

**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, March 24, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held in memory of Ralph Bacidore. Mr. Bacidore served on the La Salle Fire Department, served as an Alderman and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: None

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 are accepted 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 permission to Lisa Frederick to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Lisa Frederick explained her idea to organize a fall vendor and craft show to benefit the Bureau, La Salle and Putnam County food pantries. This event, named Bountifall Bazaar, will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Hegeler Park. The goal is to make this an annual event. Brief discussion followed. Ms. Frederick explained that this will be a family friendly event. She asked that the city provide police patrol and possibly some assistance with traffic control. Her volunteers will take care of clean up and there will be no alcohol at this event. She will provide proof of event insurance, but is in the process of securing quotes.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant permission to Lisa Frederick to utilize Hegeler Park for the Bountifall Bazaar on October 3, 2015 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. contingent upon the Park Board agreeing to the date and Ms. Frederick providing proof of insurance.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the requests of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 537 Bucklin, 75 3rd Street (northwest corner of the car wash property), 1st pole west of Chartres Street on 5th Street (south side of LPHS building), 1st pole west of Creve Coeur Street on 6th Street (by LPHS ball diamond), 649 Wright Street, 1008 Marquette Street to replace poles and at 2701 St. Vincent Avenue to retire gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of the Lisa Frederick of the Bountifall Bazaar Association for a 2015 Raffle License. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Laurie Loger to utilize and block off the City parking lot at 2nd and Wright Streets from noon until midnight on May 16, 2015 for the Wren's Warriors benefit for Mark Wren subject to obtaining the necessary liquor licenses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request of Laurie Loger representing Wren's Warriors for a 2015 Raffle License. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of the Sportsman's Tap to close off Second Street from Gooding to Marquette Streets on May 23, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to hold a fundraiser benefiting Cops for Cancer.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of the La Salle Peru Band Parent's Association to hold a Tag Day at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets and at area businesses on May 2, 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for January 2015 showing total fees collected of \$634.00 and total value of construction of \$438,300. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income report for February 2015 showing total fees collected of \$10,252.47. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to allow Don Kotecki to address the council regarding Junior Achievement.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kotecki briefly explained the Junior Achievement Program which includes classes taught in the school system by community volunteers. The volunteers teach the students work readiness, financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Through the support of volunteers and businesses, 3,300 students are affected each year. He thanked the City for declaring April 2 Junior Achievement Day. Mayor Grove added some comments about the program.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to proclaim April 2, 2015 Junior Achievement Day in the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Proclamation- April 2, 2015 Junior Achievement Day in the City of La Salle.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes to allow Nan Butler to address the council regarding Child Abuse.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Nan Butler thanked the City for their support concerning child abuse prevention. She presented a few statistics regarding child abuse. Ms. Butler presented a blue ribbon yard sign for the City to display in front of City Hall and pins to be worn during the month of April.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes to proclaiming the City of La Salle a Child Abuse Prevention City and April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Proclamation- City of La Salle as a Child Abuse Prevention City and April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to proclaim May 2015 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Proclamation- May 2015 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of La Salle

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Proclamation- April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in the City of La Salle

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Transportation Report showing the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for February 2015 totaling \$17,262.65. 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 December 2014 of \$82,632.71 and referendum approved sales tax of \$34,002.80 for a total of \$116,635.51. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and approve a handicapped parking sign in front of 257 Crosat Street.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Demes suggested that we establish some type of procedure where special signs granted by the council are renewed each year. Discussion followed and the Mayor asked the Aldermen to drive their wards to compile a list of where these signs are located. Attorney McPhedran indicated that language could be included in ordinances allowing for renewals to be handled at an administrative level. Attorney McPhedran suggested that no parking signs be reviewed at the same time. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Request #1 to Ficek Electrical & Communication Systems, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Pump Station project totaling \$9,540. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Reynolds reminded the public that they must clean up after their pets.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove presented the La Salle Business Association's plans to build a fence structure around the parking lot at Second and Marquette Streets and reviewed funding projections. Total cost projections total \$39,666. The LBA plans to seek sponsors for each of the 20 pillars at a cost of \$1,000 each. At this time, 16 sponsors have been secured. In addition, smaller plaques will be sold for \$250. The net cost is projected at \$12,666 with the city portion of approximately \$6,000.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to move forward with the La Salle Business Association's proposed fence project at Second and Marquette Streets. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Schneider complimented the LBA for always having their research done and financial support lined up prior to pitching the project. The Mayor concurred.

Alderman Reynolds indicated that at the last LBA meeting there was discussion regarding the replacement of the planters in the downtown area and the addition of more planters. Mayor Grove said the issue is still being looked into. Discussion followed.

Alderman Lavieri suggested that we get more garbage cans downtown. Mayor Grove stated that we can look into that.

The alderman expressed comments about the success of the St. Patrick's Day parade and the Mayor thanked all who participated and helped make the event a success.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file

Ordinance 2554: an ordinance amending City Ordinance regarding regulating fences and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2554– amending City Ordinance regarding regulating fences and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize and place on file **Ordinance 2555**: an ordinance enacting and adopting an additional supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2555- an ordinance enacting and adopting an additional supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of La Salle.

COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Mayor Grove welcomed Jeff Dankert who will be the new reporter from the News Tribune working with the City of LaSalle.

City Clerk Brown reminded the council that the next City Council meeting will be on Monday, April 6 with elections on April 7.

Don Aleksy informed the Mayor that we received a Post Completion Certification form for Rotary Park which requires his signature.

Alderman Bacidore indicated that the Finance Committee briefly discussed the reasons the City is paying Workman's Compensation for Lock 16. Alderman Bacidore stated that he was unaware it was an automatic renewal and it just renewed for a five year period. Mayor Grove explained that this was an agreement made before the boat came and there is a set notice period, possibly 180 days, required to renegotiate the agreement. Mayor Grove stated it was a good faith effort to get tourists to the area and if this is an issue the alderman would like to address, it can be added to a future agenda.

Mayor Grove informed the public that Celebrate La Salle will be held at Rotary Park on June 25, 26 and 27. More details will follow. Plans include shuttle service from outlying parking areas to the park and a carnival.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$402,650.74 (Total Payroll \$172,243.99, Bills to be Paid \$62,660.22, Total Bills Paid \$167,746.53) 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, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:53 p.m.


Carrie Brown, City Clerk