

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, AND PUBLIC HEARING,
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT None

PUBLIC HEARING: To receive comments from the public regarding the proposed Appropriations of the City of LaSalle from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed Appropriations of the City of LaSalle from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011 is opened.

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

Mayor Grove said that the Council had an informal/working to discuss the appropriations and he wanted to let the public know that there have been comments made that the city is planning to build a new police station, and that the city is not in the process of building a new police station at this time. He then asked for comments from the public. There were no comments forthcoming. Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the public hearing is closed.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Herndon that both the minutes of the last regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 12, 2010 and the minutes of the working/informal meeting of the LaSalle City Council held July 19, 2010 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the request from AmerenIP to break ground to repair a gas leak at 711 11th Street is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that the request from AmerenIP to break ground to install underground electric and gas service at 126 Vermilionvue Trace is granted. Voice vote all ayes with the exception of Alderman Lavieri who passed. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that the request from Douglas C. Jost for a variance to the zoning ordinance to increase the allowable square footage for a garage at his property at 1602 Prospect Avenue, is referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the request from Modesto Pantoja for a peddler permit to sell ice products from a push cart is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Building Inspectors' report for June 2010 showing total value of construction of \$355,030.00 and total fees collected of \$2,315.00 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the Treasurers' Report for June 2010 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$393,555.98 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$595,812.30 is accepted and placed on file; 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 for June 2010 showing total fees collected of \$12,466.00 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 Fiscal Year Statistics from the Hygienic Institute Community Health Center is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation by the Finance Committee, the request for funding from Horizon House for its Road to Independence Campaign is denied at this time.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Green, Ptak, Lavieri, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: Alderman Salazar. Motion carried. Alderman Salazar commented that he thought this was a worthwhile cause and thought that the City could donate something because he thought a community is known by the people it helps.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee regarding a request for no parking spaces on St. Vincent at the Southwest corner of Lindberg and St. Vincent is tabled until the city contacts IDOT and Lincoln School for input regarding the request. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

TABLED ITEM

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Green that the request for a handicapped parking sign at 466 Lindberg Road is removed from the table for consideration. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Green that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request for a handicapped parking sign at 466 Lindberg Road is denied at this time because the parking problem seems to have been resolved. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the recommendation by the Planning Commission to approve a Special Use Permit between the City of LaSalle and Verizon is accepted; each and every alderman has a copy of the recommendation.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Ptak, that the council authorizes payment of \$22,416.64 to C&H Excavating for services on the Campbell Avenue Sewer Project.

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

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that the council authorizes the City to enter into an Engineering Agreement with Chamlin & Associates for the 2010 East Side Water and Sewer System Improvements, subject to the approval of the Mayor, City Attorney, City Engineer and Superintendent/Director of Public Works. Alderman Schroeder asked for clarification of where the source of funding would come from for this project and Supt. McNeilly said this is a bonding item.

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

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion of whether or not to renew our membership with IVAC this year. Mayor Grove asked for the opinion of the council. Alderman Green suggested that we wait for 6 months and then decide whether we want to renew membership. He was concerned if there was a membership fee that we would have to pay again (in addition to the yearly dues) if we decided to rejoin in the future. Alderman Demes said it was his

understanding that several concerns were given to IVAC in the past, and that very few, if any, of those items have been addressed. Alderman Green said that the current Director is stopping down, and said perhaps we should give the new Director a chance to address the concerns. Alderman Bacidore asked what IVAC has done for the city in the past year. Economic Development Director Don Aleksy said they have processed Enterprise Zone Applications. However Mr. Aleksy said the Enterprise Zone and IVAC were two separate things, and that we do not have to belong to IVAC for Enterprise Zone Work.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the city withdraws from IVAC and revisits the decision in 6 months. Alderman Schroeder said he felt that our Economic Development Director is now comfortable in the position and wanted to make note of the information Mr. Aleksy supplies the aldermen with, and he commended other area mayors for questioning some of the funding of IVAC, and he suggested that economic development might be put out for bid. He also said he thought he would rather spend the \$13,000 toward our own in-house Economic Director. Alderman Lavieri said he would like someone from IVAC to let the council know if the input the City has given to them is being addressed. Alderman Herndon said that last year there was a tie vote on whether or not to remain with IVAC, and at that time the Mayor told IVAC what was expected of that organization, and so far we have not had much cooperation.

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

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Ordinance No. 2236: An Ordinance Appropriating for All Corporate Purposes for the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2010 and Ending April 30, 2011 is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

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Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ordinance No. 2237: An Ordinance Regulating Rules, Conditions and Rates Applying to Water and Services in the City of LaSalle, Illinois 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.

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Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that An Ordinance Further Regulating Traffic in the City of LaSalle (slow/children playing sign at 879 Roosevelt Road) is accepted and passed.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Resolution No. 201014: Resolution Authorizing Special Use Permit (Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Lincoln-Malcolm Water Tower property) 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.

Resolution No. 201014: Resolution Authorizing Special Use Permit (Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for antennas on Lincoln-Malcolm Water Tower property)

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Ordinance No. 2238: Ordinance Authorizing Lease of Real Estate (5 year non-exclusive lease with 3 additional 5-year lease options for Lincoln-Malcolm Water Tower property to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon) 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. 2238: Ordinance Authorizing Lease of Real Estate (Lincoln-Malcolm Water Tower property non-exclusive 5 year lease with 3 five-year lease extension options to Verizon)

COMMENTS

Superintendent/Director of Public Works Sam McNeilly thanked all of the people who have worked on the revised Water Ordinance. He said he appreciated all the help of all city staff over the past months.

Engineer Mike Furlan said on the Gunia Avenue project Leonard Trovero has asked an extension on the final date to the end of August. Rockwell Road Bridge work is 95% done. He said there will be a pre-construction meeting on the Bucklin, 11th Street and Crosat Street road construction.

Alderman Ptak asked if we could add additional inlets on the Bucklin Street work. Engineer Furlan said he though that would help out immensely said we could put in a change order. Because the item was not on the Agenda, a straw poll was taken so Engineer Furlan would have some direction, and the action could be ratified at the next council meeting. All aldermen were in agreement that a change order should be put in to add two inlets to the project.

Alderman Lavieri invited all present to attend the Moon Light Golf outing on Friday. The event raises funds for the Rotary Park.

7:57 P.M. Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the council goes out of regular session and into executive session to discuss pending and/or potential imminent litigation.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation.

8:33 P.M. Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the executive session is closed and the council returns to the regular meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Ptak that bills submitted totaling \$396,504.08 (Payroll \$151,128.57; bills to be paid \$95,126.80 bills paid \$150,248.71) 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 8:35 P. M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk