

Meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee of the City of LaSalle

Monday, April 28, 2025

**Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting - City Hall Council
Chambers**

Chairman Bacidore called the Meeting to order at 6:14 pm

ROLL CALL

Present – Chairman Bacidore, Alderman Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent – NONE

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Attorney Jim McPhedran, City Engineer Brian Brown, Alderman Bob Thompson, City Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve and place on file the minutes of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for March 31, 2025.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore introduced the topic of addressing parking concerns in the 800 Block of Chartres Street and nearby alley.

Sarah Nelson, resident at 836 Chartres Street, shared their experience of receiving multiple parking tickets for parking behind their garage in the alley during school hours. Nelson explained her frustration of receiving these tickets despite taking care of the alley and mentions working with the police chief to avoid some tickets.

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader inquired if the parking in the alley would resolve the concerns, to which Ms. Nelson confirmed that it would help. Bader also mentioned discussing this issue with the police chief, who is also unsure about the legality of the signs in the alley. Bader also suggested contacting the owners of the signs to see the history of the signs and offered to bring the issue back to the Streets and Alley Committee if this issue continues to go unresolved. Ms. Nelson also expressed willingness to lease the alley if necessary to resolve the issue.

Alderman Lavieri asked about the specific violations on the tickets, and Ms. Nelson confirmed that they were for “parking in a non-parking spot”.

Alderman Crane mentioned an ordinance that states no parking on grass. Alderman Bacidore clarified that it does not apply to their situation.

Alderman Bacidore questioned why tickets are issued for parking on grass in the alley diamond, when it is the city's to be maintained.

Alderman Herndon asked if only one vehicle has been ticketed, and Ms. Nelson confirmed it is the resident's vehicle, but her friend also has received a ticket. Alderman Herndon does not understand why a ticket was issued when the registration on her daughter's plate comes back as a resident of the address where the vehicle was parked.

Diz Demes suggested leasing the alley from the city to resolve the issue and Ms. Nelson found the suggestion to be reasonable.

Deputy Clerk Bader clarified the action guided to the city staff is to review the legality of the signs and contact the owners if necessary.

Ms. Nelson asks if the police officers can verify the address before issuing tickets. Deputy Clerk Bader agreed to discuss this with the police chief.

Alderman Lavieri mentioned that as long as parking does not block someone else's access, it should be allowed. Deputy Clerk Bader confirmed the direction that the committee will take with the police chief.

Alderman Lavieri and Alderman Herndon recognized Chairman Bacidore for his last official act as the Chairman on the Streets, Alley, and Traffic Committee.

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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

Amy Quinn, City Clerk