

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
February 25, 2019**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, February 25, 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

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 February 11, 2019 Regular City Council meeting. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Prior to voting, Alderman Bacidore questioned if this company was already selling in La Salle. He stated that he received a call from a resident stating that someone had come to her door giving energy quotes, but she was unsure of the company name. Clerk Brown did not think it was the company under consideration tonight. Finance Director Duncan stated that the City will be reviewing bids at the next council meeting for its electric aggregation program and advised residents to hold off on signing with other energy companies until the City has its bids. Mayor Grove stated that the City always seeks the lowest rates for its residents. Residents who have concerns if solicitors are registered with the City may call the City Clerk or the Police Department for verification. Attorney McPhedran added that although we must respect free enterprise and allow these types of companies to solicit, we also have the right to protect our residents by requiring solicitors to meet certain requirements.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Ptak to grant the request of AB Marketing, LLC for a Solicitor Permit to sell door-to-door on behalf of Clearview Energy. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: Alderman Reynolds Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-1

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the requests of the Peru Education Foundation, the Lighted Way and the Ninth Street Pub for 2019 Raffle licenses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of the Knights of Columbus Calvert Council No. 792 for permission to conduct a Tootsie Roll candy sale in the intersection of 11th and Bucklin on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September

21, 2019 and at La Salle businesses from September 20-22, 2019. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Sellett to grant the request of Guylene Strange on behalf of the LP Cavalettes to hold a Tag Day Collection on June 22-23, 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 Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of Kevin Dale on behalf of the Illinois Valley Building Trades Council to hold a Tag Day Collection on June 15, 2019 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at area businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request of the Illinois Valley Animal Rescue for a monetary donation to their annual auction being held on March 9, 2019 in order 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 Reynolds to grant the request of AT & T to break ground to directional bore and place 76 feet of (1) 1.25" inner duct near the Civic Water Tower. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Sellett to grant the request of Michelle La Valle, owner of Country Cottage, Inc. for a Sign Permit to install a 36 sq. ft.non-illuminated wall sign at 520 First Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Designs and Signs on behalf of Earl and Kim Hocking, owners of Kim's on 351 Hair Salon for a Sign Permit to install a 12' x 5' illuminated, single face wall sign at 2705 St. Vincent Avenue. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for January 2019 showing total fees collected of \$372.32 with total value of construction of \$30,000. 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 for January 2019 showing total fees collected of \$4,159.23. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for November 2018 of \$69,022.26 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$60,285.22 for a total of \$129,307.48. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to award the low bid to Tieman Builders, Inc. totaling \$76,038 for the Well Head Access Platform Spring 2019 project. 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

Bids: Tieman Builders, Inc.
\$76,038

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Sellett to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request to designate one side of Tonti between 7th and 8th Street as no parking.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to make no changes to current parking regulations in the vicinity of the former Jackson School including no change to the no parking area on Bucklin from the alley to 6th Street currently designated with yellow paint.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request of Jeff Hall to designate the west side of Tonti Street as No Parking.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Schneider asked if it would be possible to have a conversation again with Pastor Tom Arnold about removing the unfinished structure at the church off of I-80. He stated that with it being an entrance to the City and with the new Thorntons Development coming in, it would be nice to have it removed. Alderman Schneider and the Mayor acknowledged that Mr. Arnold has been vital to our downtown redevelopment and has been a good partner with the City, so are hopeful he will understand the City's concerns. Mayor Grove asked Andy Bacidore to make contact with Pastor Arnold.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove announced that the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in participating call Dan Burke to register.

Mayor Grove stated that the Shared Services process continues. At this time, La Salle has been in contact with its FOP and Peru is in the process of meeting with their FOP.

Mayor Grove also provided a few details regarding the referendum that will appear on the April 2, 2019 ballot concerning the position of City Clerk within the City of La Salle. Voters will have the opportunity to decide if the position of Clerk should become an appointed position. Mayor Grove explained that by voting YES on the referendum this would give the City the opportunity to interview candidates for the position. Mayor Grove added that it is not a position to be taken lightly, and in the past it has been difficult to find people to run for the office. The responsibilities of the office are increasing, making it vital to have a qualified person in the role. In La Salle, the Clerk is an office of one, there is no staff. The Clerk is a non-voting position. He added that the job requires certain skills and qualifications and by voting YES, a candidate with those qualifications can be sought. Mayor Grove stated that approximately 30% or 1200 Clerks within the state are appointed, so this is not unique. Mayor asked the press and council to get the word out to the public regarding the referendum.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no ordinances or resolutions.

COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Alderman Schneider commended Andrew Koyak, Nicole Supan and Joe Jeppson for attending the council meeting. All three are candidates for Third Ward Alderman.

Katherine Koyak stated that she and Park Director Lynda Kasik will head up the City's Farmers' Market. The Farmers' Market will be held in Hegeler Park on Tuesdays from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. from June through September. Any interested vendors may contact Katherine at City Hall.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills Total Submitted: \$874,141.89 (Total Payroll \$338,502.30, Bills to be Paid \$317,141.24, Total Bills Paid \$218,498.35) be accepted, paid and placed on file. 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 Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:03 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk