: Alderman Herndon

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to allow Alderman Herndon to attend meeting remotely via phone call.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent: NONE

Alderman Herndon joined the meeting remotely via phone call.

Others Present: Finance Director John Duncan, City Engineer Brian Brown, City Building Inspector Andy Bacidore, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Attorney James McPhedran, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski, Director of Public Works Kevin Fay

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve and place on file the minutes of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for December 27, 2023.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore mentioned that he had asked to add the item to the agenda for discussion regarding traffic control signals at 24th and Chartres Street including, but not limited to, consideration of whether to change the nature of traffic control signals from directional control to blinking red lights. Bacidore mentioned that they had since fixed the lights and the city was going to also purchase a backup battery.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to table the item regarding traffic control signals at 24th and Chartres Street including, but not limited to, consideration of whether to change the nature of traffic control signals from directional control to blinking red lights.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Lavieri asked if the city could shovel the sidewalk around the Second and Marquette lot. It is city owned and many may access this lot and sidewalks to get to other downtown businesses.

Alderman Ptak mentioned that the city was looking into purchasing a vehicle last year for the downtown sidewalks, but nothing came of it. Alderman Crane informed Director of Public Works Kevin Fay that the city had appropriated money last year to make a purchase of side by side with attachments for use at festivals, parks, and sidewalk shoveling like mentioned. Crane mentioned that the last director did look into the purchase but was told that these vehicles were a year out, so nothing has been mentioned since. Fay mentioned that he will look into that for the spring appropriations. Fay also mentioned that the city will take care of the 2nd Street lot with the equipment that they currently have.

Resident Dawn Hicks wanted to make a comment in regard to semi-truck traffic coming down 7th Street off Joliet. She was not sure if a sign could be posted to remind drivers that 7th Street is not a truck route or a sign that would limit weight down that street. She is unsure why they are using 7th Street when they have 8th St., one block north, already as a truck route. Fay stated that it doesn't have to be on Joliet, but it can be posted on 7th Street. Hicks does not believe them to be all Carus Trucks, she believes one to be a US Foods Truck. City Engineer Brian Brown mentioned that the city has one on Rt. 6 marking Creve Couer as not a truck route. Brown does question how many signs may be already up in this area and the city should check that out first. Chief Mike Smudzinski asked if they are the same trucks, but Hicks stated that they were different trucks. Smudzinski will call US Foods in regard to this issue. Alderman Jeppson also thought that some trucks may have to turn on 7th, to get to 8th, and to back up to unload at Save-a-lot. Hicks stated that she has seen that before, but she has still seen US Food Trucks, dirt trucks, and tanker trucks going this route and they are not going to Save-A-Lot. Hicks mentioned that it has been more of an issue lately and she is tired of her house shaking and windows rattling when they drive down her street.

There were no more questions or comments from the public.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk