

**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, JUNE 28, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

EXCUSED ABSENCE Alderman Ptak

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the minutes of the last regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 14, 2010 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

Following the motion to approve the minutes of June 14th, Alderman Lavieri said he would like it to disclose, for the record, that he felt he should have passed on the vote on the item to approve the Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for Application, Administration and Coordination Services for a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant on behalf of the City of LaSalle at the June 14th meeting regarding the Kaskaskia Hotel because, although he has no financial interest in the project, he is on the Kaskaskia Advisory Board. Voice vote to approve the minutes as printed, all ayes; motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the request for a 15-minute parking spot in front of 805 1st Street is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request to close 11th Street between Hennepin and Tonti Streets from 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 28, 2010 for the St. Hyacinth Bazaar is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from the LaSalle Rotary Park Committee for the City to help sponsor its Moon Light Golf Outing on July 30th is referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schroeder and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the request for the city to put some asphalt near the border of the city's lift station, as part of the Gunia Drive Project, and that the amount of the increased work will not exceed \$1,000.00. This would also eliminate some maintenance around the area.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Green, Lavieri, Salazar, Schroeder, Herndon. NAY: Demes, Bacidore. Motion carried. The item is in reference to a project that was already bid, and this is a small add on.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes, that the request from the L-P Kiwanis to have its "Kids Peanut Day Project" in the city on September 3 & 4, 2010 is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schroeder that the Police Income Report for May 2010 showing total fees collected of \$15,337.04 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried. Alderman Lavieri pointed out that the report also indicated there was an additional \$2,462.93 reimbursement from L-P High School for security for the 2009-10 school year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the Illinois Valley Food Pantry's quarterly report from March 1, 2010 to May 31, 2020 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 Demes, that the motion under Petitions to refer a request from the LaSalle Rotary Club for funding to the Finance Committee be rescinded as it is a duplicate request. Voice vote all ayes; Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes that, at the Recommendation of the Finance Committee, a \$250.00 donation is given to the LaSalle Rotary Club for its Moon Light Golf Outing.

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

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Herndon that at the recommendation by the Finance Committee, a \$100.00 donation is given to the Cops 4 Cancer.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the unanimous recommendation by the Wastewater\Environmental Committee on the Oak Ridge Sewer Project, to reject all bids as provided in the bid specifications on Alternate Bid No. 1 on

the Oak Ridge Drive Wastewater Project is accepted. Each alderman has a copy of the specifications.

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the unanimous recommendation by the Wastewater\Environmental Committee on the Oak Ridge Sewer Project, to reject all bids as provided in the bid specifications on Alternate Bid No. 2 on the Oak Ridge Drive Wastewater Project is accepted. Each alderman has a copy of the specifications.

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

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Green that the unanimous recommendation by the Wastewater\Environmental Committee on the Oak Ridge Sewer Project, to reject all bids as provided in the bid specifications on Alternate Bid No. 4 on the Oak Ridge Drive Wastewater Project is accepted. Each alderman has a copy of the specifications.

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

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the unanimous recommendation by the Wastewater/Environmental Committee on the Oak Ridge Sewer Project, to accept the low bid on Alternate Bid No. 3 from John Pohar & Sons in the amount of \$57,816.80 is accepted. City Engineer Mike Furlan said the bid is a responsive bid for the project

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

BIDS: Oak Ridge Sewer Project, Alternate Bid No. 3 to John Pohar & Sons in the amount of \$57,816.80.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore, that the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, to place a Slow/Children Playing Sign in front of 879 Roosevelt Street is accepted.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the unanimous recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request for a Stop Sign at the intersection of 6th and Marquette Streets is accepted.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Appointments to various committees will be made at the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Salazar that Superintendent/Director of Public Works is authorized to enter into a Tree Replacement Agreement with AmerenIP, each and every alderman has a copy of the Agreement.

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

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding amending the Zoning Ordinance to provide some regulation concerning the size/height of new garages. Mayor Grove suggested the council be pro-active to give our building inspector some guidelines as to what the city would allow. Some neighboring communities have had to address this issue after they had the problem. The building inspector will check with neighboring communities to see what restrictions or size of garages are allowed in residential areas.

Mayor Grove discussed the appropriation for city officials to attend the Municipal League Convention, and he suggested an appropriation of \$700.00 per person to attend the convention. He said he wanted direction from the Council as to appropriating for the IML Convention. Alderman Green said several members of the Finance Committee suggested the city forgo the convention for one more year. Alderman Schroeder said he concurred with Alderman Green. Alderman Schroeder also added he voted in support of giving funds for the Rotary Park Committee and Cops 4 Cancer since the city would further limit advertising spending and convert those amounts to be used for charitable donations.

Alderman Lavieri said he wanted to thank Superintendent McNeilly and city crews for repairing the leak/fountain on North St. Vincent on Saturday. He also reported that at the Rotary Park Committee Meeting, the Committee voted unanimously that as they go for grants, the 110 acre park called the Prairie Park and the 52 acre park called Rotary Park be combined into one park, so grant applications would be for 162 acres rather than apply for part of the grant for the 110 and part of the grant for 52. Attorney McPhedran will look into this concerning the exact procedure after he talks with grant writing people.

Alderman Lavieri also informed the Council that at the June 24, 2010 meeting the LaSalle Park Development Committee the committee unanimously voted to establish a Rotary Park Foundation to receive and manage donations of private funds for the development of Rotary Park. The Foundation would be a 501(c)(3) and would be governed by a board of interested individuals who were not necessarily members of the Park Development Committee. A local bank president has stepped forward and offered to head the Foundation. Articles of incorporation and bylaws must be established, and it was agreed that funds received by the Foundation will be used for development, and building of the park but not for maintenance of the property. Several persons, organizations, and businesses from the community have expressed interest in donating, pledging funds for the park development but there currently is no real place for the funds to be deposited.

Establishment of the Foundation would provide a safe depository, and insure that funds are properly dispersed when needed. The Foundation will receive and manage funds independently of the City. No City funds will be included in the Foundation funds. A local attorney is willing to draw up the necessary papers to establish the 501(c)(3) Foundation at no charge. Alderman Lavieri said he wonders if the City Attorney should be involved in this process or at least look everything over to be sure the City is protected from any liability of the Foundation. The committee has unanimously passed a Resolution to seek approval from the City Council for establishment of Rotary Park Foundation. Alderman Lavieri wanted to know if the Council needed to approve this. Attorney McPhedran said his office should be involved as well as City Auditor Jay Mickow. Mr. McPhedran said it would seem to make sense to have such a foundation because perhaps without one, people can't consider their donations as tax exempt. He said he did think it was a worthwhile endeavor to pursue. A straw poll of alderman was taken to see if there were any objections, and there were no objections.

Alderman Salazar reported that he has received a request for a handicapped parking sign at 466 Lindberg Road. Therefore, moved by Alderman Salazar and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the request is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Grove said it was great news to complete the process of gaining the Rotary Park property, and donations from the community will be needed to provide money for matching grants to develop baseball fields, soccer fields, etc.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Ordinance No. 2135: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1735, #1085 and #1025 also Amending City of LaSalle City Code Sections 91.22 and 91.24 (Weed Ordinances) is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

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

Ordinance No. 2135: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1735, #1085 and #1025 also Amending City of LaSalle City Code Sections 91.22 and 91.24 (Weed Ordinance)

The draft of a proposed revision to the Water Ordinance was given to aldermen so they could review so the new Water Ordinance can be passed at the next council meeting.

COMMENTS

Superintendent McNeilly thanked the Public Works Department, the Police Department and IDOT for their work as the water main break on Rt. 351 was repaired.

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy. said the city is in the process of applying for an IDOT Pathway Grant.

Building Inspector Brian Maddox said he has noticed a lot of dead trees in the city and he reminded residents that they should cut them down, otherwise letters will be sent.

Comptroller Joanne Milby announced that dog and cat tags will be available in her office starting the 30th of June, and she encouraged everyone with dogs or cats to purchase them.

Mayor Grove said he appreciated Fire Chief Bacidore and Police Chief Uranich's efforts monitoring weather conditions and making sure they are on top of weather conditions at all times. The City of LaSalle is designated as Storm Ready.

8:00 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the council goes into Executive Session to discuss compensation for Crossing Guards and the compensation of Police Lieutenants and Sergeants, and also regarding acquisition of city real estate and pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss compensation of Crossing Guards and the compensation of Police Lieutenants and Sergeants, and also regarding acquisition of city real estate and pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters.

8:20 P.M. Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Salazar that the executive session is adjourned and the council goes back into regular session.

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

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the compensation of crossing guards is increased to \$9.00 per hour.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Demes, that bills submitted totaling \$923,776.22 (Payroll \$143,366.57; bills to be paid \$85,644.81 bills paid \$694,764.84) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 8:25 P. M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk