

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
Or Via WebEx Conference Call  
November 30, 2020**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notices being duly and continuously posted.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**-Mayor Grove, Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson

**Remote Attendance:** Alderman Demes, Alderman Crane, City Clerk Carrie Brown

**Excused Absence:** Alderman Herndon

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept and place on file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 16, 2020. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request from Designs & Signs on behalf of Tri-County Opportunities Council to install a 5' x 6' double-face, non-illuminated ground sign at 301 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Road. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**BIDS**

Superintendent Bumgarner explained that the bid for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station upgrades are for building upgrades including windows, roof work, a new HVAC system as well as new back-up generators. Only one bid was received totaling \$289,500 from Trotter Contracting, Inc.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to award the bid for the Ninth Street Pump Station upgrades to Trotter Contracting, Inc. totaling \$289,000. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Bids: Trotter Contracting, Inc.  
\$289,500**

Superintendent Bumgarner stated that the goal of the additional Water Supply Well #13 is an effort to take stress off some of the other top performing wells. The well will be placed adjacent to the existing well. Only one bid was received from Municipal Well and Pump totaling \$634,350.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to award the bid for the new Water Supply Well #13 to Municipal Well and Pump totaling \$635,350. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Bids: Municipal Well and Pump  
\$634,350**

It was mentioned that the new well will be paid out of the Water and Sewer Fund. Attorney McPhedran stated that the motion is also subject to the processing of all documents including, but not limited to, contracts.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

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 for a monetary donation to support the W. D. Boyce Council's Scouting Program. This is consistent with current giving practices. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Grove announced that leaf pick-up will end this coming Friday, December 4, 2020. Tree branch pick-up will resume in the spring. The city's leaf drop off area will remain open for one more week and then will be closed until spring.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2913:** An Ordinance Levying for Corporate Purposes for the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Ordinance 2913: An Ordinance  
Levying for Corporate Purposes  
for the City of La Salle, La Salle  
County, Illinois for the Fiscal  
Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and  
ending April 30, 2021.**

Finance Director John Duncan indicated that the tax levy was discussed in greater detail during the Finance Committee meeting. He stated that there is an estimated 2% increase in EAV for the City of La Salle.

Finance Director Duncan stated that there is a 1.85% increase in the tax levy, which is offset by the increase in the EAV, therefore residents should see tax bills within \$1.00 of what they paid

last year. The EAV is an estimate at this time as the county is still hearing property tax appeals, but if this estimate holds true tax bills should be similar to last year.

Mayor Grove reminded residents that property tax bills are not made up of solely the City of La Salle, but include school districts, the county and others, but the numbers Mr. Duncan presented are for the City of La Salle portion only.

Finance Director Duncan said that was correct and that the City of La Salle portion accounts for approximately 25% of a resident's tax bill. He said that Alderman Ptak pointed out in the Finance Meeting that a large part of the City's portion of the property tax bill goes to the Police Pension fund. This year the Police Pension accounts for \$1,605,000 of the levy. 51% of every dollar the City collects from property taxes goes toward the Police Pension. Mr. Duncan said there is an obvious need for pension reform and every community is facing the same battle, but until the State of Illinois addresses this issue, we are required to ensure proper funding requirements are met.

Attorney McPhedran asked Mr. Duncan to clarify for the public in case they had questions as to why the levy indicates dates of May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. Mr. Duncan stated that those dates are the fiscal year. The tax year however based on a calendar year. Taxes incurred in 2020 are then payable in 2021. The levy is set in December for 2020's tax rate.

Mayor Grove thanked John Duncan for his preparation of the levy information.

#### **COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay and place on file bills for November 30, 2020 with Total Submitted: \$397,876.67 (Total Payroll \$205,219.86, Bills to be Paid \$172,794.67) Total Bills Paid \$19,862.14 Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

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

**ADJOURNED 6:47 p.m.**



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Carrie Brown, City Clerk