

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
June 1, 2020**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notice being duly and continuously posted. The meeting was held via conference call through the WebEx platform with the council, staff, press, and the public having the ability to participate in the meeting by dialing 312.535.8110 using access code 126-304-8996 and password 5272553.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 18, 2020. 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 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council held May 28, 2020. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Robert and Joanne Donovan for a Sign Permit to install a 49" x 59" illuminated wall sign for Bar 1056 located at 1050-1056 First Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Christie Pasioka and Michelle Olson on behalf of Starved Rock Rentals for a Redevelopment Incentive Program grant totaling \$6,950 for premises located at 552 First Street (formerly Last Muffler and Brake). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Brant Cohen on behalf of 801 First Street La Salle, LLC/CL Real Estate, LLC for a Redevelopment Incentive Program grant totaling \$6,400 for premises located at 801-805 First Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None
Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to refer the request of Robert Bulak of 1545 Crosat Street for a stop sign northbound and southbound at the intersection of Crosat and 15th Streets to the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None
Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Bacidore announced a meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic on June 15, 2020 immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #1 to John Pohar & Sons, Inc. totaling \$48,418.65 for work completed to date on the Oak Ridge Storm Sewer project located behind 17-19 Oak Ridge. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None
Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize, pay and place on file Invoice #27039 to John Pohar & Sons, Inc. totaling \$6,741.88 for the Rotary Park tree removal project. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None
Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize, pay and place on file Invoice #27040 and Invoice #27041 to John Pohar & Sons, Inc. totaling \$19,250.76 for 2019 sewer & water repairs project. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None
Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize, pay and place on file payment of two invoices to Cruz Concrete, Inc totaling \$17,061 for 2020 pavement & sidewalk improvements. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None
Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Demes explained that due to the cancellation of Celebrate La Salle, the 50/50 drawing will take place after the tree lighting during Miracle on First in December. The total pot is currently around \$4,000. Tickets can be purchased through the mail and will be sold at City Hall once it opens to the public and tickets will be sold all day during the Miracle on First event.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee Chairman Ptak stated that the requests from the Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation (NCIEDC) totaling \$12,492 for annual membership fees for fiscal year 2020-2021 and the request from Starved Rock Country Alliance totaling \$5,000 for 2020 annual funding will be tabled and further discussed at the Finance Meeting to be scheduled for Thursday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m. At that time, the FY 2020-2021 budget will be reviewed in detail and memberships to these organizations will be further discussed. Leah Inman will be in attendance to provide further information in regard to the two organizations.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Attorney McPhedran briefly explained that the following Resolution is required by IDOT for the work being done on the entrance onto 351 and intersection improvements at 351 and Civic Road for the future Thorntons' development.

The Ordinance and associated agreement indemnifies and holds harmless the City for any work done by Thorntons general contractor within the state right-of-way.

Alderman Lavieri asked if any work was being done on Canaan Drive. City Engineer Brown stated that widening will be done on both Civic Road and Canaan Drive, but the resolution and ordinance under consideration only pertain to IDOT access. The City will require contractors to have a bond for any work done on City streets.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Resolution 202009**: A Resolution for Authorization for Construction of Commercial Entrance onto Illinois Route 351 and Intersection Improvements to be Constructed at Illinois Route 351 and Civic Road a/k/a N. 30th Road La Salle, Illinois (Thorntons). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

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Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2886**: An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Indemnification Agreement with Thorntons LLC., a Limited Liability Company regarding Certain Improvements to be Constructed at Illinois Route 351 and Civic Road a/k/a N. 30th Road, La Salle, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

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COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Alderman Ptak said that today had been a very strange day but he wanted to commend our local police enforcement as to the manner in which they handled the peaceful demonstrations. Alderman Ptak stated that he is a believer that people have the right to protest peacefully, but continued by saying that he was upset about the rumors that were started. He said it was a great example of why you should not believe everything you hear or read on social media. He said people should not repeat something unless you actually saw it happen. He said the rumors on social media created a panic. He cited the example of the Lighted Way having to cancel their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Uptown out of concern for people's safety. Alderman Ptak thinks it is sad that rumors get started like that. He ended by saying what happened today hurt and it put a lot of fear in people's lives.

Mayor Grove thanked Chief Uranich and his team and the willingness of his officers who were actually off duty to show up to the protest to ensure we had coverage. Mayor Grove said he also thanked Mayor Harl and Chief Bernabei for their help and the great coordination. Mayor also recognized Leah Inman, John Duncan and Brent Bader for personally giving our businesses the heads up. Mayor Grove said to Alderman Ptak's point, although it was a peaceful demonstration, what he has seen happen in other areas over the last five days led him to be guilty of thinking the worst. He said it is too bad that when you see actions taking place in other parts of the country and then it hits close to home, you think the worst. Mayor Grove said that the 5:00 p.m. peaceful demonstration renewed his faith in the 1st Amendment. He said the demonstrators and police handled it perfectly. He said it was a class act. Mayor Grove thanked the business owners for their cooperation and those who closed early in anticipation of trouble. He said that is a loss of revenue for them as well as a loss of customer traffic, but said business will open as usual tomorrow. Mayor Grove thanked the local media who reported on the demonstration. Mayor Grove also announced that the Lighted Way has rescheduled its fundraiser for Tuesday, June 2.

Mayor Grove thanked La Salle folks who participated in the protest and the organizers for a peaceful event. He continued by saying it is clear what happened in Minneapolis was wrong and those involved should be punished to the full extent of the law. However, that does not give people the green light to loot and steal from your neighbors.

Alderman Bacidore stated that he supported the way the Mayor handled the situation as you would rather be safe than sorry. Mayor Grove thanked Alderman Bacidore and said you never will know if you overdid it, but you will definitely know if you under react.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay and place on file bills for June 1, 2020 with Total submitted of \$366,197.52 (Total Payroll \$167,597.99, Bills to be Paid \$25,092.58, Total Bills Paid \$173,507.25). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

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

Mayor Grove thanked all the bar, restaurant owners and patrons who took advantage of being outside last weekend and for following social distancing rules.

Mayor Grove again reminded the public of the Lighted Way's spaghetti dinner drive-thru fundraiser which will take place at the Uptown on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Alderman Reynolds relayed a message from Denise Sabotta who wanted to thank everyone who has sent cards and wishes to her in the nursing home.

ADJOURNED 6:55 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk