

**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., Monday, March 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Excused Absence**: None

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, March 13, 2017 are approved and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request for a monetary donation to the Illinois Valley Animal Rescue for its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Building & Care Fund Auction being held on April 1, 2017 at the Grand Bear Lodge.

**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 Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 9<sup>th</sup> and Chartres Street to repair gas leak.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of La Salle County CASA Organization and the La Salle Peru Township High School Girls Softball Team for 2017 Raffle Licenses.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to grant the request from Designs and Signs for a Sign Permit for a 24" x 48" single-faced, non-illuminated wall sign for Bold and Curvy located at 119 Gooding Street.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for February 2017 showing total fees collected of \$11,519.73. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**BIDS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the bid of ERA Valdivia, Inc. for the 1,000,000 Gallon Civic Hydropillar Storage Tank project totaling \$498,500. 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**

<b>Bids:</b>
ERA Valdivia Construction Co.
\$498,500
Horizon Brothers Painting
\$508,300
Maxcor, Inc.
\$595,125
Seven Brothers Painting, Inc
\$615,700
Am-Coat Painting, Inc.
\$623,340
Tecorp, Inc.
\$647,750
Maguire Iron, Inc.
\$689,712
Osseo Construction Co, LLC
\$749,700
Jetco, Ltd.
\$826,900
Classic Protective Coatings
<b>\$1,080,965</b>

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Alderman Schneider gave his opinion in regard to the request for stop signs at 6<sup>th</sup> and Marquette. He stated that we face these types of requests nearly every council meeting. He added that the City was not built for the kind of vehicle use it has now. In regard to the concerns of the residents regarding the safety of dogs and children in this neighborhood, he stated that although he has empathy for dogs, the City has a leash ordinance that owners must abide by. As far as the safety of children, he explained that he understands the concern, but as we approve these, everyone with young kids will want a stop sign on their corner. He hopes that residents remain aware of their speed with the school and funeral home in the area. He added that because of these reasons he will be voting no.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and grant the request to install north/south stop signs at 6<sup>th</sup> and Marquette Streets.

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

**Motion Carried 6-2**

Mayor Grove thanked the residents for taking the time to come forward with their concerns.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

In regard to consideration of a potential ordinance concerning unsolicited materials, Attorney McPhedran stated that our current ordinances protect First Amendment exemptions for materials such as political speech and media circulation within the community (newspapers). Newspaper organizations do need to abide by nuisance ordinances, but are not required to get any type of permit in regard to distribution. The City has provisions in the draft amendment supplied to each alderman that would require permits for unsolicited materials by all other commercial distributors and would be handled in a manner similar to the Solicitor's Permit procedure. Attorney McPhedran asked the council for direction as to how to proceed. Alderman Duncan asked for clarification as to what literary handbills and cards are that are listed under First Class materials. Attorney McPhedran stated that he would check. Alderman Duncan also asked if the draft ordinance prohibits materials being distributed on both public and private property. Attorney McPhedran stated that if the council chooses to regulate this, the City Clerk would require anyone who is distributing items for a commercial purpose to obtain a permit. Attorney McPhedran explained that if the council wants to have some control over who is distributing in our neighborhoods then this ordinance would be needed.

Alderman Demes revisited his concerns brought up several meetings ago about plastic wrapped newspapers/news shoppers being left and not cleaned up. He does not understand why carriers continue to leave papers at residences where multiple papers are piled up already. Alderman Lavieri stated that he did not think this was too much of a problem but since it was brought up he has noticed that it does seem to be an issue around town. Alderman Duncan concurred.

Mayor Grove stated that it is his hope that homeowners and residents and the carriers would take pride and clean them up therefore not requiring regulation.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Herndon to table further review of passing a potential ordinance regarding Unsolicited Materials and attempt to work with the source to make efforts to correct the nuisance issue.

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

**Motion Carried 6-2**

Alderman Demes brought up parking concerns on N. Gooding. Mayor Grove stated that he is going to personally address residents on N. Gooding about parking issues. He will remind them not to park behind driveways and to use their own driveways whenever possible.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Grove stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Hegeler Park. More details will be in the newspaper. He also stated that United Way is hosting a two mile run walk on Friday, April 1, 2017 at 10:00 p.m. ending with a party at the Knights of Columbus. He reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, April 4.

Alderman Lavieri welcomed Bold and Curvy a new clothing store opening at 119 Gooding Street.

Mayor Grove also added that branch pick-up will begin April 3. He will do an all call to let everyone know when IV Waste will begin picking up lawn bags. He reminded residents that they do need to call IV Waste to get on a lawn bag pick-up list.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Schneider to pass and place on file  
**Ordinance 2682:** an ordinance authorizing agreement for Consulting and Related Services with Huff & Huff, Inc. 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 2682: Authorizing  
agreement for Consulting and  
related services with Huff & Huff,  
Inc.**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Resolution 201703:** to petition IDOT for temporary closure of portions of State Highway for a 5K Run/Walk on Friday June 23, 2017. 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 201703- petition IDOT  
for temporary closure of portions  
of State Highway for a 5K  
Run/Walk on Friday June 23,  
2017.**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to pass and place on file **Resolution 201704**: for Obligation Retirement (2012 Street Improvement 12-00081-01-IR; 12-00081-00IR) 2017. 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 201704- Obligation Retirement (2012 Street Improvement 12-00081-01-IR; 12-00081-00IR) 2017**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Resolution 201705**: for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (2017 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 201705- Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (2017 Road Program)**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes to pass and place on file **Resolution 201706**: authorizing acceptance of Illinois Housing Development Authority Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program Conditional Grant 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**

**Resolution 201706- Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (2017 Road Program)**

#### **COMMENTS**

Jamie Hicks, resident of Porter Avenue, thanked the City for the speed limit sign and the repair of the street light near his home. He stated that it has been much quieter in terms of truck traffic and stated that no trucks have been parking on the road. He stated he was thankful the soil was not contaminated and suggested that Carus, if this type of situation were to happen in the future, informed residents so they are aware of what is happening. City Engineer Brown stated that the soil has been removed from the site. Mayor Grove thanked Mr. Hicks for coming back and for bringing the concern to our attention so it could be addressed.

Alderman Reynolds stated that now the warmer weather is coming, he asked that residents take pride in their property and clean up as much as possible.

**7:41 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to exit regular session and enter into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: Collective bargaining 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**

**9:28 Moved** by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to exit Executive Session and resume 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 \$369,746.10 (Total Payroll \$156,411.13, Bills to be Paid \$208,282.17, Total Bills Paid \$5,052.80) 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**

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

**ADJOURNED** 9:31 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk