

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
July 29, 2019**

**A regular meeting with Public Hearings of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, July 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Grove presiding and Tom Ptak presiding as Mayor Pro-Tem with proper notice being duly and continuously posted.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**Absent:** None

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file minutes of the July 15, 2019 Regular City Council meeting. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**6:30 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to open the public hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2019-2020 and matters related thereto.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Finance Director John Duncan asked all present to sign in on a sheet being passed around. Finance Director Duncan stated that the Finance Committee has met and has had time to review the proposed appropriations. He stated that the proposed appropriations are a wish list of sorts. The goal however is to minimize expenses. The total sum of the appropriations is \$21,000,000. This includes the General Fund, Water and Sewer Funds and TIF Funds. One of the largest portions of the General Fund is the Police Pension. The state mandates the level of funding contributions to the police pension which is currently \$1,270,000. Finance Director Duncan stated that this is the last year, the police pension fund will be less than the total police payroll. Next year will be the third year of the three year transitional plan with a contribution level of \$1,543,000. At that point, it is the hope that future funding levels will range between 3-5%. In the Street Department, one highlight is the \$200,000 Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk grant that was received and is budgeted for the work to be completed. On the income side, sales tax for the first time since 2011 is projected to exceed \$2,000,000. In the water and sewer fund, the City continues to use the reserves to improve infrastructure. Although the City is using reserve funds, the City continues to seek grants and is in the process of securing a low interest loan with loan forgiveness through the IEPA. The City will continue to use TIF funds to spur development, but also to fund qualified improvements.

Mayor Grove stated that this administration is doing its part to address the police pension crisis. Alderman Herndon asked if Finance Director Duncan could forecast police pension obligations for the next five years. Brief discussion followed. Alderman Ptak commented that it makes it very difficult to operate when the police pension contribution is greater than the police salaries. Finance Director Duncan agreed and stated that it is especially difficult without an income source to counteract the expense.

Mayor Grove ended by saying that all department heads watch their budgets closely throughout the year. He thanked Finance Director Duncan and all the department heads for their work on the appropriations.

Attorney McPhedran explained that it is common to appropriate more than you expect to spend in order to prevent having to do a supplemental appropriation.

There were no comments from the public.

**6:40 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to close the public hearing.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**6:41 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to open the Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) project for the separation of storm sewer flows from the sanitary/combined sewer system and related matters.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Economic Development Director Katherine Koyak stated that the purpose of this meeting is to obtain citizen views concerning the city's plans to submit a grant application to the Illinois Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The City intends to submit a \$500,000 CDBG grant application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The application will be for funds to complete the Hegeler Park sewer separation. The grant funds requested are only for construction costs.

The total cost for the CDBG project is estimated to be \$779,200. This figure is for construction of the project. The \$500,000 CDBG grant will be leveraged with additional funds of \$279,200 from the City's Sewer Fund. These costs do not include the costs of construction engineering or grant administration. Construction engineering is planned to be done by the City Engineer. Grant administration will be done by Economic Development Director.

Funds for the IL Community Development Block Grant Program are granted to the State from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity then distributes the funds throughout Illinois (except for those communities and counties that get direct entitlement funds from HUD). The funds disbursed by the State must meet the national goal of benefiting 51% low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals. The City of La Salle through census data will be using the grant in two census blocks which have an average LMI of 59.5%. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that benefit low to moderate income persons is \$297,575.

No City residents will be displaced as a result of this project. The City has on file an anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan.

There is a total of \$15 million available for distribution in the 2019 CDBG public infrastructure funding round which can fully fund 35 projects. The maximum amount available per community construction application is \$500,000. Grant funds can only be used for construction activities. Construction engineering and activity delivery (grant administration) are not eligible expenses for grant funds.

City of LaSalle has completed design specifications and plans for the project. The City of LaSalle does not require IEPA permitting for this project.

The City maintains a prioritized list of capital improvement needs that is updated from year to year. The following is their most recent list of projects (including this project):

• Well #8	\$500,000
• Water main replacements	\$250,000
• Civic water tower exterior painting	\$1,000,000
• 9th Street pumps	\$250,000
• Primary sludge pump	\$110,000
• Blower replacement	\$ 40,000
• Two pumps and one classifier	\$290,000
• New pumps and area separation	\$190,000
• Clarifier drive (primary and secondary)	\$100,000
• Digester cover painting	\$250,000
• Digester heat exchange and mixing	\$330,000
• Storm flow mode -new gates	\$300,000
• Wet weather treatment-IO MGD flex filter	\$2,500,000
• Expand contact tank	\$50,000
• Underground storage #1-#5	\$3,000,000
TOTAL	\$9,160,000

Application records are on file at La Salle City Hall at 745 Second Street. The office open M-F 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If you have interest in viewing the file you may contact Katherine Koyak at 815.488.4442.

City Engineer Brian Brown summarized the project in more detail by explaining that this project will separate approximately 35 acres of combined sewer. The affected areas are near Zinc and Porter Streets which accounts for approximately 14 acres. The area near M& H park accounts for approximately 6.5-7 acres, from La Harpe up to the park accounts for another 5-6 acres, with the remainder being in the area of Tonti from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to O'Connor. This project will take 400,000 gallons per inch of rainfall off the system and together with the project that is currently under construction, 1.8 to 2.0 million gallons per inch of rainfall will be taken off the system. Mr. Brown explained that overflows will still happen, but the frequency will be reduced and the average volume will also be significantly reduced. The City is allowed four overflows per year. Currently, without the separation, the City experiences, at times, four overflows per month. This project continues to bring the City in line with IEPA requirements and standards concerning sewer separation. Mr. Brown explained that there is a ten day comment period after the close

of tonight's public hearing. This allows members of the public additional time to make comment. Once the comment period ends, the grant can be submitted.

Mayor Grove recognized the efforts of Mr. Brown and Superintendent Bumgarner for the money they have saved the City by exploring alternative methods to achieve the storm sewer separation requirements of the EPA.

Alderman Crane asked if separation will occur on the west side of 351. Mr. Brown stated that the current project being constructed this summer will separate areas west of St. Vincent, from Lindberg to O'Connor to Bucklin. Mr. Brown stated that the Trovero subdivision is already totally separated. Alderman Crane asked if this grant can be used to replace regular sewer main. Mr. Brown stated that it can, as well as water lines, however the goal is to get the City in line with EPA requirements.

**6:56 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to close the public hearing.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**6:58 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to open the Public Hearing to provide information and receive comment regarding the City's plans for constructing water system improvements throughout the City of La Salle and related matters.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

City Engineer Brian Brown stated that Consulting Engineer Terry Boyer of Donahue and Associates was unable to be present for the public hearing. Mr. Brown reviewed all information included as Exhibit #1. This low interest loan has up to a 75% forgiveness for qualifying communities up to \$1.5 million dollars. More or less, the City has a 2.5 million dollar project, but if this low interest loan is received, \$1.5 million will be forgiven. Applicants must meet certain qualifying factors, two of which are low to moderate income standards and the effect of health and human safety if the project were not done. Mr. Brown stated that water rates will not need to be increased due to this project. He continued by saying that all the environmental studies are complete and ready to go and the EPA has approved having the well in a flood plain. Mr. Brown thanked our consultant, Terry Boyer, for making the City aware of this loan. There were no questions or comments from the public. Mr. Brown stated that there will be a ten day comment period following tonight's Public Hearing. A copy of the project summary will be available in the City Clerk's office.

**7:12 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to close the public hearing.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Mayor Grove left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Attorney McPhedran stated the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals met earlier to consider the petitions of the Dollar General and considered all evidence presented by Mr. Ryan Swanson of ARC Design who was the engineer representing Dollar General. Attorney

McPhedran also indicated that Mr. Randy Tomaseski of La Salle 24<sup>th</sup> South, LLC, one of the owners of the property was also present at the hearing. The Planning Commission did unanimously recommend the approval of the petitions for rezoning, variance, and consolidation plat with the conditions that DG Partners, LLC will acquire title to the premises and subject to the premises being used for a retail development and will not be used for R-4, Multiple Family housing, absent further petitions to the City. The developers agreed to these conditions and any other terms and conditions that the City Council deems appropriate and just. In addition, Mr. Tomaseski also confirmed on behalf of La Salle 24<sup>th</sup> South, LLC that Lot 2 will be dedicated to the City for public purposes, including potentially a use as a public park. Attorney McPhedran added that there were no objectors present at the hearing.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to appoint Tom Ptak as Mayor Pro-Tem for the remainder of the meeting in the absence of Mayor Grove.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept and place on file the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the request and petition of DG Partners, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company dba DG Partners Midwest, contract purchasers of premises presently owned by La Salle 24<sup>th</sup> South, LLC for the rezoning of a portion of property located to the south and west of the southwest corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Vincent Avenue in the vicinity of what is commonly described as part of 2345 St. Vincent Avenue from R-1, Single Family Residence to C-1, Neighborhood Shopping for the purpose of constructing a new retail facility. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the request and petition of DG Partners, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company dba DG Partners Midwest, contract purchasers of premises presently owned by La Salle 24<sup>th</sup> South, LLC for the rezoning of property located at the northwest corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and St. Vincent Avenue more commonly known as Lot 1 in Northtown Subdivision from R-4, Multiple Dwelling to C-1, Neighborhood Shopping for the purpose of constructing a new retail facility. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the request and petition of DG Partners, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company dba DG Partners Midwest, contract purchasers of premises presently owned by La Salle 24<sup>th</sup> South, LLC for a rear setback variance from 25' to 10' for premises commonly known as 2345 St. Vincent Avenue. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the request and petition of DG Partners, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company dba DG Partners Midwest, contract purchasers of premises presently owned by La Salle 24th South, LLC for the approval of Resubdivision Plat, including certain consolidations with respect to portions of PIN #'s 18-10-103-020, 18-10-103-021 and 18-10-120-017 in connection with certain premises commonly known as 2345 St. Vincent Avenue. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Attorney McPhedran explained that in the ordinance regarding Special Use Permits for the two solar developments the conditions outlined pertain to both the commercial and residential property. Attorney McPhedran stated that there were questions at the hearings which were answered to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission, but no objections. He then reviewed the conditions outlined in the Planning Commission's recommendation that the both petitioner and developer agreed to. These include that Fresh Coast Solar, LLC in conjunction with Sun Badger Solar, LLC additionally will comply with all rules and regulations of the City of LaSalle in regard to the obtaining of building permits and other requirements of the City of LaSalle Ordinances, that the party obtaining said Special Use Permit comply with all other governmental rules and regulations including, but not limited to those related to decommissioning of the site upon cessation of use, that additionally, notwithstanding anything else contained herein to the contrary, the exact location of the roof mounted solar development and related matters shall be subject to the joint approval of the Mayor, Building Inspector and City Engineer of the City of LaSalle, that additionally, notwithstanding anything else contained herein to the contrary in regard to termination, the Special Use Permit shall also terminate sooner than other time periods that may be referenced herein in the event that the solar panel endeavor shall be non-operational for a period of in excess of a one and a half (1½) years, that said Special Use Permit may be assigned provided that consent is obtained therefore from the City of LaSalle, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld and such other terms as the City Council deems appropriate in the exercise of appropriate discretion. He stated that the City Council will need to decide the period of time the Special Use Permits are valid for. After that time period, the Mayor, Economic Development Director and the City Engineer can use their discretion to renew for an additional period of time. This assumes no problems have arisen. This eliminates the need for the petitioner to go through the hearing process again, but allows the City some control if issues were to arise. Attorney McPhedran stated that a representative of Sun Badger Solar, LLC in conjunction with Fresh Coast Solar, LLC and Dr. Edward Monroe were present. Mayor Pro-Tem Ptak suggested a two year time period for the Special Use Permit and then would be up for renewal after the two year time period. If not issues occurred during the two years, the permit would be renewed. Trevor Sumner of Sun Badger Solar asked for specific examples of the types of potential issues that could affect the renewal. City Attorney McPhedran stated that he could not provide those because we have no way of knowing or predicting what those problems may be. If at the time of renewal, the Mayor, Economic Development Director and City Engineer find a problem and in their discretion choose not to renew the permit, the developer or Dr. Monroe have the option to petition the Planning

Commission and go through the formal hearing process again. Mr. Sumner agreed to the automatic renewal in two years if there are no problems.

Dr. Edward Monroe asked for some concrete language that would suggest what constitutes a problem with the solar panel short of someone not liking the way it looks. Attorney McPhedran stated that it has to be an appropriate discretionary act by City officials, it cannot be something that is arbitrary or that could be challenged. Trevor Sumner stated they are trying to avoid a situation where someone comes forward months from now complaining about how the panels look even though there were no neighbors or the public present as objectors during the hearing. Dr. Monroe stated that he has a huge financial outlay for these developments that is resting on City officials determining what is deemed a problem. Attorney McPhedran stated that City officials would have to be reasonable in their discretion. Attorney McPhedran said he understands Dr. Monroe's concerns, but cannot give him any concrete language as solar developments are fairly new and we simply do not know the types of issues that may arise. The Mayor and City Officials have the discretion at the end of the two year period to extend for a period they feel is appropriate. Mr. Sumner stated that these solar arrays are designed to last upwards of thirty years.

Alderman Bacidore questioned why a Special Use Permit is needed when this is something being installed on private property. Attorney McPhedran explained that our Zoning Ordinance does not currently specifically address solar developments although he indicated that amendments will very likely need to be made since solar is becoming more common. Our Special Use ordinance requires that permits are obtained for anything that is an unusual use. Attorney McPhedran stated that the process to obtain the permit also allows the public an opportunity to comment or object, which is in line with this administration's goal to be transparent. It also protects the developer, as by going through the hearing process, it would take a serious issue to have the permit taken away.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the petition and request of Jeremy Vavrik of Fresh Coast Solar, LLC in conjunction with Sun Badger Solar, LLC for a Special Use Permit to install a rooftop solar PV array development endeavor with related fixtures and appurtenances on a parcel of real estate owned by Edward J. and Nanci A. Monroe which premises are commonly known as 18 Oak Ridge Drive and presently zoned R-2, Single Family Residence within the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the petition and request of Jeremy Vavrik of Fresh Coast Solar, LLC in conjunction with Sun Badger Solar, LLC for a Special Use Permit to install a rooftop solar PV array development endeavor with related fixtures and appurtenances on a parcel of real estate owned by (Contemporary Dental Properties, LLC/ Edward J. Monroe) which premises are commonly known as 2424 Chartres Street and presently zoned M-1, Light Industrial within the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee and deny the request to designate the alley east of St. Vincent Avenue between Grant and Lincoln as one way south.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee and grant the request to designate the east side of Crosat Street between 7th and 8th Streets as No Parking.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and install a handicap parking sign on the west side of Tonti Street near St. Hyacinth's church.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

## **PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to allow Jim Pozzi of Republic Services to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pozzi stated that he had previously reached out to the Aldermen individually and had a lengthy conversation with City Clerk Carrie Brown. A list had been provided to him of garbage issues from May through July. Mr. Pozzi stated that in reviewing the list of 132 total calls received at City Hall from residents since May 1, he stated that only 16 were true misses. He indicated that 95-100 of the calls on the list are what his company refers to as "worry calls." These are calls from residents who believe they have been missed when in most cases the truck has not been there yet. He explained that the trucks are out until 5-5:30 p.m. on some days. Several Aldermen indicated that with the previous garbage hauler the City did not receive the volume of calls we currently receive. Alderman Bacidore cited an example where garbage was missed on Wright Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> and was not picked up until the next day. Mr. Pozzi responded by saying that there are times where the drivers do make mistakes. Alderman Bacidore complained about the situation with mattresses. He indicated that this problem did not exist with our previous hauler. Alderman Bacidore stated that it is Republic's responsibility to find a solution to concerns about their driver's getting bedbugs so that mattresses can be picked up in a timely manner.

Mr. Pozzi stated that La Salle is the only community where they see these types of service complaints. He continued by saying they do not get nearly the complaints from other communities. Alderman Lavieri expressed frustration with his own recycle not being picked up for multiple days. Alderman Ptak added that the City did not get "worry calls" before Republic took over and stated that in his 14 years on the council, he, too, has not seen the volume of calls we receive now. Mr. Pozzi explained that the previous hauler went above and beyond



what the contract called for and what the city was paying for and in his opinion is why they are no longer in business.

Building Inspector Andy Bacidore inquired as to the policies regarding bulk items. He indicated we do have a problem in the City with residents putting items out too early. Mr. Pozzi stated that if the driver is unable to pick up a large item, they will call dispatch and the items should be picked up within 24 hours. Inspector Bacidore asked why it takes that long. He indicated that it seems worse now than it has been in the past.

Mr. Pozzi stated that moving forward each driver will now have a sheet where they will log residences where garbage is not out all or where the garbage is over the allowable limit and not stickered. That list will be emailed daily to City Clerk Brown. This will allow the City to cross check it to the calls received by the City each day. Mr. Pozzi encouraged residents not to call as being missed on their garbage day, as many times the trucks are still out. If by the next morning their garbage has not been picked up, then they should call customer service.

Alderman Demes stated that this only creates more work and does not solve the problem. He stated that Republic just needs to do their job and pick the garbage up. Alderman Demes stated his company has to deal with the problems and stop making excuses. Mr. Pozzi stated that they are providing a good service, the perception is that residents think they are being missed, when in fact they are not.

Alderman Crane asked what time the dispatchers start. Mr. Pozzi stated that they begin at 4 a.m. Alderman Crane asked how many breakdowns they have per year. Mr. Pozzi said he did not have that number. Alderman Crane asked if they have a truck on standby when trucks breakdown. Mr. Pozzi stated that sometimes a mechanic can come out and fix it on the spot, but other times they take it in for service and then return to their route.

Alderman Demes asked Ken Kolowski, resident of Peru and future Mayoral candidate for Peru who was present for the council meeting if Peru experiences similar service issues with Republic. Mr. Kolowski responded that Peru has problems as well.

Mr. Pozzi stated that Republic has presented a proposal to the City regarding carts. Mr. Pozzi stated that it would make Republic more efficient. He also indicated that Republic proposed changing pick-up within the City from four days to five day routes. Mr. Pozzi stated that it takes a driver 12 hours to complete a route. Alderman Crane replied by saying that seemed like a lot of hours for one driver and seems as if it would open up Republic to more worker's compensation claims. Mr. Pozzi said that was true.

Finance Director Duncan asked if Mr. Pozzi could share some statistics regarding pick-ups. Mr. Pozzi stated that a driver picking up by hand can pick up approximately 650 homes per day, where with the automated cart system a good driver can pick up 900 homes a day.

Mr. Duncan stated that since Mr. Pozzi mentioned the proposal his company made to the City regarding the use of the automated cart system, he wanted to further explain the pricing that was provided to the City in regards to the carts. Mr. Duncan explained that the City is under contract with Republic until 2023. Currently, the rate for garbage per household is \$13.38 through 2020. The rate for years 2020-2022 will \$13.71 and then increased to approximately \$14.06 from 2022-2023. As stated by Mr. Pozzi this evening, the automated cart system makes his company more efficient. The City of La Salle asked that Republic pass some of that cost savings on to our residents. Mr. Duncan stated only three or four companies manufacture the

carts and they run between \$39-\$40 when bought in bulk by the contractor. The proposal received by Republic included a ten year extension to the current contract. The City, because of the service issues we are currently experiencing, did not want to lock into a ten year extension. The proposal also included a fluctuating recycling process charge currently set at \$1.09. To add the carts, it would cost each household \$16.62 per month versus the current rate of \$13.38. Mr. Duncan stated that he ran the numbers for the remaining four years of the contract and adding the carts would end up costing residents an additional \$185.32 for two carts that cost Republic \$40 each. Therefore, no cost savings were being passed on to the residents of La Salle, so therefore it was not brought before the council for consideration. Finance Director Duncan stated that it is not that the City is not open to the carts, but it has to benefit our residents. He added that if Republic wants to sharpen their pencils and return to the City with a new proposal, the City is willing to review a new proposal.

Both Alderman Reynolds and Building Inspector Bacidore again reminded residents that garbage and large items should not be put out before 5 p.m. the night before pick-up. City Ordinance prohibits having it out any earlier. Discussion followed regarding better procedures for residents to know why certain items have not been picked up. Mr. Pozzi stated that the drivers do have stickers indicating the reason, but the drivers must do a better job of this.

Alderman Ptak stated that sending us a list creates more work on our end. Mr. Pozzi stated again that the service being provided to the City of La Salle is good and that no City is exempt from little issues. Finance Director Duncan stated the 132 calls on this list under discussion come through his office and he believes they are legitimate calls, not worry calls. Finance Director Duncan by mentioning that 25 of those calls were listed as yard waste calls. Mr. Pozzi said that yard waste is a heavy day. Mr. Pozzi followed by stating that because of it being such a heavy day, that is why Republic asked the City to consider changing the yard waste day to Friday. Finance Director Duncan clarified Mr. Pozzi's comment by explaining that Republic tried to unilaterally change the yard waste day to Friday until the City pointed out that yard waste pick-up is set for Monday by the terms of the current contract.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 114 Vermilionvue Trace to install underground electric Service and gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request from Linda Langley on behalf of the Alan Sampo Benefit for a 2019 Raffle License. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request from the Illinois Valley YMCA for a monetary sponsorship of the Ducky Derby being held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 with proceeds to benefit the annual Strong Kids campaign to remain consistent with current giving policies. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deny the request from the Region A Special Olympics Illinois for a monetary sponsorship of the 17th Annual Auction being held on Thursday, November 7, 2019.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to refer the request from Adan Estrada for a 5' to 0' side yard variance and a 25' to 3' front yard variance for the construction of a 16' x 12' addition at premises located at 535 Todd Street to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to refer the request from Jayme L. Doll for a 25' to 15' front yard variance for the construction of a 30' x 30' garage at premises located at 1270 Tonti Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to refer the request of Marilyn J. Hott, resident of 930 Sixth Street, for a speed bump to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to refer the request of Lori Howarth, resident of 1599 Bucklin, for a No Parking During School Hours signs on the north side of Roosevelt Road between Bucklin and La Fayette to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to refer the request of Amber Slover for a Slow Children Playing Sign near her residence at 2937

E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the Street, Alleys and Traffic Committee. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to refer the request for a stop sign east bound and west bound at the intersection of Cleveland and Lincoln to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Alderman Bacidore announced a meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will be held on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. to consider all of the above requests.**

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for June 2019 showing total fees collected of \$3,050.61.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize, pay and place on file payment for time and materials to John Pohar & Sons, Inc. totaling \$45,816.21 for 2019 Sewer and Water repairs. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Resolution 201905:** Resolution Authorizing City Representative to Execute Public Water Supply Revolving Fund Low Interest Loan Application and related Documents. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Resolution 201905-  
Authorizing City  
Representative to  
Execute Public Water  
Supply Revolving Fund  
Low Interest Loan  
Application and related  
Documents**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Resolution 201906:** a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Resolution 201906- a  
Resolution of Support  
and Commitment of  
Local Funds**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2823:** appropriating for all corporate purposes for the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2823-  
appropriating for all  
corporate purposes for  
the City of La Salle, La  
Salle County, Illinois for**

**Fiscal Year Beginning  
May 1, 2019 and ending  
April 30, 2020**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2824:** Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy. (1245 Sixth Street)

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2824- Further  
Regulating Parking  
within the City of La  
Salle. (1245 Sixth Street)**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2825:** Authorizing zoning change from R-1, Single Family Residence, to C-1 Neighborhood Shopping Business for property located to the South and West of the Southwest corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Vincent Avenue within the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2825:  
Authorizing zoning  
change from R-1, Single  
Family Residence, to C-1  
Neighborhood Shopping  
Business for property  
located to the South and  
Wes of the Southwest  
corner of 24th Street and  
St. Vincent Avenue  
within the City of La  
Salle, La Salle County,  
Illinois.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2826:** An Ordinance authorizing Zoning Change from R-4, Multiple Dwelling, to C-1 Neighborhood Shopping Business for premises located at the northwest corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and St. Vincent Avenue within the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2826:  
authorizing Zoning  
Change from R-4,  
Multiple Dwelling, to C-1  
Neighborhood Shopping  
Business for premises  
located at the northwest  
corner of 23rd Street and**

**St. Vincent Avenue  
within the City of La  
Salle, La Salle County,  
Illinois**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file  
**Ordinance 2827:** An Ordinance Granting Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2827:  
Ordinance Granting  
Variance to the Zoning  
Ordinance of the City of  
La Salle, La Salle  
County, Illinois**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file  
**Ordinance 2828:** An Ordinance Approving the Consolidation Plat of DG La Salle Subdivision in the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2827-  
Ordinance Approving  
the Consolidation Plat of  
DG La Salle Subdivision  
in the City of La Salle, La  
Salle County, Illinois  
PIN #'s 18-10-103-020,  
18-10-103-021 and 18-10-  
120-017**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve and place on file  
**Ordinance 2829:** Authorizing the Granting of a Special Use Permit within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois (Fresh Coast Solar, LLC in conjunction with Sun Badger Solar, LLC for premises owned by Edward J. and Nanci A. Monroe). Each and every alderman has a copy. (18 Oak Ridge Drive)

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2829:  
Authorizing the Granting  
of a Special Use Permit  
within the City of  
LaSalle, LaSalle County,  
Illinois (Fresh Coast  
Solar, LLC in  
conjunction with Sun  
Badger Solar, LLC for  
premises owned by  
Edward J. and Nanci A.**

Monroe) and related matters. (18 Oak Ridge Drive)

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2830:** Authorizing the Granting of a Special Use Permit within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois (Fresh Coast Solar, LLC in conjunction with Sun Badger Solar, LLC for premises owned by Contemporary Dental Properties, LLC/Edward J. Monroe. Each and every alderman has a copy. (2424 Chartres Street)

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2830:**  
**Authorizing the Granting of a Special Use Permit within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois (Fresh Coast Solar, LLC in conjunction with Sun Badger Solar, LLC for premises owned by Contemporary Dental Properties, LLC/Edward J. Monroe.**

## COMMENTS

Economic Development Director Katherine Koyak reminded the council and the public that a Public Meeting regarding the Rotary Park Expansion project is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There were no comments from the public.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson that bills Total Submitted: \$372,494.29 (Total Payroll \$177,071.38, Bills to be Paid \$91,008.37, Total Bills Paid \$104,414.54) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.


**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

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

**ADJOURNED 8:43 p.m.**

  
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Carrie Brown, City Clerk