

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar,
Schroeder, Herndon

ABSENT None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the minutes of the last regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that representatives of CMT are allowed to address the council with an up date of the east side wastewater treatment facility. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Project Engineer Carrie Giacobbe and Micah Yergler from CMT gave a presentation and listed the various dates that construction of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 began and anticipated completion dates as well as the constructions costs so far and anticipated remaining costs. They also showed construction changes so far for both Phases and other planned changes.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the request from the LaSalle Business Association to close 1st Street from Marquette to Gooding on Saturday, October 9th from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the annual “Jazz’n the Street” is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from Dan Burke to close 1st Street between Gooding and Wright Street from noon until 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 11, 2010 for the “Rock the Block” event is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Green that the request from Carus Corporation to close 7th Street between Union and Sterling on Saturday morning through Sunday evening, September 18th and 19th is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Ptak, that the request from Cruis'n LaSalle to close 2nd Street from Joliet to Wright on Saturday, September 18th for the annual Car Cruise is granted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. PASS: Alderman Green. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Verizon Wireless is granted a variance to the masonry requirement for their maintenance building at the Malcolm water tower property. Alderman Demes said he thought the ordinance requiring masonry construction should be reviewed since the council has been granting variances for new construction.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: Alderman Demes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the petition of Douglas Jost for a variance to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for an expansion and upgrade of a garage on his property at 1602 Prospect Avenue is accepted; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that the Police Income Report showing total fees collected for July 2010 of \$13,642.58 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. Activity Summary for July 2010 is accepted and placed on file. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee's recommendation concerning a request for 20 mph speed limit signs in the 600 and 700 blocks of Bucklin is tabled until the committee studies ordinances concerning speed limit signs in the area. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Green that the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, that no action is taken concerning parking when school is open near the corner of Bucklin and 6th Streets, is accepted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent of Public Works gave each of the aldermen and City Attorney a copy of an agreement with AmerenIP concerning power supply to the east side wastewater treatment plant. He said we need to move on the agreement so we can get power to the area by November so we will have power available to start up equipment as it gets to the new treatment plant

Kevin Heide of First Midstate is also involved in trying to make sure we are bonded so we have the payments ready for the work. The City is also working with Chamlin & Associates trying to do water and sewer hookups and also with Ameren and JB Electric trying to get power into the area for servicing. In addition, we are looking to run a power feed over to a former Illinois Cement building at the bottom of the site for public works. In addition, Rotary Park is also going to need power in the near future so we are looking at the same time to see that we have power available at that site as it comes up for construction. Superintendent McNeilly said he is giving the options the city has been working with, trying to get prices from Ameren and also JB Electric and trying to get the most economical method to get the electric supply to the area.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Salazar that, at the recommendation by the Superintendent of Public Works, the council authorizes the Superintendent/Director of Public Works along with the City Engineer, the Mayor and City Attorney to move ahead with getting agreements in place with both AmerenIP and JB Contracting Corp. to complete the work required to get these utilities in place. Any such agreements and costs related shall be brought back to the City Council for their approval. Further that the Council moves ahead to select the power service preferably as a combination aerial and buried service to supply power to the East Side WWTP. Expenditures for this work shall come from bond funds and these bonds shall also be brought before and approved by the City Council.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Demes asked if he could get a number of people who use the shopper bus on a weekly basis. Mayor Grove said he will try getting that information for the next meeting.

Police Chief Rob Uranich wanted the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to look at the intersection of Canal and Joliet/Rt. 351. There have been 5 accidents at that intersection in the past year. The opposite of that intersection was addressed recently and was made one-way going east from Joliet to Hennepin. Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that this issue is sent to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes, that the City Attorney and Chief of Police are authorized to work together to draft an ordinance to address vacant buildings.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Chief Uranich requested that parking regulations on St. Vincent are referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic committee for study. Since the construction a few years ago parking was changed from the west side to the east side of St. Vincent in front of Lincoln Jr. High School and along Hegeler Park. The current ordinance does not reflect the parking signs. Chief Uranich also said that during the road construction on St. Vincent some signs were removed between 11th Street to the north and some of those signs were never replaced. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Green that these items are referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Alderman Salazar said he has received several complaints about the condition of curbs and sidewalks, and he asked of the City could consider the program in Ottawa, where they work through a joint venture with residents, on curbs and sidewalks on a regular basis. Mayor Grove said that in LaSalle streets and alleys take precedence over sidewalks and curbs with the money available. The city will help with the removal of old sidewalk, but it is the homeowner's responsibility to pay for the associated costs.

Alderman Herndon said that before the city considers any curb work, if there is money available, he would like 24th, 25th and 26th Streets to be considered.

Alderman Bacidore commented on the city lot across from Casey's. He said he was approached by someone at Casey's and the said the city is asking residents to maintain their property, yet the city owns a piece of property that looks very unkept. Mayor Grove said that the city received a grant to place wildflowers there. We will check to see how long the grant specifies we need to keep the flowers there.

Alderman Lavieri asked that speed limit signs on Raccuglia Drive be addressed. He said there seems to be a discrepancy in speed limits and that we might need some more speed limit signs there and he would like that referred to the Traffic Committee for study and for a recommendation.

Mayor Grove said that Mr. Cameron Graper was present at the meeting and he is planning to have a block party at Pulaski Park from 12-4pm Sunday, August 29th and he invited the public to attend. The Mayor noted that the city is not involved with the event.

Alderman Demes announced that there would be a meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday evening, September 7th.

Also Mayor Grove commented on a front-page news article recently in the News Tribune. The Headline was a LaSalle Man Could face 20 years for crack cocaine. When reading the article it states that the man is actually from Chicago and he was stopped along Interstate 80 near Interstate 39. The News Tribune did place a small correction in the paper.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Ordinance No. 2240: An Ordinance Regarding Prisoner Medical Services and related matters is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2240: An Ordinance Regarding Prisoner Medical Services and related matters

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that Resolution 201015: Resolution In Support of Transportation Enhancement Grant is accepted, passed and placed on file; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 201015: Resolution In Support of Transportation Enhancement Grant

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar that Ordinance No. 2241: An Ordinance Granting Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois (increase the square footage from 720 sq. ft to 800 sq. feet for expansion and upgrade of a garage of Mr. Douglas Jost at 1602 Prospect Avenue). Each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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Variance: at 1602 Prospect to allow for increase from 720 sq. ft. to 800 sq. ft. for a garage expansion

COMMENTS

Chief Uranich asked that the agenda for the next City Council Meeting contain the council's approval to enter into a contract with the USDA to receive grant money for an equipped K-9 vehicle, and that the council authorizes the Comptroller to pay all bills

associated with the purchases and further that the City of LaSalle agrees to fully pay any cost overages above the amounts listed in the grant.

Attorney McPhedran commented that the Chief of Police has worked very hard through a lot of administrative requirements on this K-9 Vehicle. He's worked with many city officials and also had dealing with other government agencies. This will save the city the cost of a vehicle.

Superintendent McNeilly said that regarding the presentation of CMT, anyone interested could go to the city's web site to see pictures of construction activity at the wastewater treatment plant.

Supt. McNeilly also said that there will be a meeting of a CSO Citizens Committee and other interested residents in City Hall at 4:00 on August 25th. People from Farnsworth Engineering will be present.

Don Aleksy said the application date for the Fehr-Graham IEPA Brownfield Assessment Grant starts October 15th

Treasurer Fran Baratta commented that she thought everyone should take a look at the new Men's Emporium clothing shop downtown.

Alderman Demes asked Engineer Furlan to give an update on the Bucklin Street construction. Mike Furlan said the sewer work from 11th Street to Lindberg has been completed and now they will go north towards Balbo Street and he said he'd like to ask the parents of any children going to Northwest School to have their children avoid that area.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that bills submitted totaling \$1,158,473.26 (Payroll \$141,360.63; bills to be paid \$118,587.75 bills paid \$898,524.88) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Salazar and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNED 8:13 P. M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk