

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
January 22, 2019**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notice being duly and continuously posted.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was held for former city employee Rick Zimmer who passed away this past week.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

**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 January 7, 2019 Regular City Council meeting. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request for a Sign Permit from Designs and Signs on behalf of Vicky Harris to install two panels (24" h x 40" L) and individual letters (9" h x 200" L) on premises located at 119 Gooding Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request for 2019 Raffle Licenses from the following organizations. Each and every alderman has a copy.

- Illini Valley Association of Realtors
- Cruisin' La Salle
- Knights of Columbus #792
- La Salle Promotional and Advisory Council
- La Salle National Little League
- Trinity Catholic Academy
- La Salle Excellence Foundation
- Illinois Valley Alzheimer's Group, Inc.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Sellett to grant the request of Deana Brown on behalf of the La Salle Peru Township High School Winter Guard to hold a Tag Day Collection on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at La Salle businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Deana Brown on behalf of the La Salle Peru Township High School Musical to hold a Tag Day Collection on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at La Salle businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of the Illinois Valley Alzheimer's Group to hold the 12th Annual "Boo" Milby Memory 5K Race/Walk in the City of La Salle on Saturday, August 17, 2019 utilizing City streets. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request from Jake Kotecki on behalf of the United Way of the Illinois Valley for permission to hold their 3rd Annual "Only Fools Run After Dark" fun run event on Friday, March 29, 2019 from 10 p.m. until 11 p.m. and to close all north/south streets and Second Street between Bucklin and Joliet Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for December 2018 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$5,690,608.76 and in Hometown National Bank of \$5,472,607.90. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for December 2018 showing total fees collected of \$6,375.95. 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 October 2018 of \$81,620.27 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$72,173.08 for a total of \$153,793.35. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Attorney McPhedran indicated that two representatives of Thorntons were present in the council chambers in case the council had any questions. The Planning Commission did approve the recommendation. There were some concerns raised by a representative of the cemetery to the north of the proposed development asking for some consideration regarding a possible sound buffer to assist with sound while services are going on. The developer seemed receptive to working with them. Mayor Grove thanked Thorntons for the on-going respect and dialogue that

led to this point. He added that we are very excited to have Thorntons in the City. He also thanked Brian Brown and Katherine Koyak for their efforts.

Attorney McPhedran stated that the Planning Commission vote was unanimous. He added that the developers seek to have both the Preliminary and Final Plat approved. Attorney McPhedran ask the developers to confirm that the estimate on the off-site roadway improvements was \$1,082,000.

Todd Smutz of Thorntons confirmed off-site roadway improvements on 351 and Civic Drive and the widening of Canaan Drive was \$1,082,000. He also confirmed that a bond will be provided for the portion that is on city streets. Attorney McPhedran inquired if these costs in addition to the costs of acquiring the land and the costs to put in the building. Mr. Smutz stated that the roadway costs are what they consider to be extraordinary expenses required to build on the site and yes, they are in addition to the other items mentioned by Attorney McPhedran. Mr. Smutz stated that they are petitioning to combine all four lots to make one parcel. He added that the site will include 40 truck parking spots, 10 auto fueling dispensers, and a 5500 sq. ft. store with a 2600 sq. ft. quick service restaurant with a drive thru. Mr. Smutz stated that plans are finished, however it is a long process with IDOT. Tentatively, they would like to break ground in April, but due to IDOT, it may be more like June with an opening in mid-October.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Planning commission regarding the petition of Thorntons Incorporated of Louisville, Kentucky for the approval of the Preliminary Plat of and potentially Final Plat for Thorntons Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Midwest Center Subdivision, La Salle, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL: AYE:** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

**NAY:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Alderman Ptak stated that the Finance Committee met to discuss the possible reduction of water rates. He stated that 7-8 years ago the council had the tough job of having to raise the rates to meet demands of the water and sewer. The council was committed at that time not to bond out, which during those years that goal was achieved. Meetings were held and looked at all projects and estimates were gathered and that is how they came up with the amount rates needed to be raised. Alderman Ptak then reviewed the following list of projects that have been completed over the years since the increases were put into effect as well as upcoming projects and some financial information.

### **Water Projects**

1. Scada replacement (\$600K)
2. Various valve & main replacements
3. Painted outside of 9th St tower
4. Painted inside of Civic tower

Sewer Projects

5. Long term control plan
6. Diffusers
7. Painted chlorine contact tank
8. Media enhancement at new plant
9. Baker Ave Separation

10. Lincoln Ave sewer replacement (GRANT)
11. LaFayette water & sewer replacement (GRANT)
12. Cleaned & Televised numerous sewers from Racugglia to Garfield Ave
13. 9th St – Marquette to Gooding – sewer replacement
14. Hegeler Park separation (1M project with 600k GRANT) – out for bid now
15. CSO Pump, motors, and force main upsizing (600K) – currently underway

Alderman Ptak recognized our City Engineer and Superintendent for seeking grants to assist with the funding of some of the projects.

#### **Upcoming Projects**

16. LaHarpe Separation
17. Zinc/Porter Separation
18. Tonti Separation
19. Potential underground storage
20. Paint outside civic tower
21. Pursue loan interest loans with 75% forgiveness

- 2020 we retire a water bond currently in the budget for \$315K per year. We have not taken on any new bond debt.
- 2023 we retire a sewer bond currently in the budget for \$160K per year
- \$586K per year until 2030 to pay for the east end plant.

Alderman Ptak said we are sensitive to the citizens of La Salle and at this time we have reserves to handle these projects in the future, so this allows the reduction in the water and sewer rates. Typically, every February 1, rates go up. Below is a graph of the fees as they stand and as proposed.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposal</u>		
	<u>2/1/2018</u>	<u>2/1/2019</u>	<u>2/1/2020</u>	<u>2/1/2021</u>
Water Base	\$19.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00
Water	\$4.00	\$3.75	\$4.00	\$4.00
Sewer Base	\$16.50	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00
Maintenance	\$11.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$8.00
Sewer	\$5.75	\$5.00	\$5.25	\$5.75

Mayor Grove stated that he believes that we want to do the right thing by our residents and the City feels comfortable that we can cover the projects as planned.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the new rate structure shown above for a three year term. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Ptak to authorize, pay and place on file Invoice 2000159234 to AECOM totaling \$32,500 for Civil Engineering design modifications by AECOM for the increased CSO-03 Pump Station capacity and discharge force main as part of the Long Term Control Plan improvements. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Sellett to authorize, pay and place on file Invoice UAE1206 to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. totaling \$22,332.45 for Extra Work/Water and Sewer Repair Patching. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize, pay and place on file Invoice UAE1209 to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. totaling \$16,265.00 for Extra Work/ Ladder Truck Building Site Work and the City Pool Splash Pad Concrete Surface. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Grove thanked Brian Brown and Katherine Koyak for going to Springfield today to present information concerning the OSLAD grant which seeks funding for a path from Rotary Park to the lake. Katherine showed the presentation board that was used in Springfield to those present at the council meeting. City Engineer Brian Brown stated that Katherine did a great job presenting and he felt it was well received. He believed all the points they are looking for were met and is hopeful we will receive the grant. Mr. Brown hopes that we should hear relatively soon.

Mayor Grove stated that in regard to Shared Services, La Salle has met with FOP and officers and had a very good dialogue. It was a positive meeting and they were very open and receptive. Mayor Grove stated that he was not aware if Peru has done the same. Mayor also indicated that there was an article in the paper regarding the Jewel site. Back in November Mayor Harl had asked for a commitment from La Salle in regard to the site and we were not in a

position at that time to commit. La Salle was aware that Peru could list the Jewel site for potential retail site. He added that if that property does sell, it does not mean there a potential Shared Services will not happen. There are other locations that can be considered.

## **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2795**: Amending Ordinance Number 2205 and Other Ordinances Related to the Police Department of the City of La Salle, Illinois and all Ordinances related thereto. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2795: Amending  
Ordinance Number 2205 and  
Other Ordinances Related to the  
Police Department of the City of  
La Salle, Illinois and all  
Ordinances related thereto**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file Ordinance 2796: Approving and Adopting an Extension to the Redevelopment Plan, Projects, Redevelopment Project Area and Tax Increment Financing for La Salle Tax Increment Financing District III and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2796: Approving and  
Adopting an Extension to the  
Redevelopment Plan, Projects,  
Redevelopment Project Area and  
Tax Increment Financing for La  
Salle Tax Increment Financing  
District III and related matters.**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file Ordinance 2797: Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Thorntons Subdivision, being a Resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Midwest Center Subdivision to the City of LaSalle, Illinois, Subject and Contingent upon Presentation of An Appropriate Bond in Regard to Final Plat, and related Matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2797: Approving  
Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of  
Thorntons Subdivision, being a  
Resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3 and  
4 in Midwest Center Subdivision  
to the City of LaSalle, Illinois,  
Subject and Contingent upon**

**Presentation of An Appropriate Bond in Regard to Final Plat, and related Matters.**

**COMMENTS**

Alderman Herndon expressed personal sentiments regarding the impact Rick Zimmer had on the City and described him as quite the gentleman.

City Engineer Brown stated that two jobs are currently out for bid. One is for the Hegeler Park Storm Sewer and the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer from Joliet to Marquette near Trinity Catholic Academy. He also added we need working platforms at the wells, so he is working on bids or quotes for those to install in the spring.

Alderman Schneider thanked and recognized Jeff Bumgarner and his crew for their hard work with snow removal.

**7:06 p.m.** Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to enter into 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, 5,6,11 thereof.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**8:26 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Sellett, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

There were no bills to approve.

There was brief discussion about possible changes to the 2019 Regular meeting schedule of the La Salle City Council. This will be further discussed with potential changes addressed at the next meeting.

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

**ADJOURNED 8:32 p.m.**



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Carrie Brown, City Clerk