

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
August 12, 2019**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Grove presiding and Tom Ptak acting as Mayor Pro-Tem with proper notice being duly and continuously posted.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held in memory of News Tribune reporter Jeff Dankert, long time City Water Department employee Hank Lushina and Chuck Mueller who was a member of La Salle Rotary and served on the Park Board at one time.

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 29, 2019 Regular City Council meeting. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to grant the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 384 Carlene Drive to install gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes, with Alderman Lavieri abstaining. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Pam Paden on behalf of the La Salle Peru Band Parent Association to hold their annual door-to-door candy bar sales on September 3, 2019 and September 5, 2019 within the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request from Edmund Curry to lease city property at the Core Café located at 1021 First Street for outdoor seating. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to grant the request from Doug Zera on behalf of Borderline Bar for a Redevelopment Incentive Program Grant totaling \$12,500 for premises located at 3 Third Street. 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

Mayor Grove stated that many people take advantage of the RIP grants, but he reminded business owners that the grants must be applied for and awarded prior to the start of the project. They cannot be issued after the fact.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to grant the request of Ana Koval on behalf of Canal Corridor Association for a Sign Permit to install 5 non-illuminated projecting signs for the I & M Canal Visitor Center located at 754 First Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney McPhedran stated that the next item up for consideration is the ratification of a referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He explained this is necessary because we deviated from the usual practice of the City Council which is to refer a variance request to the Zoning Board of Appeals as the first step in the process. He continued by saying that this practice is not required by State Statute or Ordinance, however it is our usual practice. In this particular situation, Attorney McPhedran stated that he and the City Clerk began the process prior to referral to save on publication costs and to expedite the process to include the petition from Ms. Martinez with two other variance petitions being heard on the same evening. Therefore, the Council is being asked to ratify action that was already taken. The publication for this variance request ran on Saturday, August 10, 2019 and the hearings will take place on August 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to ratify the referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the request of Griselda Martinez for a side yard variance from 3' to 0' to construct a garage with dormer. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for July 2019 showing total fees collected of \$2,386.74 with total value of construction of \$446,635. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor reminded the public to contact the City prior to beginning any type of construction or renovation to verify the need for a Building Permit. Mayor Grove asked Finance Director Duncan to put a reminder in the water bills with this information and also asked Economic Development Director Koyak to post a reminder on Facebook. Mayor Grove stated that permits protect both the City and the homeowner. Mayor Grove asked that we look into issuing fines to residents who are in violation of permit requirements. Attorney McPhedran stated that he will check, but most likely there is something in our City Code that establishes a fine for work that is done without a permit.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for July 2019 showing total cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$8,716,241.99 and in Hometown National Bank of \$2,542,431.52. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Brown read a thank you note from the family of Hank Lushina. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept and place on file the communication.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

Three sealed bids were opened and publicly read by Clerk Brown. Two bids were received for the city owned property at 1130-9th Street and one bid was received for the property at 1016-1018 Third Street. No other bids were received.

1130-9th Street

The first bid read was submitted by William Barajas resident of 1136 9th Street in the amount of \$555.55. Mr. Barajas indicated that he lives adjacent to the property and plans to build an addition to his residence and consolidate the lots. The second bid was submitted by Jacob Etscheid in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Etscheid indicated that he and his wife plan to build a home on the vacant lot.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the high bid of \$3,000 from Jacob Etscheid for the property located at 1130-9th Street subject to the parties entering into a written contract for the purchase of the property "as is" and obtaining all necessary permits, variances and adhering to zoning regulations.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

1016-1018 Third Street

One bid was submitted by Jorge Hurtado and Fermin Hurtado residents of 827 Gooding Street in the amount of \$600.00. The bidders plan to maintain the lot and potentially pour a concrete floor before winter or in spring 2020. The bidders plan to build a garage with hopes of opening a business.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept the bid of \$600.00 from Jorge and Fermin Hurtado for the property located at 1016-1018 Third Street subject to the parties entering into a written contract for the purchase of the property "as is" and obtaining all necessary permits, variances and adhering to zoning regulations.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request from Marilyn J. Hott, resident of 930 Sixth Street for a speed bump in the 900 Block of Sixth Street. 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

Alderman Bacidore stated that the vote during the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee regarding the request from Lori Howarth ended in a tie. Alderman Demes stated that is concern is that this will just create an issue in another neighborhood.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to grant the request from Lori Howarth, resident of 1599 Bucklin, for “No Parking During School Hours” signs on the north side of Roosevelt Road between Bucklin and La Fayette Streets for a period of one year at which time the situation will be re-evaluated.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

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

Motion Carried 5-3

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to grant the request from Amber Slover for a Slow Children at Play sign near her residence at 2937 E. 3rd Road. 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 Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request for a stop sign at the intersection of Cleveland and Lincoln, eastbound and westbound.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept the Mayor’s appointments to the following Committees.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

APPOINTMENTS:

Finance Committee- Alderman Jeppson
Police and Judiciary Committee- Alderman Jeppson
Public Health Committee- Alderman Crane
Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee- Aldermen Lavieri, Crane, and Jeppson
Fire and ESDA- Alderman Crane
Economic Development Committee- Alderman Jeppson
Grants Committee- Alderman Jeppson
Waterworks Committee- Alderman Crane
Wastewater/Environmental Committee- Alderman Crane
Lighting Committee- Alderman Crane
Licenses Committee- Alderman Crane
Public Grounds and Real Estate Committee- Alderman Jeppson
City Improvements Committee- Alderman Jeppson, Alderman Crane
Building Codes Committee- Alderman Jeppson, Alderman Crane
La Salle Business Association- Alderman Jeppson, Alderman Crane
Police and Fire Committee- Alderman Crane
Park Board- Alderman Jeppson
Library Board- Alderman Jeppson, Alderman Reynolds Alternate
Illinois Municipal League-Remains the same

Liaison to LPAC- Alternates Jeppson and Crane

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the verbal resignation of Alderman Lavieri as Library Board liaison and appoint Alderman Jeppson as liaison with Alderman Reynolds as the alternate.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to authorize, pay, and place on file Pay Estimate #1 to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. totaling \$199,501.20 for the Hegeler Park Sewer Separation Project. 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

City Engineer Brown said that the City will be reimbursed for the amount approved. The City pays upfront and then reimbursed through the \$600,000 grant received for this project.

Alderman Bacidore asked Economic Development Director Koyak for an update on what IVAC has produced for the City. Mrs. Koyak stated that she will gather some information and have it to report at the next City Council meeting. Alderman Ptak stated that he does not believe it is fair to expect results this quickly. He stated it is a way to get our name out there.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove requested that the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee consider designating No Parking on the south side of Lindberg from 466 Lindberg to Gooding Street.

Mayor Grove also asked if the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee could also consider a request to install speed limit signs on Sterling Street from 3rd Street to 5th Street. Alderman Bacidore stated these issues will be considered at the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee meeting on August 26, 2019.

Alderman Bacidore announced these requests will be considered at the August 26, 2019 Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee meeting.

Mayor Grove took a straw vote regarding a request to close off First Street from the ATM machine at the entrance of La Salle State Bank to Marquette Street from 3 p.m. until the conclusion of the event, for the bank's anniversary celebration. Each alderman was in favor of approving the request. The vote will be ratified at the next council meeting.

Alderman Jeppson suggested that the City Council begin discussions concerning a potential new revenue source with the legalization of cannabis becoming effective in January. He suggested that the City Council begin looking at zoning rules, special permits, licensing and City taxes that could create some new revenue. Attorney McPhedran stated that he and the City Clerk have already done some preliminary work to address this issue. Attorney McPhedran stated that this could be referred to committee for review.

It was moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Demes to refer the issue regarding the cannabis to the Economic Development Committee. Recommendations will come back to the City Council for a full vote.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove announced that the City Council meeting being held on August 26, 2019 will begin at 5:45 p.m. or as soon as possible following the 5:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the Finance Committee meeting and the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee meeting. This is being done so that the public has an opportunity to express opinions concerning the further regulation of food trucks.

7:14 p.m. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds 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

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Resolution 201907:** a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Conditional Grant and related matters. (Rotary Park Expansion) 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 201907: Authorizing Acceptance of Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Conditional Grant and related matters. (Rotary Park Expansion)

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve and place on file **Resolution 201908:** a Resolution for Authorization for Construction of Commercial Entrance onto Route 351 and related matters. 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 201908: Authorization for Construction of Commercial Entrance onto Route 351 and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2831:** Authorizing Execution of Indemnification Agreement with DG Partners, A Limited Liability Company Regarding Certain Improvements to be Constructed in the Vicinity of 2345 St. Vincent Avenue, Illinois and related matters. 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 2831: Authorizing Execution of Indemnification Agreement with DG Partners, A Limited Liability Company Regarding Certain Improvements to be Constructed in the Vicinity of 2345 St. Vincent Avenue, Illinois.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2832: An Ordinance Regarding the Lease of Municipal Property with Abundant Life Fellowship, A Non-For-Profit Corporation d/b/a Core Café and Edmund Curry, Pastor thereof, Individually, Jointly and Severally and related matters.** 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 2832: An Ordinance Regarding the Lease of Municipal Property with Abundant Life Fellowship, A Non-For-Profit Corporation d/b/a Core Café and Edmund Curry, Pastor thereof, Individually, Jointly and Severally.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2833: An Ordinance Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle on a portion of Crosat Street between 7th and 8th Streets.** 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 2833: An Ordinance Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle on a portion of Crosat Street between 7th and 8th Streets.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2834: Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle and related matters.** Each and every alderman has a copy. (Handicap parking sign on the west side of Tonti near the east door of 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

Ordinance 2834: Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle. (Handicap parking sign on the west side of Tonti near the east door of St. Hyacinth's Church)

COMMENTS

Leonard Keenan resident of Rockwell Road thanked Jeff Bumgarner for taking care of issues on Rockwell Road.

City Engineer Brown updated the council and public on work being done around town. He encouraged the public to avoid areas of construction. He also stated that the Hegeler Park sewer separation project is moving forward.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane that bills totaling \$480,379.54 (Total Payroll \$182,294.72, Bills to be Paid \$155,166.75, Total Bills Paid \$142,918.07) 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 7:24 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk