

**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., September 23, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence-Alderman Ptak

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to allow Mike Harstead, Director of Environmental Services in La Salle County to address the council.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Mr. Harstead gave some background regarding the opportunity for local communities and groups to participate in the Multi-Modal Feasibility Study. A \$325,000 grant has been made available for this study. 20% of the \$325,000 grant must be funded by the participants. Each participating entity has a cost share of \$6,500. Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to refer the request to participate in the Multi-Modal Feasibility Study to the Finance Committee.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

The finance committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 328 La Fayette Street to retire gas service for demolition. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of Mabelle Senica for a 2014 Raffle License for the 11th Annual Fall Poker Run by Dawn's Apostle Creed X 3 Relay for Life Team. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation and deny the request of Rita Studzinski on behalf of The Compassionate Friends for a monetary donation. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and donate \$250 to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue. Each and every alderman has a copy.
ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent Alderman Ptak None Abstain: None
Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the request from Tracy Haas of the La Salle Softball League to hold a Tag Day Collection on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at area businesses provided all established requirements are followed. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant the request from Cheryl De Paepe of the LaSalle- Peru Township High School Foundation for Educational Enrichment to hold a Tag Day Collection on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at area businesses provided all established requirements are followed. 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 from Stacey Wertz of the LP Crunching Cavs to hold a Tag Day Collection on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin provided all established requirements are followed. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

A request from Illinois Valley Animal Rescue for a 2014 Raffle License was received after the agenda was finalized. A straw poll vote was taken with all aldermen in favor of granting the license. A formal vote will be taken at the October 7, 2014 City Council meeting.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer the request from Kelly Rolando to allow for more than one accessory building on the premises at 2217 Haley Street to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak None Abstain: None
Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to allow Brian Claudnic to address the council.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Mr. Claudnic explained that his property on Polar Bear Drive seemingly has two front yards, one facing Route 6 and the other facing Polar Bear Drive. Because of the layout of this property, Mr. Claudnic is seeking variances for the height on proposed fencing. He is requesting a variance to allow 6-12 feet in height for fencing on the Polar Bear Drive side of the property. In addition, he informed the council that the fence will be chain link with a PVC coating and slides. It was agreed that Mr. Claudnic will provide further information to the council and the request would be referred to the Building Codes Committee for further investigation as to the height variance as well as the fence material before a variance can be granted. Point of information, the zoning at both 8 Polar Bear Drive and Lot #10 are C-3.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to send the request of Brian Claudnic for a variance to the Fence Ordinance from 6 ft to 12 ft on the premises at #8 and #10 Polar Bear Drive to the Building Codes Committee. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

The Building Codes Committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 in the Council Chambers.

A request was received after the agenda was finalized from Richard Gruenwald of 1035 LaFayette to block the alley for a Block Party on Saturday, October 4, 2014. A straw poll was taken with all aldermen in favor. A formal vote will be taken at the October 7, 2014 city Council meeting.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for August 2014 totaling \$1,519.75. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income report for August 2014 totaling \$12,668.83. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for June 2014 of \$88,782.88 and referendum approved sales tax of \$38,922.23 for a total of \$117,705.11. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to designate September 17, 2014 to September 23, 2014 Constitution Week.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION:
September 17-23, 2014 as
Constitution Week.**

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to confirm action on a straw poll taken at the September 9, 2014 meeting regarding a request to block off Sterling Street where it curves into Grant Avenue and on Grant Avenue from the curve to La Harpe Street from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2014 for a block party.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Aldermen to confirm action on a straw poll taken at the September 9, 2014 meeting regarding a request to block off the 1200 Block of Marquette Street for a block party on Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

It was noted for the record by Alderman Herndon that discussions regarding the termination of the present agreement with Maxim Construction were held prior to tonight's meeting with no more than two aldermen meeting at a time, adhering to all guidelines established by the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the City authorize taking appropriate action regarding termination of the present agreement with Maxim Construction Company regarding the present Ike/Dike project by appropriate methods and means, including potentially either convenience and/or for cause within the joint discretion of the Mayor and the Superintendent of Public Works; also in the event of termination by convenience that the same be subject to the following:

(1) Working out an arrangement with the State and/or other government agencies administering the bond that would include allowing the subcontractors who had previously contracted with Maxim Construction for the project to complete the contract through direct agreement with the City provided the State and other grant agency involved authorize the same and indicate the grant would cover the same;

(2) That said other contractors would include, but are not necessarily limited to, Dahme Mechanical, Gasvoda and Associates and Ficek Electric; and

(3) That in the event a contractual arrangement would be then directly undertaken with the subcontractors, that in the totality of the circumstances, further competitive bidding in reference to the project be waived, which circumstances include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

A. The point that said subcontractors in effect participated in competitive bidding in having their then involvement accepted originally by Maxim Construction as the general;

B. That resolution and addressing the matter is emergent; and

C. Additionally considering that such action would in consideration of the totality of the circumstances in that event be then in the best interests of the City of LaSalle;

That additionally, Mayor Jeff Grove and Superintendent of Public Works Jeff Bumgarner, jointly, be and are hereby authorized to additionally take such other action on behalf of the City of LaSalle in regard to pursuit and/or resolution of all issues in regard to this project as the Mayor Jeff Grove and Superintendent of Public Works Jeff Bumgarner deem appropriate within the

exercise of their discretion including, but not limited to such action as is deemed appropriate in the circumstances in regard to addressing and resolving the issues as between the City of LaSalle, Maxim Construction Company, Inc. and the Hanover Insurance Group, the bonding company for Maxim Construction.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon to refer the request to establish a no parking area on both sides of Crosat Street south of O'Connor to the Streets, Alleys and traffic Committee.

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

NAY: None Absent: Abstain: None

Motion carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer the request to establish a no parking area on the east side of Gooding Street, north of 9th Street approximately 20-30 feet to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

Motion carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer a request to review establish a no parking area on one side of Hennepin Street from 11th Street to McArthur to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

Motion carried 7-0

A request from the Board of Fire and Police Commission was received after the agenda was finalized recommending the hiring of Samuel Hoster for the position of patrolman in the City of LaSalle. A straw poll vote was taken with all aldermen in favor of hiring Samuel Hoster. A formal vote will be taken at the October 7, 2014 City Council meeting. Each and every alderman has a copy of the recommendation letter.

Mayor Grove thanked Officer Zebron and Chief Uranich for their professional work with K9 Justis who passed away recently. He also thanked all who were involved in the planning of a ceremony tribute to the dog. He thanked the various agencies and municipalities and the public who took part in honoring Justis.

Mayor Grove informed the public and press that beautification efforts have been made on St. Vincent Avenue. Mum plants have been placed in groups of three along St. Vincent Avenue from First Street to 24th Street. These plants are not for the public to take, but were a result of a recommendation in the City's comprehensive plan which suggested adding greenery along the route. Mayor Grove recognized Ron Burkhart and his wife Nina for assisting with the project.

Mayor Grove announced that the City will have a float in the St. Bede Homecoming Parade on September 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. as well as in LP's Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 2. City officials will meet at Rotary Park in Peru.

Included in the recent water bill mailing were 50/50 tickets benefiting LPAC. The drawing will be held at the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 6, 2014. Proceeds help support events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Celebrate La Salle, Hometown Halloween and Miracle on First Street.

The City will once again have a holiday light display at Rotary Park. Any individuals, businesses, or organizations interested in sponsoring a light display may call the Mayor or Beth Swingel at City Hall for additional information.

Aldermen Bacidore asked that city employee Jordan Crane and Mertel Gravel Company be recognized for a recent donation of labor and materials to assist a disabled resident giving him safe access to the street in front of his home. The Mayor asked that a letter of thanks be sent.

Mayor Grove announced that leaf pick-up will begin October 13, 2014.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file **Ordinance 2503**: an ordinance authorizing renewal of a Lease with Holland & Sons, Inc. involving small portion of premises in connection with Civic Water Tower at 341 North 30th Road with the City of La Salle and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

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Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to accept and place on file Resolution 201415 a resolution of support and commitment of local funds regarding Grant #14-203229 pertaining to the Lincoln Avenue sanitary sewer replacement. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolution 201415: a resolution of support and commitment of local funds regarding Grant #14-203229 pertaining to the Lincoln Avenue Sanitary sewer replacement.

City Engineer Brian Brown added that he does not anticipate any additional funds being used, but as part of obtaining the EPA permit this resolution is needed to indicate all funds are being paid for with public funds, no private funds.

COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

City Clerk Carrie Brown reminded the council and press that the Rental Ordinance Review Committee will meet October 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. and that today was the first day petitions were available for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated election. Petitions are available in her office.

Don Aleksy indicated that work is beginning on the old Blakely building will begin on September 24.

Brian Brown updated the council on concerns regarding the stamped concrete done in previous years. Mr. Brown explained that he determined the problem does not stem from the colored coating in the concrete or the way it was applied. The issue has to do with the release agent. A representative from the release agent company viewed the issues and believes it can be corrected. The company will provide instructions for city crews and contractors to follow regarding the correction of current issues as well as instructions that will help avoid the same problems as new sidewalks are completed.

Mr. Brown also indicated to the council that the MFT program will begin this week once contracts are received; the sidewalk program is also moving including the new walk at City Hall. The Lincoln Avenue sewer replacement will be bid before the next council meeting. The LaFayette Street project is pending information on the grant. The plans are ready to bid, but it cannot be bid prior to receiving the grant.

Attorney McPhedran reminded the public that there is still time to bid on the five demo properties up for bid by the City. Interested parties may contact the City Clerk's Office or Mayor's Office for further information. Bids will be opened at the October 7, 2014 City Council meeting.

Mayor Grove briefly discussed some topics discussed during the Illinois Municipal League conference recently held in Chicago.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that bills submitted totaling \$469,734.55 (Total Payroll \$177,750.53, Bills to be Paid \$215,272.10, Total Bills Paid \$76,711.92) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent Alderman Ptak: 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 8:21 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk