

**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., Tuesday, October 22, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Grove requested a moment of silence in memory and in honor of the life of former Fire Chief of Peru, Gary Eccles.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, **Excused Absence-** Alderman Schneider

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 348 Civic Road to bore under the road for new gas service to new building for IVAR, 641 and 637 1st Street to relocate gas service for electric work being done the week of 10/21 and at the alley court north of First Street and West of Marquette Street to replace everything electric; each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request of Mike Layden to break curb for a driveway at 1598 Linden Avenue under the supervision of the City Engineer and Building Inspector. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for September 2013 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$1,560,581.75 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$4,098,960.91. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept and place on file the Police Income Report for September 2013 showing total fees collected of \$14,315.26.

Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for September 2013 totaling \$897.00

Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

A thank you from the PBIS group of La Salle Elementary was read to the council regarding the movie night held on September 20, 2013.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for July 2013 of \$77,912.20 and referendum approved sales tax of \$33,418.67 for a total of \$111,330.87. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding petition from Jeff Grove for the rezoning of premises commonly known as 1055 Sixth Street (formerly also known as the La Salle Catholic School property). Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. Absent: Alderman Schneider

**Motion carried. 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding petition from Jeff Grove for zoning variances and /or exception to the Zoning Ordinance as to the premises at 1055 Sixth Street (formerly also known as the La Salle Catholic School property). Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. Absent: Alderman Schneider

**Motion carried. 7-0**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and potential action regarding FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) contract and related matters was tabled while waiting for a final draft of the contract.

Mayor Grove commented about the property at 610 Bucklin and explained that it has been a fluid situation and the city has worked closely with the owner. Mayor Grove indicated it is a situation that most feel needs to continue to move forward.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to give the Mayor specific authority to take such action on behalf of the city including, but not limited to,

the authority to settle and/or otherwise resolve litigation issues involving the premises at 610 Bucklin Street if the Mayor in his discretion deems the actions to be in the best interest of the city.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. Absent: Alderman Schneider

**Motion carried. 7-0**

The Mayor indicated if anything did arise with this situation, he would discuss any potential issues individually with the aldermen.

Attorney McPhedran concurred with the Mayor that this has been a fluid situation regarding this property and has involved many individuals including the Mayor's office, the Mayor, Building Inspector, Attorney Cafferini and himself. This action allows the Mayor to have the discretion to act in the best interest of the City of La Salle if a deal would come forward.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept **Ordinance 2457** setting compensation for certain Non-union City Employees and related matters.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, NAYS: None. Absent: Schneider

**Motion carried. 7- 0**

**Ordinance No. 2457: An ordinance setting compensation for certain non-union city employees.  
(Comptroller, Superintendent of Public Works, Fire Chief, Police Chief, City Engineer and Director of Economic Development)**

Prior to voting, Alderman Bacidore questioned the issue of making the Building Inspector full-time. Mayor Grove said it would be looked into prior to the next year's budget in May.

Attorney McPhedran indicated as a point of information that the ordinance in regards to compensation of non-union city employees did not include the Building Inspector or new hires of Comptroller, Superintendent of Public Works or the Administrative Assistant.

The issue of placing a "Private Drive" sign in the alley behind 602 First Street was tabled at this time while it is investigated as to who owns the property.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and place a 15 Minute Parking sign in front of The Dog House at 848 First Street.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. Absent: Alderman Schneider

**Motion carried. 7-0**

Sam McNeilly gave the council an update on a DCEO grant that was applied for several years ago for various park and pool improvements. The grant has been approved for \$115,000 and formal bidding will take place for improvements on park lighting, heaters for the pool and building, a pool security system, window replacement and an electrical panel at the pool. The city will be responsible for any excess expenditure above the amount of the grant funding.

Alderman Ptak mentioned issues that he became aware of at the recent Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago. These issues included the possible removal of tax exemption status on Municipal Bonds, pension reporting, etc. Alderman Ptak indicated the importance of city officials attending this conference. He encouraged the council to reconsider funding this conference as the next budget is considered, so that city officials can take advantage of the sessions. Mayor Grove added that he saw a drop in attendance at the conference when hard economic times hit municipalities, but noticed an increase this year which indicates the value this conference provides in terms of training and updating city officials on issues of importance.

Alderman Duncan questioned the reason for the sewer smell on First Street. Mike Furlan explained that with the lack of rain, normal flow is affected leaving sewer lines to become stagnant resulting in the smell.

#### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize and place on file **Ordinance No. 2458** authorizing zoning changes within the City of La Salle at 1055 Sixth Street, La Salle, Illinois f/k/a La Salle Catholic School Premises and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider. NAYS: Duncan None. Absent: Schneider

**Motion carried. 7-0**

**Ordinance No. 2458: An ordinance authorizing zoning changes within the City of La Salle at 1055 Sixth Street, La Salle, Illinois f/k/a La Salle Catholic School Premises and related matters.**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Demes to authorize and place on file **Ordinance No. 2459:** authorizing variance and/or exception to the Zoning Ordinance concerning Jeff Grove premises at 1055 Sixth Street (formerly also known as the La Salle Catholic School property) and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAYS: None. Absent: Schneider.

**Motion carried. 7-0**

**Ordinance No. 2459: An ordinance authorizing variance and/or exception to the Zoning Ordinance concerning Jeff Grove premises at 1055 Sixth Street (formerly also known as the La Salle Catholic School property) and related matters.**

**COMMENTS**

Mayor Grove reminded everyone of the Hometown Halloween events scheduled for Saturday, October 26 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Grove thanked Don Baldin and Public Works for the work done on the softball fields. The Mayor has received many positive comments.

Mike Furlan indicated the parking lot at 2nd and Marquette is striped however arrows will be added once the weather cooperates. The sidewalk program is coming to a close.

Intern Kara Garten reminded the public that a food drive will be held in conjunction with the Hometown Halloween event, as it is also national " Make a Difference" day.

No comments were made by the public.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that bills submitted of \$471,460.04 (Total Payroll \$170,955.38, Bills to be Paid \$129,671.43, Total Bills Paid \$170,833.23) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. Schneider.

**Motion carried. 7-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Herndon to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes: motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 7:39 p.m.**

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Carrie Brown, City Clerk