

**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, JULY 25, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,  
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**ABSENT:** None

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the public hearing regarding the proposed Appropriations of the City of LaSalle from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012 is opened. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING: To receive comments from the public regarding the proposed Appropriations of the City of LaSalle from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012.**

Mayor Grove thanked everyone who participated in the meeting last week and reviewed the proposed appropriations. The Mayor then asked for any comments or concerns from the public. There were no comments from the public. Alderman Schneider commended the department heads for their diligence in seeking grants and funds for departments.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the public hearing be closed. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Clerk Kochanowski informed the council that the minutes of July 11, 2011 need to be corrected under Payment of Bills to show that Alderman Ptak moved and Alderman Herndon seconded that the bills be paid. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the minutes of the last regular meeting held Monday, July 11, 2011 are approved as corrected 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 Demes that the request from the LaSalle-Peru High School Bands to have its annual door-to-door candy sale in LaSalle on Monday, August 22, from 5:30 until 8:00 P.M. is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Police Income Report for June 2011 showing total fees collected of \$11,042.12 is accepted and placed on file each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Treasurers' Report for June 2011 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$571,674.70 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$1,608,464.60 is accepted and placed on file each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Grove said he had received a communication from Dan Burke regarding Two Fool's annual Rock the Block event. Mr. Burke is inquiring if he might have his event on the same night as George Green's Cruisin LaSalle in order to get more people downtown. If that were the case there would be two streets closed on the same night. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the request is forwarded to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic committee, with input from the Chief of Police, for study and a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **BIDS**

Two bids were received for the Energy Efficiency and Block Grant Project Modification: One from JB Contracting Corp for \$24,814.00 and the other from Ficek Electric & Communications System for \$45,359.00. Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the bid from JB Contracting Corp. for \$24,814.00 is accepted. ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**BID: Energy Efficiency & Block Grant Project Modification:**  
**JB Contracting for \$24,8124.00**  
**Ficek ElectricComm. Systems \$45,359.00**

Engineer Mike Furlan said that three bids were received for the N. 31<sup>st</sup> Road portion of the 2011 GM Road Program. Jim George & Sons of Sycamore, IL bid \$44,542.65, Pavement Maintenance from Henry, IL bid \$59,075.76 and Steffens 3-D bid \$60,964.65, and Mr. Furlan said Jim George is qualified through IDOT. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the N. 31<sup>st</sup> Road portion of the 2011 GM Road Program is awarded to Jim George & Sons in the amount of \$44,542.65.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**BID: N. 31<sup>st</sup> Road portion of the 2011 GM Road Program:**  
**Jim George & Sons - \$44,542.65**  
**Pavement Maintenance - \$59,075.76**  
**Steffens 3-D - \$60,964.65**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that, at the recommendation by the Licenses Committee, the ordinance drafted by City Attorney McPhedran concerning peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants is accepted, with the exception that Section I-2 (c) be changed to show that permits for charitable purposes shall be authorized for three (3) days instead of two (2) days. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, two parking spaces at the northeast corner of Crosat and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets are removed and that no parking here to corner is posted from the driveway south to the intersection. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Grove announced his appointments/reappointments to various committees and boards:

Police Pension Board: Pat Dooley – 2 years

Board of Police & Fire Commissioners: John Balestri – 3 years

Fire Pension Board: Virginia Kochanowski – 3 years and Andy Bacidore – 3 years

Park & Recreation Board: Jeff Lesczynski – 5 years

Library Board Trustees: Gerald Waszkowiak – 3 years; John Steele – 3 years; Pat Dooley – 3 years; Barbara Mertes – 3 years

LaSalle Planning Commission: Dale Tieman – 4 years; Bart Hartauer - 4 years;

Zoning Board of Appeals: June Gardner – 5 years

LaSalle Park Development: Andy Bacidore – 1 year; John Lavieri 1 year; Jeff Lesczynski – 1 year; Chris Vaske – 1 year; Alissa Gearhart – 2 years; Gary Gearhart – 2 years; Don Spayer – 2 years; Ruth Spayer – 2 years and Chris Wren – 2 year term.

Revolving Loan Fund: 2 vacant seats need to be filled.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that all of the Mayor's appointments are accepted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri (aye except for himself in which case he passed); Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **Police Pension Board:**

**Pat Dooley – 2 years**

### **Board of Police & Fire Commissioners:**

**John Balestri – 3 years**

### **Fire Pension Board:**

**Virginia Kochanowski – 3 years**

**Andy Bacidore – 3 years**

### **Park & Recreation Board:**

**Jeff Lesczynski – 5 years**

**Library Board Trustees:**

**Gerald Waszkowiak – 3 years;**

**John Steele – 3 years;**

**Pat Dooley – 3 years; Barbara Mertes – 3 years**

**LaSalle Planning Commission:**

**Dale Tieman – 4 years;**

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**LaSalle Park Development:**

**Andy Bacidore – 1 year; John Lavieri 1 year;**

**Jeff Lesczynski – 1 year; Chris Vaske – 1 year;**

**Alissa Gearhart – 2 years; Gary Gearhart – 2**

**years; Don Spayer – 2 years; Ruth Spayer – 2**

**years; Chris Wren – 2 years**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that authorization is given for payment to Sjostrom & Sons, Inc. of \$200,407.66 for the LaSalle Wastewater Treatment Plant System, pending approval of the IEPA. Each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that authorization is given for change orders No. 37, 39, 40, 41 and 42 for the East Side Wastewater Treatment Facility – Phase II; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council approves payment of the CDAP Grant project bills (payment No. 1 for N. Joliet Street Sanitary Sewer Rehab submitted by Trovero Construction - \$165,829.05) each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ptak asked if the garbage contract has been signed and if the contractor is going to follow through with the notification to each household about the change of yard waste pick up. The Mayor will follow up with the contractor.

## NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the council amend the published starting time of the August 8, 2011 council meeting from 7:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. The council will be interviewing several firms with requests for proposals for Rotary Park grants starting at 5:00 P.M.. Following the conclusion of business, the meeting will not be adjourned but rather it will be recessed to reconvene Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. when additional requests for proposals regarding the same matter will be heard. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan that Ordinance No. 2286: An Ordinance Appropriating for all Corporate Purposes for the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012 is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2286: An Ordinance Appropriating for all Corporate Purposes for the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that Ordinance No. 2287: An Ordinance Concerning Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants is accepted and passed, with a change on page 2, Section 1-2(c) to allow three(3) days to solicit rather than (2) days; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. PASS: Alderman Lavieri. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2287: An Ordinance Concerning Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants**

## COMMENTS

Chief Uranich said he and other local law enforcement agencies were working to adopt an ordinance to ban a new designer drug called "bath salts," however the State recently added these chemicals to the controlled chemicals list and made it a felony to sell, possess or use these substances. Local merchants have been cooperative in removing these chemicals from their businesses. Mayor Grove commended the Chief and other police officers for apprehending a wanted subject from Peru.

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy reported that he, representatives from North Central Council of Governments and Senator Sue Resin and others met recently to discuss a grant for possible funding for the demolition of Matthiessen School. Water and sewer issues in that neighborhood might also be eligible for funding.

Our intern Nico Valaris has been working on updating the city's web site.

Engineer Furlan said the Rt. 6 work is going well and North Joliet work is moving along. There is an award period until July 29th, pending no protests and IDOT approval, before the contract is awarded to Jim George & Sons for work on N. 31<sup>st</sup> Road. The city's 2011 road program should begin soon.

Alderman Lavieri said that since the 6 month trial period for parking in the downtown area on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, as well as city parking lots has expired, perhaps it should be addressed again. Mayor Grove asked that the subject be placed on the next meeting agenda.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider, that bills submitted totaling \$396,808.49 (Payroll \$151,586.68; bills to be paid \$83,559.30 bills paid \$161,662.51) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Bacidore, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried. `

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ADJOURNED 7:45 P. M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk