

**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, April 22, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

Excused Absence- Alderman Duncan, Alderman Schneider

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 are approved and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to allow Nick Kalogeresis of the Lakota Group to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kalogeresis addressed the council regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Each alderman was given an outline of the main components of the plan. He briefly reviewed the process that was followed to develop the plan since last May. He reviewed the three main land use strategies contained in the plan. They include revitalizing the community core, development in the US Route 6 Gateway and enhancement of natural areas and the waterfront. He made suggestions as to ways the City can begin to implement some of these plans in the immediate future. Mayor Grove thanked all who were involved in developing the Comprehensive Plan.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request of Kelly Simpson of the La Salle Peru Cavalettes to hold a Tag Day collection at IV Food Center on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29, 2014.

Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of the Illinois Valley Food Pantry to hold a Tag Day collection at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets and at businesses on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

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 March 2014 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$919,549.22 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,089,529.46. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None. Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for March 2014 totaling \$780.55. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for March 2014 of \$15,344.01. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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 January 2014 of \$68,986.92 and referendum approved sales tax of \$29,276.01 for a total of \$98,262.93. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that May 2014 be proclaimed as National Bike and Bicycle Safety Month and May 12-16 as Bike to Work Week.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**Proclamation:
May 2014 as National Bike
Bicycle Safety Month and
May 12-16, 2014 as Bike to
Work Week**

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the City of La Salle Comprehensive Plan and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept the appointments of Joanne Milby to the E911 Board, John Duncan IV to the Fire Pension Board and Daniel E. Lawler, Sr. to the Police Pension Board.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

Appointments:
Joanne Milby to E911 (3 yr term)
John Duncan IV to Fire Pension Board (3 yr term)
Daniel E. Lawler, Sr. to Police Pension Board (2 yr term)

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Demes expressed concern about the condition of Bucklin Avenue from First to Third Street. He questioned whether the road condition is due to the extreme winter weather, weight or the heavy truck traffic due to the Peru access being closed and the Ameren remediation project. This road has semi-truck traffic 24 hours a day and Alderman Demes wondered if this is the reason for the deterioration of the road. The City Engineer will investigate and report back to the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Herndon received calls from 1463 and 1465 La Harpe Street regarding cars being parked on the east side of the road making it difficult for these residents to back out of their residences.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to refer the request to investigate the parking situation in the 1400 block of La Harpe Street to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

A meeting by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will be held on May 6, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. (Note: the time of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee meeting was later changed to 6:00 p.m. on the same date due to other issues that arose in this council meeting.)

Alderman Reynolds was contacted by a resident at 1107 6th Street regarding a request for a handicapped parking space.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to refer the request for a handicapped parking space at 1107 6th Street to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore informed the council that this issue will also be addressed at the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee meeting on May 6, 2014.

Mayor Grove indicated that there is a 7 unit apartment building for sale on Third Street and a potential buyer needs clarification on the available parking in the alley, running east and west from 2nd and 3rd Streets between Bucklin and La Fayette. The Mayor requested that clarification is made in regard to which areas for potential parking are privately owned and which belong to the City.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to refer the investigation of the parking situation in the alley running east/west diamond between 2nd and 3rd Streets east of Bucklin to La Fayette to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore indicated that Streets, Alleys and Traffic committee will consider this issue, in addition to the issues previously referred and the time will be moved to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

Superintendent Bumgarner explained that the 9th Street water tower was inspected by Dixon Engineering and is in need of repair. As part of the work water will need to be drained from the tank. The exterior of the tower will need to be painted. While the tank is empty the interior will be painted. Comptroller Joanne Milby indicated there is enough funding in the water reserve fund to pay for these repairs. Alderman Lavieri questioned if plans are in place to mitigate any pressure difference as the tank is drained. Superintendent Bumgarner stated that precautions have already been put in place regarding that issue. Alderman Ptak pointed out that the increase in water rates passed on to residents allows the City to have the funding to address these types of repairs. Attorney McPhedran clarified for the record that the engineering portion of this project is complete, however the engineering firm will prepare the bid documents and specifications for the actual repair work.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve repairs to the 9th Street water tower as recommended by Superintendent Bumgarner. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Resolution 201408** for construction of a commercial entrance onto US Route 6 (Casey's). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

Resolution 201408: a resolution for construction of a commercial entrance onto US Route 6 (Casey's)

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve and place on file **Resolution 201409** for construction of a commercial entrance onto US Route 6 (American Nickeloid). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

Resolution 201409: a resolution for construction of a commercial entrance onto US Route 6 (American Nickeloid)

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept **Ordinance 2481** making transfers of amounts appropriated from one corporate purpose to another corporate purpose and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None **Absent:** Alderman Duncan, Schneider **Abstain:** None

Motion carried 6-0

Ordinance No. 2481: an ordinance making transfers of amounts appropriated from one corporate purpose to another corporate purpose and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve **Ordinance 2482** approving Comprehensive Plan and Amendment to Comprehensive Plan of the City of LaSalle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None **Absent:** Alderman Duncan, Schneider **Abstain:** None

Motion Carried 6-0

Ordinance No. 2482: an ordinance approving Comprehensive Plan and Amendment to Comprehensive Plan of the City of La Salle.

COMMENTS

Mayor Grove thanked the downtown business owners and residents who were affected by the recent water main break for their patience. He also thanked the Public Works Department for their quick response.

Mayor Grove recognized Comptroller Joanne Milby on her last City Council meeting prior to her retirement on May 2, 2014. Sentiments were expressed by members of the council and staff. Joanne was commended for her 37 years of service, dedication, work ethic and positive attitude. She will be missed.

Building Inspector Chris Covert reminded the public that as construction season begins, building permits may be required. Residents should call City Hall if they have any questions as to if a permit is required prior to projects being initiated.

There were no comments from the public.

7:58 p.m. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to enter into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and the employment, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c)1-3,5,6,and 11 thereof.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to exit Executive Session and return to regular session.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling: \$478,264.47 (Total Payroll \$169,710.24 Bills to be Paid \$106,142.94, Total Bills Paid \$202,411.29) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion carried 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 9:09 p.m.

Carrie Brown, City Clerk