

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
July 2, 2018**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notice being duly and continuously posted.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Alderman Ptak

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, June 18, 2018 are accepted and placed on file.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Ralph Moshage, leader of Troop 797 was in attendance with several of his scouts and their parents. He explained that the scouts are working on the Citizenship Merit Badge and one which requires them to attend a City Council meeting. In addition, one of the scouts is working on his Eagle Scout project which is the building of a hay shed in front of the mule pen at Lock 14. Although the future Eagle Scout was not in attendance, his parents were there to answer any questions. Mr. Moshage explained a bit about the requirements of an Eagle Scout project and stated that they hope to have the project completed by the end of the summer.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to allow Jim Pozzi from Republic Services to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pozzi, Municipal Services Manager with Republic Services, thanked the Mayor and council for the opportunity to address on-going service issues with garbage and recycling pick-up in the City of La Salle. He assured the council that his company is aware of these service issues and are taking steps to correct these issues. He stated that progress is being made, but recognized that the progress is slow. Mr. Pozzi outlined some of the challenges that arose as part of the acquisition of Illinois Valley Waste. These challenges included, but were not limited to, ensuring they had qualified personnel who were willing to do the job "the Republic way" which led to some unexpected turn-over. Other issues included fleet readiness, durability and maintenance, lack of tools and an unrealistic service area to cover. In December of 2017, IDOT implemented changes to driver's service hours restricting the number and frequency of times a CDL driver could exceed 12 hours in a rolling 30 day time period. This change also left them short-handed and in need of assistance. To alleviate the shortage, the company utilized SOS drivers to come in and help. He also added that Republic has a lot of new drivers, some who are new to the industry, so progress is slowly being made.

Mr. Pozzi added, that in the future, the driver's will be in town on a more consistent basis. Republic does not do two sided pick-ups, meaning one side will be picked up, with the other side of the street picked up at a later time. Residents are not used to this which can lead to calls coming in about missed garbage. He indicated that there must be a re-educating of residents regarding the manner in which garbage is picked up. Mr. Pozzi indicated that Illinois Valley Waste, on a regular basis, would take garbage that was over the limit. Republic will not do that, they will only take what they are contracted for which is 2 cans and 1 large item per week.

Mr. Pozzi outlined some steps being taken to improve service. He continued by saying that the SOS drivers went back after yard waste season started, so that left new drivers on their own. With the territory they had, it was too much. This led to service issues. Therefore, effective July 9, Peru and Utica will be hauled out of the Ottawa facility. This is because Peru and Utica have carts. For La Salle, this will free up four drivers to focus on service. Mr. Pozzi stated that he is hopeful this will reduce the number of complaint calls. He added that Republic has partnered with IVCC's CDL program in hopes of attracting new drivers. His company is also working on getting newer trucks.

He stated that the goal is, within 60 days, to have La Salle funneled into their Ottawa division. To curb calls, the driver's will call in "not outs" at the end of each block, instead of the end of the day. At the end of the day, a complete list will be faxed to the City. In the event a resident fails to have trash/recycling curbside by the required time, Republic Services has the technology to provide the City with an electronic mapping of the street showing when it was serviced with a time stamped photo of the residence that will show if trash was not out by the required time. With these changes, Mr. Pozzi is confident the quality of service will continue to improve thus regaining the trust of residents and solidifying the partnership with the City of La Salle, but for now he requested the city's understanding and patience.

Alderman Schneider asked if it was still best to call ahead if a resident has a large item. Mr. Pozzi said that would be helpful if they can. He added that if a driver leaves an item, it may mean it is too heavy for one driver to take it. Typically, they will come back later that day or the next day. Alderman Reynolds asked when these changes will take place. Mr. Pozzi said the electronic documentation is already in place, but next week the other changes will occur.

Alderman Duncan asked Mr. Pozzi when Republic took over Illinois Valley Waste. He replied, September 11, 2017. Alderman Duncan stated that there were large portions of the Third Ward missed today. Mr. Pozzi stated that he had two drivers on vacation and two called in sick. Therefore, they simply ran out of time today. Mr. Pozzi stated that they start routes in Spring Valley. Alderman Duncan requested that Mr. Pozzi provide route maps to the City. Alderman Duncan asked what time his drivers normally start in La Salle. Mr. Pozzi said it varies depending on circumstances. Beginning on Monday, July 9, there will be drivers starting routes in La Salle. Mr. Pozzi stated that on a regular day, Republic has one garbage truck in town and one recycle truck in town.

Alderman Duncan asked if there will be one man per truck. Mr. Pozzi stated that was correct. Alderman Duncan asked what Republic does if someone calls off. Mr. Pozzi stated that typically they will send a driver from Ottawa to assist. Alderman Duncan asked if the trucks start empty each day. Mr. Pozzi stated that was true and typically one truck can complete an entire ward, however that is not always the case. The goal is to have drivers in within a 10.5 hour day.

Mr. Pozzi stated that they are currently working on route optimization plan, which would average out the number of pick-ups done on a certain day.

Alderman Duncan asked if he would be willing to work with the City to develop measureable criteria that would assist the City in grading or judging the performance of his company. Mr. Pozzi said he was open to that. Alderman Duncan then asked Mr. Pozzi what he felt was an acceptable number of missed pick-ups per week. Mr. Pozzi stated that since January 1, 2018 to June 13, 2018 he has a listing of 126 documented calls into the City. Several aldermen noted that the call could reflect an individual house but perhaps an entire block. Also, many calls to the City may not be documented and this does not include calls made to Republic directly. Mr. Pozzi stated that on average that is less than 5 calls per week. During that same time period, they have 3,500 homes, with over than 133,000 stops which equates to a 99.9% reliable pick-up rate in the City of La Salle.

Alderman Duncan again asked what an acceptable number of missed pick-ups in a week. Mr. Pozzi replied by saying that in a community the size of La Salle, Mr. Pozzi felt 25 missed pick-ups was acceptable in a week, but it was hard to commit to that number.

Mayor Grove stated that in the past we have not have received the number of calls we receive now or in the fourteen years he has been involved with the City. Alderman Demes concurred pointing out that the City went through one other buyout with a garbage hauler, but did not face these types of service issues. Alderman Demes asked that Mr. Pozzi provides his business card to each aldermen, so they can contact him directly.

Alderman Bacidore inquired if Republic is paying less to the drivers than Illinois Valley Waste had. Mr. Pozzi stated that Republic pays more, but he did not know the starting wage. Mr. Pozzi confirmed that any cans not taken should be stickered by the driver or a notation made on the drivers route sheet, as to why garbage was not taken.

Alderman Duncan stated that he is in favor of the steps being made to improve communication, but would still like to develop a performance standard. Mr. Pozzi will ask his Division General Manager and Operations Manager to help develop this standard. Alderman Duncan stated that included in this should be some type of repercussion when standards are not met. Mr. Pozzi will discuss this and will follow-up with City Clerk Brown to set up a meeting. Alderman Duncan did add that anytime he has stopped a driver about an issue, they are very kind and respectful.

Mayor Grove thanked Mr. Pozzi for his time. The Mayor stated he wants our constituents to know that we are hearing their concerns and trying to get a plan in place to improve service. Mayor said that between the July 9 plan and the suggestion of Alderman Duncan, things seem to be moving forward. Mr. Pozzi stated that his company does hear these concerns and are listening. He said he does not like having to defend their services and in many other communities, their service and reputation speaks for itself.

Alderman Demes stated that if their contract was up this year, he would vote not to renew. He stated he would go with the higher guy, because their service stinks.

Mr. Pozzi stated that routes currently behind should be caught up early tomorrow. Brief recap followed with Attorney McPhedran confirming that once route optimization is done a map will be provided to the City, however he did not know exactly when that would be completed. Attorney McPhedran also stated communication is key.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 116 Vermilionvue Trace to install electric service and at 375 Ator Avenue to install gas and electric services. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Schneider stepped out at 7:42 p.m. and returned at 7:44 p.m. while the following vote was taken.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Ana Koval on behalf of the Canal Corridor Association to lease City property to build a 5' x 12' hay storage building and mule pen near Lock 14. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and donate \$250 to Cops 4 Cancer's annual event being held on July 28, 2018 in Cedar Point. 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 Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request from the LP Foundation for a monetary donation to the Harlem Wizards versus LP Tricks, Hoops, and Alley Oops event to remain consistent with current giving practices. 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 recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request of Candis Kenny for a monetary sponsorship to run in the Chicago Marathon with proceeds benefiting the American Brain Tumor Association to remain consistent with current giving practices. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon to refer the request of Carus Corporation for no parking on the west side of Sterling Street between 8th and 9th 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 July 16, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Ryley Bunzell for a sign permits to install a 3' x 4' sign attached to the building showing restaurant hours and a 3' x 5' awning sign for The Study, LLC located at 414 First Street. 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

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Bacidore inquired if it would be possible to ask the owners of former video gaming parlors within the Historic District that are now closed to remove signage from the windows. Economic Development Director Toraason stated that she will ask the owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bacidore inquired if there was anything that could be done as a home rule community about the number of Freedom of Information Act requests being sent to the City. He expressed concerns about the cost to the City, not only with the Clerk's time, but time spend on them at times by our City Attorney. Alderman Bacidore asked if the person has to have a valid reason to make a request. Attorney McPhedran stated that there is nothing as a home rule community we can do. He stated that in some amounts and circumstances we can charge for copies. Mayor Grove stated that in many circumstances we do not hit the threshold to charge for copies, it is more the time involved in finding the information. Alderman Bacidore asked if it was true that one person requested FOIA's that were picked up, but never paid for them. Clerk Brown stated that was true. Alderman Demes asked if this happens often. Clerk Brown stated that it does not and typically many responses can be sent via email. Attorney McPhedran stated that the Freedom of Information Act is something that the legislature has passed and the Attorney General protects and legislature protects. He stated that is needs to be respected which La Salle works very hard to do. He continued by saying that there are costs connected, but this is a cost like other costs absorbed by the City to provide a service to the public and complying with the law. Mayor Grove stated it is the USA and people have the right to request the information they want. Mayor did say we may need to look into getting some extra support to assist with these requests, as our clerk is part-time. Mayor Grove stated he will sit down with the City Clerk to review this situation.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Prior to voting on this Ordinance, Attorney McPhedran explained that this ordinance is needed to indemnify the City from work done by the owner's contractor to construct the industrial entrance. An IDOT Resolution also connected with this project is on tonight's agenda.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to pass and place on file

Ordinance 2740: an ordinance authorizing Execution of Indemnification Agreement with Land Investment V, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company Regarding Certain Improvements to be constructed in the vicinity of 2985 St. Vincent Avenue, La Salle, Illinois a/k/a 2985 E. 350th Road, La Salle, Illinois. 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

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Illinois.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Schneider to pass and place on file **Resolution 201810:** authorizing the construction of an industrial entrance at 2985 St. Vincent Avenue, La Salle, Illinois a/k/a 2985 E. 350th Road. 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

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350th Road

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2741:** an Ordinance Making Transfers of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose. 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

**Ordinance 2741: Making
Transfers of Amounts
Appropriated from One
Corporate Purpose to
Another Corporate Purpose.**

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2742:** an Ordinance Regarding Lease of Municipal Property. 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

**Ordinance 2742: Regarding
Lease of Municipal Property
(Canal Corridor
Association, Hay Shed and
Mule Pen at Lock 14)**

Prior to the vote on an ordinance concerning mobile food vendors, Alderman Demes stated that he opposes these types of food vendors in our downtown and parks. Alderman Reynolds concurred. Attorney McPhedran stated that this ordinance is meant to comply with the law and with the wishes laid out by the council. The ordinance requires any mobile food vendor wishing to operate in zoning outside of M-1 to apply for a Special Use Permit. The request will then go before the Planning Commission with final approval by the City Council. Alderman Duncan suggested that in Section 3, Paragraph A, wording should be changed to read "shall remain stationary." Attorney McPhedran stated that could be done through line delineation. Alderman Lavieri asked about festivals. Attorney McPhedran confirmed that in some circumstances such as that, a Special Use permit is not needed. Alderman Herndon stated that this action shows this council is taking care of its brick and mortar businesses.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2743:** an Ordinance Amending Title XI: Business Regulations of the La Salle City

Code Regarding Further Regulating Mobile Food Vendors within the City of La Salle with amendments. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Mayor Grove, Alderman Bacidore, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: Alderman Demes, Alderman Reynolds Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

**Ordinance 2743: Amending
Title XI: Business
Regulations of the La Salle
City Code Regarding
Further Regulating Mobile
Food Vendors within the
City of La Salle.**

In regard to the Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Cost Sharing Agreement Entered Into By the City of La Salle, the City of Oglesby and the City of Peru to conduct a Cost and Operational Feasibility Assessment to Explore and Pursue the Sharing of Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Services and Constructing and Operating a Centralized, Jointly Staffed, Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Facility to Serve as a Law Enforcement Headquarters, a Potential 911 Dispatch Center and a Jail Facility and related matters, the following discussion took place.

Alderman Schneider stated his comments in no way reflect upon John Duncan or Chief Uranich as they have represented us very well. He continued by saying that in regard to the proposed ordinance itself, he understands the importance of formalizing this, but has an issue with part of the agreement that includes the Phase 1 Budget. In the budget outline, it shows \$30,000 allotted in legal fees. Alderman Schneider stated that he does not have a problem incurring \$30,000 to make sure we can do this, but does have concerns about the \$70,000 allotted for architect fees. He stated that at this point he has zero desire to spend money on a location, to him, it is the last part of this, because up to now they have not proven to him that the model is going to work. He added that he has spent time in the last few weeks visiting with officers from La Salle, Peru and one from Oglesby. He acknowledged that by no means is this a majority of officers, but in speaking to them, he thinks the focus is wrong as we do not have any police buy in at this point. There are too many questions unanswered. Alderman Schneider continued by saying that we cannot ask the police officers to buy into the process if we cannot answer their questions. He does not understand why at a staff meeting questions could not be addressed, even though Chief Bernabei indicated there was a reason why they could not be answered. In his opinion, this is where the focus needs to be. Alderman Schneider stated there is a lack of trust right now between the officers and our group, and a few officers are speaking out.

He continued by stating that there is a fear that they will lose their jobs even though they are being told they won't. The officers state that the dispatchers were told that they would not lose their jobs when the IVRD consolidation took place and then they lost their jobs. Mayor Grove asked Alderman Schneider how he responded to the officers when they brought up the dispatchers losing their jobs. He stated that he did not say anything as he was not part of it. Mayor Grove and Alderman Demes both interjected that the dispatchers were told up front that some would lose their jobs. Alderman Schneider stated that the dispatchers were not told that initially, to which the Mayor and Alderman Demes both stated again that Alderman Schneider was incorrect on that point. Alderman Demes stated that they were told initially that some would lose their jobs because there were so many of them. Alderman Schneider stated that some of that message must have gotten lost. Mayor Grove stated that when the alderman is in one on one conversations he needs him to defend the things he knows. Alderman Schneider responded by saying he did not recall that.

Alderman Schneider stated that in a conversation with Chief Bernabei he asked if Chief Bernabei would be willing to address at a Shared Services committee meeting Peru's attempt to try zoned patrol eight or nine years ago which they did not stay with. Chief Bernabei did not discuss it and Alderman Schneider believes that we should be active in discussing why it did not work in that situation, but why it will work in this situation, otherwise it looks as if we are trying to hide something.

Alderman Schneider stated that he was told that at the last public coffee house discussions held by the State's Attorney, she was asked her opinion on the potential shared police services. She responded by saying that she has not been approached, so has no thoughts on it. Alderman Schneider stated that he cannot believe we are six months in and our State's Attorney has not been approached. Mayor Grove asked Alderman Schneider if he confirmed this to be true. Alderman Schneider responded "who would I ask?" The Mayor responded by saying he could have asked any of the committee members. Alderman Schneider stated that if she says there have been no discussions, then there have been no discussions and he had no reason not to believe it to be true. Mayor Grove stated that there have been discussions.

Alderman Schneider and Mayor Grove had a brief exchange on how they define "shared services" as compared to "consolidation". Alderman Schneider expressed his opinion that it needs to be called what it is from the beginning as this is another area that is building mistrust. If officers have been told they are going to Peru wages, then that is consolidation. When Mayor Grove asked Alderman Schneider how he defines consolidation, he responded by saying that he sees a consolidation as one metro force with employees making the same wages and receiving the same benefits, served by one Chief and perhaps a Deputy Chief. Mayor Grove stated that he has brought this up multiple times, that his understanding is that the shared services would be three separate departments operating under one roof, not one metro force. Alderman Schneider responded by saying that is the Mayor's intent, but may not be everyone's intent. Mayor Grove stated that is everyone's intent.

Alderman Schneider stated that his biggest fear is that we are comparing ourselves to Ottawa as far as determining the ratio of officers to population, but we are talking about a square mileage that is twice Ottawa's. He added that this is another aspect that has truly not been addressed yet. He again stated that he does not think the focus should be the location of a police station, but instead addressing these other concerns in order to get a true buy in by the officers. He is not interested in spending money on a location, until he can be shown how the process is going to work.

Mayor Grove recapped a few points concerning the shared services concept. He stated that initially the council thought this was a good way to address the pension issues, with the knowledge that the pension benefit would not be immediate, as it would be addressed over time through attrition. With the estimates to build a police station, the City had to consider if it could responsibly make the bond payment that would result from a new building. At this time, Finance Director Duncan has determined that the City could make the payments, if the council so chooses to move forward, without burdening the taxpayer with increased property taxes. Another aspect the City had to consider was location. La Salle did not submit a site, because there was not a location that was centralized. Mayor Grove said that this was upsetting to some. The Mayor stated that this shows the City of La Salle is supportive of the concept and all is in and not hung up on it having to be in La Salle. The City wants to do what makes sense for our taxpayers and look at the broad picture. He added that sometimes decisions have to be made that will not make everyone happy. In the long run it will be savings for our taxpayers, so that requires us to look at all 9,400 residents, not just those on our workforce. Mayor Grove stated

that the aldermen need to let the committee members know which site they prefer, the Oglesby site or the old Jewel site in Peru.

Alderman John Duncan stated that he was at the meeting where the two sites were proposed. He was in favor of the Peru site because it is more centrally located and it is his understanding that Peru is going to donate the site, meaning the two other cities do not have to come up with that cost. He stated there are still many questions that need to be answered and the committees are working on that, but from a financial standpoint if we were to build the facility there, If down the road it does not work out, Peru is the only city who has the ability to pay the other two cities for their share to retain the station as their own. Mayor Grove stated that if we build individual police stations, the sum of those three would be less than the cost of the one building, so he was not sure that was necessarily true.

Attorney McPhedran stated that for this evening, the ordinance was put on the agenda for discussion only. Oglesby cannot vote on it tonight either. If the council chooses to act on this, he wanted the council to understand that nothing in Phase I commits to a building, it just commits to further investigation. However, it does commit to spending up to \$70,000 on architect fees.

Mayor Grove stated that he was told by Mayor Harl that Peru is closing on the property on July 10. Mayor Harl wanted some direction from La Salle by that point. Mayor Grove stated that he did not think we could be ready that soon, as there are still many unknowns. He added that we still need to see an operational plan, including staffing and how overtime would be called in. Alderman Schneider stated that was the underlying concerns in the comments he made, that many of these operational points need to be answered and addressed before other decisions can be made.

Mayor Grove said there will not be a referendum on this issue. The leaders will have to make the tough decisions and do what is best for our taxpayers. Mayor stated that in the long run, spending money on a new station makes sense.

Mayor Grove left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to appoint Alderman James Demes as Mayor Pro-Tem for the remainder of the meeting in the absence of Mayor Grove.

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

NAY: None Absent: Mayor Grove, Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Finance Director Duncan continued by saying that there are two separate initiatives operating simultaneously. One initiative involves working on the operational functions of the shared services concept to determine how it will actually work. A large part of the operational functions is preparing the IGA's. The other initiative is to determine a location and architect fees. Each city will analyze the locations and do what is best for their tax base. These two initiatives go hand in hand. Phase I does not commit the cities to all \$70,000 in architect fees. Attorney McPhedran stated that some architectural expenditure has to occur regardless of which site is selected simply to determine costs.

Finance Director Duncan stated that when this began the individual committees were formed to focus on certain aspects of the potential shared services. Part of the proposed IGA, restructures these committees to include a liaison for each group. This is being done in the spirit

of transparency and to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The Shared Services Committee wants to be transparent. Mr. Duncan noted that all meetings are posted and open to the public.

Alderman Schneider stated that he is not against this idea, he just wants to see more questions answered. Alderman Demes stated that he, too, does not want to spend money on an architectural plan. He has been approached by officers from various cities, and the rank and file are not behind this plan. Alderman Demes said it is difficult to proceed if you do not have the people who are affected on board. Alderman Demes supported the Peru site, but is not ready to spend money to move forward. He suggests a series of meetings with the rank and file to get them on-board. He supports the Shared Services idea because of the savings, but thinks we need to back up.

Finance Director Duncan said that he feels it is important prior to the alderman choosing a site for them to know the total cost of getting access to utilities and who shares in those costs and also the property terms for each site. In addition, since the Oglesby and Peru locations are off of 251, it could require IDOT approval for access. These are important factors that make difference in how we analyze these sites. Finance Director Duncan stated that he expects there will be answers to these questions at the end of July, but it may be difficult to choose a location until we know this information.

Alderman Duncan read a prepared statement which is included as **Exhibit A**. His statement supported the Shared Services project.

Alderman Demes polled each alderman to see where they stand on the proposed Shared Services project.

Alderman Bacidore asked what our pension liability is and how long we have to pay it. Finance Director Duncan stated that we have total liability of 14 million and we have to be 90% funded by 2040. Alderman Bacidore stated that he supports the project.

Alderman Reynolds stated that he supports the project but thinks once facts are clarified so the public understands it, he anticipates full support. Based on finances, he stated that the project makes sense.

Alderman Lavieri supports the project, but expressed some concerns about the two sites in regard to accessing 251.

Alderman Herndon stated that he is definitely in favor of the project. He stated that for future generations of taxpayers in all communities, it is a good thing. Alderman Herndon stated that we need leave it to the true professionals like our Police Chiefs who are working with the attorneys to make this happen. He added that we have to look forward and do what is right for our taxpayers. He stated it is good that we have leaders who are looking forward.

Alderman Schneider stated his goal with his comments this evening was so to ensure concerns were discussed in more detail.

Alderman Demes asked Chief Uranich if there are plans to meet with the rank and file to overcome the negativity. Chief Uranich stated that he has seen similar negativity when IVRD was under discussion, when in-car computers were implemented and when the department switched to computer aided dispatched. He stated that he understands the fears of change, but

is more concerned with the pension crisis and this is a viable way to address it according to the projections. He continued by saying that until he hears a different solution, which he has not heard yet, he will do everything he can to continue to investigate this idea. He added that part of the IGA does allow us to meet with the officers to answer questions and address concerns, but it had been previously suggested that this could not be done due to the Open Meetings Act.

Attorney McPhedran stated that Mr. Jurusik is the one who was involved in drafting the IGA, so he would be the best person to ask about this. He continued by saying that basically the OMA is governed by the size of your committee in certain respects. Attorney McPhedran stated that he was not as involved with discussion on the matter of addressing this in the IGA, but as long as you stay under a quorum of a quorum, these meetings are allowed. Attorney McPhedran said transparency is something we always strive for so the public is aware of what is happening. As an example, he noted that this council has every right to go into Executive Session to discuss site selection, but instead has chosen to discuss it in open session in the spirit of transparency.

The council decided it would not take action on the proposed ordinance this evening.

COMMENTS

Jennifer Hoehn suggested that Republic Services considering using blackout dates to control personnel shortages during holidays.

Mayor Pro-Tem Demes thanked Mr. Moshage and the scouts for attending this evening and for all they do for the community.

Mr. Henry Orvis, resident of 818-6th Street, stated that he understands there are some legal issues with his property, but he has never received any paperwork from the City. He stated that he now owns the property, as the previous owner deeded it to him. He also stated that he wants to request a variance for his property. Mayor Pro-Tem Demes indicated that his property is a mess and the City is receiving complaints about mice because of his property. Mr. Orvis stated he has only had one person complain to him. A gentleman, who did not state his name, but was in attendance, stated that the mice are coming from chicken coops that are four blocks north. Mr. Orvis stated that he is involved with organic gardening. Chief Uranich stated that he is receiving a lot of complaints and it is being dealt with in court.

Attorney McPhedran asked if Mr. Orvis has a court date. Chief Bacidore stated that the court date has been continued. He indicated that Mr. Orvis is slowly making progress in cleaning the property up. The property was bought on contract and the owner stated that he cannot force Mr. Orvis to clean it up. Chief Bacidore asked Mr. Orvis to bring to the City the paperwork that shows he is now the owner of the property. Again, Mr. Orvis stated that he has not seen any paperwork showing him what the violations are. It was explained that the paperwork was sent to the owner. Once proof of ownership is given to the City, then any violations will be sent to Mr. Orvis directly.

Alderman Schneider confirmed that Mr. Orvis would bring in the deed to the property to City Hall tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. and provide copies to Chief Bacidore. Mr. Orvis stated that he would do so.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that bills submitted totaling \$502,348.79 (Total Payroll \$181,737.36, Bills to be Paid from \$191,582.14, Total Bills Paid \$129,029.29) 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: Mayor Grove, Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

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

ADJOURNED 9:03 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carrie Brown, City Clerk

SHARED POLICING

As a concept, this idea or proposal makes a great deal of sense. The pros are obvious:

1. All three cities are in need of a new station and it makes no sense to build three when one will do.

2. We all know that ours is inadequate by today's standards.

3. Our station is a hindrance to effective police work.

4. The financial benefits and long term savings to our taxpayers is significant.

Next year, we will be paying more in pension contributions than in police salaries.

5. The police department is already the most expensive service we provide our citizens and rightfully so. The safety of our citizens is paramount.

6. The safety of our police is equally important.

7. I am no expert, but it seems obvious that a larger police force provides more backup in times of danger or trouble. With zoned patrolling, we can easily cover all three cities.

What is particularly troubling to me is what I am hearing about social media.

I am not a fan of social media. While it may have its benefits, it can certainly be used as a negative and disruptive force.

On this issue, it is my understanding there is a small group of short minded individuals using social media to poison the public minds with misinformation and fake news.

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best for the common good of our cities, our residents or the policemen themselves.

We cannot allow these ill-informed and ill-intended individuals to manipulate social media to create a cancer on society. Their agenda is not to promote progress, but to put up self-conceived roadblocks to progress.

We need to go on record today that we, as a city, do not support the idea of a referendum. This is a decision that is best made by the experts, the Police Chiefs working with the Union representatives and the City's financial directors and our Mayors in consultation with outside consultants when needed. There are many decisions that need to be made to make this work and we need to work through those.

We have an opportunity to bring our three cities together-working hand in hand-to provide a first class police force in a first class facility with more modern and updated equipment and tools while saving taxpayers a substantial amount of money.

My family has been in LaSalle for seven generations or 180 years, and this is the first time we have had the courage to embark on a bold mission of breaking the chains of parochialism. We need not look backwards or sideways, but look forward. There are always going to be those negative, critical people who contribute nothing to society, but only want to stand in the way of progress. Fortunately, these dissenters are only one-percenters.

Let's keep this project on track and moving forward.