

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

### OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

**March 3, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held, Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove with proper notices being duly and continuously posted.**

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

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Grove asked for a moment of prayer for Treasurer Virginia, Ginny, Kochanowski, who has recently suffered a stroke.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present** – Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

**Excused Absent** – Alderman Crane

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to allow Alderman Crane to attend the meeting remotely.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

**NAYS: NONE** **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present** – Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Alderman Crane (remotely via phone call)

**Absent** – NONE

**Others Present:** Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, City Attorney James McPhedran, City Engineer Brian Brown, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski, Fire Chief Jerry Janick

**A quorum was present.**

#### **COMMENTS**

Mayor Grove opened the floor for public comment, allowing residents to share their thoughts and concerns.

Dena Hicks questioned the street sweeper's route. She also asked about the status of the fiber optic internet installation and Thornton's Gas station. Dena Hicks also questioned the marijuana farm project and the cost of the Celebration of Lights event. She would like to see a breakdown of all costs.

Brianne Hicks raised concerns about the safety of city swings, the functionality of the traffic light at 1<sup>st</sup> & Marquette, and the need for community cleanups.

Angel Farmer criticized Mayor Grove for posting live streams of city meetings on YouTube Kids, exposing children to adult content. Angel Farmer describes various inappropriate actions and comments made during public meetings, including tampon demonstrations and public shaming.

Lee DeFosse, resident of LaSalle, expressed his appreciation for Mayor Grove and Chief Smudzinski for their hard work and the safety of the city.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held February 18, 2025. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to approve the request from That Guy's Secret for a Special Event Permit to allow the use of City-owned property in front of the 105 Marquette Street to host a Grand Reopening event with food truck from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader mentioned that once a food truck is decided they will have to come back for the proper certification for that.

### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAYS: NONE** **Absent: NONE** **Abstain: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

### **BIDS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation regarding bid award of \$14,400 to VJF Contracting Corporation for Rotary Park – Phase IV, Pickleball Lighting Improvements project.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Bacidore

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

## **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept and approve the resignation of Don Spayer from the City of La Salle Planning Commission.

Mayor Grove and Alderman Herndon both mentioned their appreciation for Don Spayer's and his time committed to the city.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to authorize Pay Request #2 for Vissering Construction Company totaling \$74,568.60 for work completed to date on East WWTP Gate Replacement project.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to authorize pay request #3 & Final for SewerTech LLC totaling \$30,677.71 for work completed to date on 2024 Sewer Cleaning & Televising – Ward 2 south of 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

City Engineer Brian Brown mentioned that he will be going in front of Finance Committee when it comes appropriations time to discuss rehiring this company for more televising work.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to reject the results of previously published Request for Proposal (RFP) for the old City of La Salle Public Works building at 500 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and to put forth new request for proposals in the future.

Deputy Clerk Bader suggests that interested parties can still propose directly to the city council. The city has not received any proposals that they were looking for.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Bacidore asked if he could add an item to the agenda for the next SAT committee meeting. He would like to see the "No Parking" sign removed from the area by Ptak's Garage and the island that was once there.

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader mentioned that the city originally set up their livestreaming with Computer Spa. He will discuss and review the YouTube Kids concern.

Alderman Reynolds asked if the city could look into lighting at 5<sup>th</sup> St. & Crosat. There used to be more lighting there at one point.

Mayor Grove asked for a couple items to be placed on the SAT committee agenda in two weeks:

- Bradford's, 832 9<sup>th</sup> St, looking for a "Handicap" or "Resident Only" sign. They do not drive, however, get picked often and would like a space that would always be available for them.
- No Outlet Signs at Hailey and Bartley, there has been one at Aplington and 23<sup>rd</sup> St., but not the other two.

## **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the ordinance approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tri-County Opportunities Council Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program and City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

City Economic Development Director Curt Bedei stated that this is for any resident that is in need of certain services, they can be referred to Tri-County. The city would be able to guide them in the right direction for any assistance that may be needed.

Finance Director John Duncan also pointed out that Tri-County does also assist residents that are unable to make a utility payment. The resident is not allowed to have missed a payment. Assistance is available for any resident that is unable to make a water bill payment, but they have made all other previous payments. Duncan also pointed out that Tri-County does not take walk-ins but are located by Flying J on Civic Road.

### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Herndon, Crane, Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and file the bills from March 3, 2025: Total Submitted: \$644,585.04 (Total Payroll \$216,069.68, Bills to be Paid \$379,912.01, Total Bills Paid \$48,603.35). Each and every alderman has a copy.

### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** None **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 6:58 pm**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Amy" on the top line and "Quinn" on the bottom line.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk

