

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
September 24, 2018**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notice being duly and continuously posted.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider

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, September 10, 2018 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to allow to Amy Lambert of the Small Business Development Center to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Lambert is the Executive Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at the Starved Rock Country Alliance. The council was provided a copy of the annual report of the center. Ms. Lambert presented information as to the services the center provides to prospective and current business owners facing a challenge or goal. She explained how the center is funded which includes funding at the federal level from the Small Business Administration, at the State level through the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity with those funds being matched at the local level. In our case the funds are matched through the Starved Rock Country Alliance. Illinois in 2016-2017, launched 955 new businesses and created 3,749 new jobs. From July of 2017 through June of 2018, the center saw 108 clients, with 17 businesses launching in our region. In addition, there were five business expansions in the region. Ms. Lambert stated that she, on behalf of the SBDC travels one day a week to locations in Bureau County, Ottawa, Streator, Livingston County and the La-Salle-Peru area and was just informed that Morris will also be added. Currently, the center is seeking to secure \$120,000 in matching funds for 2018.

Katherine Toraason stated that many times if she is contacted by individuals unsure of how to start a business or if their business idea is feasible, she will send them to Amy at the SBDC. At this time Ms. Toraason said she has sent twelve people since joined the City of La Salle a year ago. Ms. Toraason confirmed that two of those twelve have opened businesses in La Salle. Mayor Grove stated that in order for us to seek funding, we would want to see success stories. Ms. Lambert stated that the annual report that was provided to the council outlines growth in La Salle and other surrounding municipalities. Mayor Grove thanked Ms. Lambert for providing this update to the council.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to allow Kevin Lindemann to address the council regarding resolutions for OSLAD Grant.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lindemann stated that he has been working with Brian Brown and Katherine Toraason to apply for a \$400,000 OSLAD grant to develop an access path as part of the Rotary Park Expansion Project from the park to Prairie Lake. In addition to the path, the application will also include covered picnic tables, directional signage, a fishing pier, and a covered shelter, a disc golf course along the path, benches, garbage cans and a bathroom/storm shelter. The council will consider a resolution this evening. This will create easy and safe access to the lake that the public does not currently have. The City will need to provide matching funds the grant if received.

Mr. Brown stated that the City applied for an ITEP grant to put in a path from Rotary Park to the lake, but did not receive the grant. This is the next step to be able to achieve this goal.

Alderman Bacidore asked if this path will be drivable. City Engineer Brown stated that it is not a drivable path, however will be a hard surface that is wide enough for emergency vehicles to access if necessary. He stated that people can walk to the lake, which is about a one mile walk, with another mile and a third around the loop. The path to the lake will be ADA accessible to the shelter. This is part of a long term plan for connectivity between all the parks.

Brief discussion followed about plans to run water to Rotary Park. There were no other comments or questions. Mr. Lindemann stated that this will be a competitive grant notification of award recipients will take place in the spring. Mr. Brown stated that in a conference call with the IDNR, the representative was very positive and supportive of this project. He added that in addition, the City has shown that it does not rely solely on OSLAD funding to improve this park and has shown that this park has regional impact.

Alderman Bacidore thought it would be a good idea to fill the old Illinois Cement quarry with water to create a fishing lake. He indicated that this could have a positive economic impact on the City Alderman Bacidore asked Mr. Lindemann if grants are ever available for this type of project. Mr. Lindemann stated that he was not aware if there were, but would keep his eyes open.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of AT&T to break ground to place new hand hole at end of customer duct, dig and restore (3) 4' x 4' pits and directional bore 207' to place (1) 1-1/4" IPP from existing MH 80 to new hand hole 80-1 (2.5' x 4' x 3').

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for August 2018 showing total cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$5,416,104.40 and in Hometown National Bank of \$5,316,505.15. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for August 2018 showing total fees collected of \$6,597.72. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for August 2018 showing total fees collected of \$1,224 with total value of construction of \$127,431. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for June 2018 of \$87,511.43 and referendum approved sales tax of \$38,880.35 for a total of \$126,391.78. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

Mayor Grove indicated that at this point in time, some potential bidders have expressed interest, but need more time to gather further information. Mayor asked if the council would be willing to extend the bid period for an additional two weeks and republish the bid notice. Attorney McPhedran also asked the press to get some information out on this matter.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to extend the bid process for an additional two weeks for the Jackson School property located at 345 Sixth Street to 3 p.m. on October 8, 2018 and the notice being republished.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Alderman Bacidore inquired as to how much money the City spent on the building since its acquisition. Finance Director Duncan estimated about \$25,000.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to grant the request of Paula Loebach for a disabled parking sign in front of 437 Sterling Avenue.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and install a temporary speed monitor on N. Marquette Street for a week. In addition, it is the recommendation of the committee to amend the prior ordinance passed in regard to the north south alley between St. Vincent Avenue and N. Marquette, to allow two way traffic from Lindberg to the alley east of N. Marquette (referred to as Oak Road) with the remainder of the alley referred to as Oak Road and 11th Street as one way south only. The committee recommended to deny all other requests.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None
Motion Carried 6-0

Alderman Duncan stated that the residents who attended the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee hearing were in favor of these changes.

Mayor Grove thanked the N. Marquette Street residents and the aldermen for having a good discussion on these matters.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan to authorize, pay and place on file partial Pay Estimate #1 to River City Demolition totaling \$110,416.67 for the demolition of the Vendome at 540 First Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None
Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Ptak to authorize, pay and place on file Invoice #UAE1280 to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. totaling \$39,000 for the asphalt work on 7th and Marquette Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None
Motion Carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was brought forth.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Resolution 201811:** an OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization for the Rotary Park Expansion Project. Each and every alderman has a copy with the form of the Resolution being approved by NCICG.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None
Motion Carried 6-0

Resolution 201811: OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization for the Prairie Park Access Path to Rotary Park Project.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2756:** An Ordinance Approving the Termination of the La Salle 351 Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area, Plan and Projects and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None
Motion Carried 6-0

Ordinance 2756: Approving the Termination of the La Salle 351 Tax Increment Financing District

**Redevelopment Project Area,
Plan and Projects. (TIF II)**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2757**: an Ordinance Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle and related matters. (Disabled Parking Sign at 437 Sterling Street). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

**Ordinance 2757: an Ordinance
Further Regulating Parking
within the City of La Salle
(disabled Parking Sign at 437
Sterling)**

Attorney McPhedran reviewed the four main changes to the existing ordinance regarding Dogs and Cats. He stated that the first change is an expansion of the definition of a Dangerous Dog which was strengthened by including reference to the killing or harming of another dog. He continued by saying that based on Alderman Demes' recommendations, the licensing fee has been kept at a low amount in hopes of encouraging residents to register their dogs and cats, however language was added requiring residents to register pets within 30 days of moving to town. In addition, if a resident fails to register and the dog is found, the penalties have been changed to \$150 to \$750. Language in regard to impoundment was strengthened as well. In regard to Buddy's Law, the definition from that statute of a Reckless Dog owner was added to this ordinance.

Alderman Bacidore asked how the City will police this. Attorney McPhedran stated that from a practical standpoint it will be policed when a dog is found running at large and is not on a leash, or when a complaint is received. If the dog is running at large, there is a \$50 fine, but if it does not have a tag, that is an additional \$150 fine.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2758**: Amendment to City Ordinances Regulating the Keeping of Dogs and Cats in the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan

NAY: Alderman Bacidore Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 5-0

**Ordinance 2758: Amendment to
City Ordinances Regulating the
Keeping of Dogs and Cats in the
City of La Salle, La Salle County,
Illinois.**

COMMENTS

Patricia Grant inquired if there were provisions with the demolition company in regard to salvaging the brick at the Vendome. She stated that the old bricks are valuable. Chief Bacidore stated that it was in their contract that the company could do what they wished with the brick. She stated that she just wanted to point this out so that the City keeps this in mind with future demolitions, as the historic bricks can be used on other projects. Attorney McPhedran stated that the City was sensitive to this and did take into consideration the historic value of the building. There was interest at one time by a developer to save the façade, but it did not come

to fruition. The cost in regard to the demolition was already was substantial, so to separate it out would have been cost prohibitive from the City's standpoint.

Chief Bacidore stated that the landscaping at the Fire Truck Building is complete. Morgan Wilson donated the landscaping. Mayor Grove stated that we are still accepting donations toward the building.

Mayor Grove thanked all departments who assisted with the recent LP Homecoming parade, and thanked Beth Ketter, Lynda Kasik and Katherine Toraason for decorating the downtown light posts with red and green ribbons. St. Bede Homecoming Parade is Thursday, September 27.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$516,401.21 (Total Payroll \$161,302.57, Bills to be Paid \$289,050.18, Total Bills Paid \$66,048.46) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

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

ADJOURNED 7:39 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk