

**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, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Alderman Ptak

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Clerk Virginia Kochanowski informed the council a correction needed to be made to the minutes to show under New Business, that it was Alderman Edgcomb who brought up the traffic issue at 1216 7<sup>th</sup> Street and he also moved to send it to committee.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the minutes of the last regular city council held Tuesday, September 6, 2011 are accepted as corrected and also that the minutes of the special meeting held September 12, 2011 are accepted as each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from William Ultch to break curb for a 24 ft. wide drive at 1045 Marquette Street is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the request from the Starved Rock Runners Club to conduct its annual Canal Connection 10K road race on Sunday, November 6, 2011 is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried. The race will begin at LP High School at 10:30 A.M. and proceed along the I&M Canal Towpath and end in Utica. Alderman Lavieri said this was verified with Chief Uranich.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the request for funding for the Cruisn' LaSalle'11 is referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the request from Crunchin Cavs to have a tag day collection at various businesses on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and also for permission for adults only to collect in the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> and

Bucklin from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on that date is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the request from Mr. Don Kotecki for a waiver to the masonry requirement for an addition at his property at 321 Raccuglia Drive is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the requests from Ameren Illinois to break ground between 5 Heather Drive and 13 Heather Drive to replace underground primary and in the alley North of 1<sup>st</sup> Street 1 block East and West of Marquette Street to replace underground primary are granted; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the request for funding from the Illinois Valley Find Arts Trust is referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Grove said he had received a request from the LaSalle Business Association for permission to close First Street between Marquette and Gooding for the Jazz'N the Street Festival October 8<sup>th</sup>. Specifically, they are requesting to close First Street from 7:00 A.M. Saturday, October 8 through 10:00 A.M. Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor polled the alderman and there was no opposition. The item will be placed on the October 3, 2011 agenda for official action.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Treasurers' Report of August 31, 2011 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$791,610.78 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,843,445.50 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Police Income Report for August 2011 showing fees collected of \$14,172.96 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing the motor fuel tax allotment for August 2011 of \$20,618.19 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Illinois Department of Revenue Reports showing sales tax for June 2011 of \$88,748.59 and referendum approved sales tax of \$39,157.63 for a total of \$127,906.22 are accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, a no parking sign is placed across the street from the driveway at 1216 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the petition of James and Jennifer Peters to reduce the East side yard setback from 5 ft. to 3 ft. and to reduce the North rear yard setback from 25 ft. to 3 ft. to allow for the construction of a garage at 773 11<sup>th</sup> Street is accepted; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the council ratifies and approves of authorization for change orders #30, #20, #45, #47, #52, #53 and #43 for the East Side Wastewater Treatment Facility – Phase II. Each and every alderman has copies. Dir./Supt. of Public Work Sam McNeilly as well as the engineering firm of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly have recommended these changes for approval.

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

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the council authorizes negotiations for potential award of engineering and related work for IKE Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) between the Mayor City Attorney, Dir./Supt of Public Works Sam McNeilly and others in the City of LaSalle and HR Green. Specifications and a final contract will be presented to the council at a later date.

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

Mayor Grove thanked the other engineering firms involved in the selection process and complimented them on their presentations.

An Agreement between the City of LaSalle and RHMG regarding the OSLAD Grant engineering services and related matters is almost complete and will be presented to the Council in the near future.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Mr. Mark Kurtz of CCRA is allowed to give a presentation regarding Cross Connection Control Program Management. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

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Alderman Lavieri said that he, Mayor Grove, Dir./Supt Sam McNeilly and Dave Stacker met with Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Mach several weeks ago regarding cross connections where waste water cannot be drawn back into the fresh water system of a home or a commercial or industrial building.

Mr. Kurtz gave several examples where there was contamination of potable water. Mr. Kurtz says the EPA says every city needs to survey its water customers to look for and identify problem connections. 99% of homes will be fine, but people with swimming pools, spas, underground irrigation systems, etc. need to be identified. A control program should be in place that would identify those situations. Documentation needs to be done to show forward progress every two years to show EPA that the city is complying with the law. Mr. Kurtz said CCRA would review data collected from the surveys to identify potential problems and stay within the law and document the data. The surveys would be on line and be secure. The cost of the surveys is \$3.00 each per year for each water meter and we would have a two year contract. Mr. Kurtz suggested the city bill the expense back to the customers. There would be two different surveys: a residential and a commercial.

Alderman Herndon said he and Alderman Schneider toured several homes on Lincoln Avenue and he said there is a very big problem there. Alderman Herndon said the homeowners have been plagued with back up problems. Alderman Schneider said the people not only are out money, but now they are now having problems with homeowners insurance. Both of the Aldermen asked that this item be given priority when sewer work is considered. Engineer Furlan said he sympathized with the residents because he has dealt with the same problem at his home. He said homeowners have some responsibility to protect their homes perhaps by adding a sump or check valve. Engineer Furlan said that the back up is not entirely in that area – that it goes all the way to Hegeler Park. The sewers are not large enough to accommodate the sewer and storm water combination line. There is a work order out to televise the lines from the swimming pool to Lincoln Avenue to see if there is any blockage there. The city is attempting to get a CDAP Grant for work in that area.

Alderman Bacidore said he was approached by Mr. Knafelc, who said the downtown lost 3 parking spaces where the new park was put in. Mayor Grove said that was not true, there were no parking spaces lost. Alderman Bacidore also said there is a handicapped spot across from the beauty school and another in front of the Furniture Warehouse and they are never used. Alderman Bacidore would like the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to study the area and perhaps authorize the removal of those two handicapped spaces. Alderman Bacidore also said the residents of 302 6<sup>th</sup> Street would like a “resident only” parking sign in front of that address, and he would like the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to consider that request and have a recommendation for the next council meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was suggested that all handicapped parking spots in the business area (first and second streets and the side streets from Bucklin to Crosat) be reviewed.

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Alderman Bacidore moved and it was seconded by Alderman Demes that the previous items are referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that Ordinance No. 2296: An Ordinance Granting Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle, County, Illinois (to reduce the East side yard setback from 5 ft. to 3 ft. and the North rear yard setback from 25 ft. to 3 ft. at 773 11<sup>th</sup> Street - Peters) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

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#### **COMMENTS**

Comptroller Joanne Milby said that she had received a check for \$2,500 from an anonymous donor for the yearly fee for the shopper bus. Mayor Grove again offered his thanks to the donor.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon, that bills submitted totaling \$327,183.45 (Payroll \$163,910.12; bills to be paid \$128,403.85; bills paid \$34,869.48) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski, Clerk