

**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, August 1, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

Excused Absence: Alderman Herndon

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 Monday, July 18, 2016 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Scout Master Dan Matthews of Troop 20 Post 4886 explained that his troop has been active for 56 years and is the oldest troop in the Illinois Valley Area. This year, Tanner Glynn was the sixtieth recipient of the Eagle Scout Rank. Tanner, as his Eagle Scout Project assisted the City of La Salle with the painting and preparation of displays for the Rotary Park Celebration of Lights project. Mr. Matthews also indicated that he anticipates Evan Colmone will reach the Eagle Scout rank in 2017. The Mayor congratulated Scout Master Matthews and Tanner Glynn.

The Mayor then recognized the La Salle Girls 9-10 year old All-Star Team who were the District 20 Champions. The players, Coaches Urbanski and Hermes briefly reviewed their season. The players stated the key to their success was teamwork. The coaches complimented the parents and players who represented the City well and showed great sportsmanship.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request of the La Salle County Historical Society for a monetary sponsorship toward the hosting of the Burgoo Festival in Utica, Illinois on October 8 and 9, 2016. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 615-625 Sixth Street to retire gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for June 2016 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$6,304,183.97 and in Hometown National Bank of \$44,972.91. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for June 2016 showing total fees collected of \$5,499.13. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Brown read a thank you note from the Kids Fishing Committee.

BIDS

Jeff Bumgarner explained that for the Blower and Diffuser Replacement Project three contractors were present for the pre-bid meeting, however only one bid arrived in time for the bid opening. In the best interest of the City, he recommends the bid is rejected and the project is re-bid.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman to reject the bid of Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. For the City of La Salle Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower and Diffuser Replacement Project and re-bid the project.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

**Bid: Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc.
Base Bid: \$336,520 Alternate Bid
\$422,825.**

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and deny the request of Araceli Lopez, resident of 125 Tonti Street, to install two "Slow, Children at Play" signs, one on Tonti Street and one in the alley near her residence.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to regretfully accept and place on file the resignation of Mike Furlan from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried

**Resignation-Mike Furlan from the
Zoning Board of Appeals**

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Mayor's appointments and reappointments as read. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

**Re-Appointments:
Andy Bacidore-Fire Pension Board to
2019
June Gardner to Zoning Board of Appeals
to 2021
Larry Happ to Planning Commission to
2017**

**Appointments:
Bob Thompson as Chairman of the
Zoning Board of Appeals to 2020
Nikki Baer to Zoning Board of Appeals to
2017
Larry Happ to Zoning Board of Appeals to
2018**

**Tyler Ketter to Planning Commission to
to 2017
Nikki Baer to Planning Commission to
2018**

**Jeff Grove, Don Aleksy, Rob Uranich and
Andy Bacidore to the Illinois Valley
Regional Dispatch Board of Directors**

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Demes reported the building at 615-625 Sixth Street was taken down. Mayor Grove thanked everyone for their efforts in regard to this property.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Schneider brought forward concerns about the ability of emergency vehicles to safely pass through the 1600 Block of N. Joliet Street. Residents have requested the council consider making no parking on one side of the street. The issue was referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

The Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will meet on August 15, 2016 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

The alderman briefly discussed the possibility of establishing some type of cost sharing program for residents who install check valves to mitigate recurring back-up issues. Jeff Bumgarner stated that a program may be beneficial, but the City must do its due diligence to ensure the back-up is not being caused by another issue. Alderman Demes expressed concern about the residents who have had issues in the past and the City denied cost sharing. The Mayor stated that if a program is instituted, it would not be retroactive. The aldermen also questioned if the City has funds to institute a program. Alderman Duncan stated that if we could fit this into our budget, a 50/50 cost share up to \$2,000 to \$2,500 with a set amount earmarked for this program each year seemed reasonable. The long-term control plan, which needs to be completed with the next ten years will eliminate the problem in general. The Mayor stated that the aldermen should get some feedback on this issue and the council can discuss it further at a future meeting.

Mayor Grove announced that the sidewalk and road program will begin in the next few weeks. The pool will close on Sunday, August 14, 2016. Mayor thanked everyone who assisted and attended the Peek into La Salle event held on July 22, 2016. Don Aleksy stated that 431 tickets were sold which was an increase of 80 tickets from last year.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve **Resolution 201607-** A resolution authorizing Settlement with Ameren regarding "Shooting Range" and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

**Resolution 201607: authorizing
settlement with Ameren
regarding Shooting Range and
related matters.**

COMMENTS

Dan Matthews invited any youth interested in scouting to feel free to contact him.

Resident Jackie Bruski asked if it would be possible to reinstate that policy where the City picks up downed branches as a result of storms at no cost to residents. She indicated that residents are limited with options to dispose of them. Mayor Grove explained that this is the second year we have eliminated storm damage pick-up as a free service. He explained to Mrs. Bruski that it became difficult to

differentiate branches were due to storm damage and branches that were cut by residents. He explained that the City charges a minimal fee which is billed to the residents' water bill when branches are picked up. Residents also have the option to take branches to the free drop off area on Eagle Drive. The Mayor understood her concerns and stated that it was not an easy decision on the City's part, but it became difficult to know who needed to be charged and whose branches were a result of storm damage. In order for branches to be picked up residents need to call City Hall to have a pick-up scheduled.

Chief Bacidore commended his department as they have dealt with several fatal accidents recently on Interstate 80. Chief Bacidore stated that the fire department members have handled these difficult situations with great professionalism.

Chief Uranich reviewed the upcoming changes as the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Center opens on September 1, 2016. As this transition happens, dispatch will continue to operate from the La Salle Police Department during the hours of 6 a.m. until 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the new IVRD handling dispatching from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the weekends. The biggest change for residents is that as of September 1, 2016 the La Salle Police Department lobby will only be open during normal business hours only which is 8 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The non-emergency number for the La Salle Police Department will remain the same (815.223.2131) and will be answered by IVRD personnel. A call box will also be installed outside of the front door in the event an officer needs to be reached outside of normal business hours.

Mayor Grove indicated that due to excessive heat predicted for this next week, Illinois Valley Waste will begin garbage pick-up at 5:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$221,324.84 (Total Payroll \$172,998.08, Bills to be Paid \$46,489.19, Total Bills Paid \$1,837.57) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

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

ADJOURNED 7:42 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk