

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
October 19, 2020**

A regular meeting with Public Hearings of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Grove presiding with proper notice being duly and continuously posted.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file minutes of the October 5, 2020 Regular City Council meeting. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:38 p.m. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to open the public hearing to receive comments concerning the completed State of Illinois Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Revolving Loan (RLF) project and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Purpose of Public Hearing:

Shug Grosenbach of the North Central IL Council of Governments (NCICG) explained that the City hired NCICG in November of 2017 for the CDBG and May of 2018 for the RLF to prepare and submit grant applications for them to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in the December 2017 and June 2018 funding round. Both applications were submitted and the City was awarded \$500,000 of CDBG funds and \$136,426.15 of RLF funds to construct storm sewers in the Hegeler Park area.

Project Engineer

The engineer for this project is Brian Brown of the City of LaSalle.

Public Infrastructure Improvements

Shug explained that the City used the grant funds to construct a new 48-inch sanitary sewer to replace an aging, undersize sanitary sewer. The project will allow storm water flows to be separated and conveyed in an existing 54-inch concrete overflow sewer, resulting in few sanitary sewer overflows into the Little Vermillion River.

Project Costs

The total public infrastructure project cost was \$894,308.52. The City received CDBG grant funds of \$500,000 and \$136,426.15 of RL Funds. The City leveraged the grant with \$257,882.37 of local funds.

Questions and Comments

Shug asked those present if there were any questions or comments about the project:

There were no questions or comments made.

Low to Moderate Income Benefit/ Job Creation

Funds for the IL Community Development Assistance Program are granted to the State from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity then distributes the funds throughout Illinois. The funds disbursed by the State must meet the national goal of benefiting 51% low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals. Shug noted that an income survey was conducted in June of 2017 in the project area and would meet that standard. The survey results were then analyzed by DCEO. The benefit to low-to-moderate income persons for this project was 52.21%. Of the \$500,000.00 CDBG grant; \$261,500 directly benefited low-to-moderate income individuals. Of the \$136,426.15 RL Funds, \$71,228.09 directly benefited low-to-moderate income individuals.

No city residents were displaced as a result of this project.**Closing of the Public Hearing**

Application records are on file at the NCICG office at 613 West Marquette Street, Ottawa, IL. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There being no further comments or objections it was moved by Alderman John Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Joe Jeppson to close the public hearing.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourned 6:43 p.m.**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Crane to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 63 Victoria Drive to install gas service and at Union and 6th Street to retire gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Ptak to refer the request of Sandy Hoos, owner of Rawfully Yours Juice Bar & Café for a 15 minutes parking sign in front of 527 First Street to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will meet on Monday, November 2, 2020 immediately following the 6 p.m. Finance Committee meeting.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Michael and Theresa Robbins to lease a 10' x 40' strip of city property on the south side of premises located at 901 Gooding Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to grant the request of Designs and Signs on behalf of Lighted Way Association Inc. to install a 30" x 30" single-face, non-illuminated wall sign at 941 Sixth Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for September 2020 showing total fees collected of \$1,383.47 with total value of construction of \$224,296.23. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for September 2020 showing total fees collected of \$4,311.98. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for July 2020 of \$79,445.62 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$69,526.82 for a total of \$148,972.44. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Licensing Committee to move forward with establishing a mandatory training class that will be required of all landlords to attend in person or on-line as a requirement to receive yearly rental licenses. 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

This requirement will go into effect for the 2021 Rental License renewals. More information will be forthcoming.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to move forward with the purchase of GovPilot software for building department permitting at a cost of \$2,000 per month for a three year term. 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 accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deny the request from the Boy Scouts of America office for a monetary donation to support the 2020 La Salle Peru Founders Patrol fundraiser in order to remain consistent with current giving practices. 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 Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request for a speed bump at 411 Garfield Avenue. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Prior to the vote being taken, Alderman Bacidore explained that the petitioners expressed that they would like the entire fence to be 6', however in their original petition they did not request a variance from 4' to 6' on the front of the home (east side) as it was their understanding that our ordinance does permit fence heights over 4' in the front yard. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended the granting of their petition as submitted, but verbally indicated their support if the City Council determined it was appropriate to grant the variance to 6 ft. on the east side as well. Alderman Bacidore stated that it is a small section of fence on the east side and he does not believe it would create an issue to grant the variance of 6' for that portion as well.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the petition of Michael and Theresa Robbins for a height variance from 4' to 6' to install a fence on a portion of the west, and south side of the corner lot and on the east side with the City Council's approval, and a variance to allow the fence to be a solid, privacy fence on the east, south and a portion of the west sides of premises of 901 Gooding Street. 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

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

It was moved with regret by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the retirement of Commander Scott Samolinski. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Mike Smudzinski stated that Scott Samolinski has been a fine officer and one that after 29 years of service and experience will be very difficult to replace. Chief Smudzinski said he did his best to try and talk Commander Samolinski to stay for another year, but understands that he is ready to move on. Chief Smudzinski, Mayor Grove and the council wished Commander Samolinski well and expressed their appreciation for his years of service.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove reminded residents that the leaf vacuum truck is running and will pick up leaves by ward on a weekly schedule. Residents also have the option to bag leaves and place them in a yard waste bag that is stickered. Republic Services picks up lawn waste bags each Monday. Residents can also take leaves to the city's drop off area. Branches will be picked up through December 1. Residents are asked to call City Hall if a branch pick-up is needed. There is a fee of \$10.00 for the first 15 minutes and .75 cents per minute after that.

Mayor Grove announced that Trick-or-Treat will take place in the city on Saturday, October 31st between 5-7 p.m. A Hometown Halloween event is being planned in the downtown area on that same day between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. More details will be forthcoming.

Mayor Grove said this year's Celebration of Lights drive-thru holiday display will open on Monday, November 16, 2020. He thanked Brian Brown, John Pohar and Universal for their efforts to complete the new paved roadway in Rotary Park which adds an additional half-mile for new displays.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Attorney McPhedran indicated that in regard to the Robbins petitions, the ordinances and associated lease will be revised by inner lineation to reflect the change to allow a variance from 4' to 6' in the fence height on the front (east) side of the property in addition to the south and a portion of the west side of premises at 901 Gooding Street.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2907**: An Ordinance providing Partial Waiver and Variance from the fence ordinance. 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

Ordinance 2907: An Ordinance providing Partial Waiver and Variance from the fence ordinance.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2908**: An Ordinance regarding Lease of Municipal Property. 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

Ordinance 2908- Regarding Lease of City Property (Robbins 901 Gooding)

COMMENTS

Alderman Crane thanked Economic Development Director Leah Inman and Andy Bacidore for their work presenting information on the permitting software.

There were no comments from the public.

7:04 p.m. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session regarding pending and/or potentially imminent litigation and related matters, Collective Bargaining and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and the employment, discipline, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union and/or union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2 (c) 1-2,5,6,7,11 thereof.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

8:16 p.m. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to exit Executive Session and resume Regular Session.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills Total Submitted: \$1,873,382.25 (Total Payroll \$177,080.91, Bills to be Paid \$75,526.52, Total Bills Paid \$1,620,774.82) be accepted, paid and placed on file. 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

Alderman Demes asked if it would be possible to request that Peter Limberger come before the council to give an update on The Rocket development. Leah Inman said she would reach out to him.

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

ADJOURNED 8:17 p.m.

Carrie Brown, City Clerk