

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL**

April 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notices being duly and continuously posted.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present - Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

Excused Absence: Alderman Herndon

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Superintendent of Public Works Patrick Watson, Economic Development Director Leah Inman, City Attorney Jim McPhedran, Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve, accept and place on file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 4, 2022. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Crane to proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of LaSalle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to allow Luke Tomsha to address the Council regarding current activities of The Perfectly Flawed Foundation and upcoming events.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Tomsha wanted to update the council on what the Foundation has been up to. Earth day was their first day and will be coming up again down at the LaSalle canal, this coming weekend. The Foundation celebrated their 5th anniversary this year. The began in 2017 and have now been able to increase staff capacity: Program Manager, social worker/counselor Rachel Edgcomb, 3 positions for peer and family support. They have established a text line and this month alone they fielded 2700 text messages. Their normal average is about 1200/month. They have established a mobile wellness unit. They have given 62 staff assisted rides for court appearances and appts. They have peer and family support meetings, called Smart Recovery. Viewed a little different than AA. These meetings are held weekly at train station. They have recently added to their Board of Directors, Dave Argubright, Collette Klein, Alec Hueneberg, T.J. Templeton, Kim Dahl, Jason Edgcomb, Tina Harty, Carrie Hicks, and Stephanie Batchtelor. They have received partial funding for R3 funding, specific to City of LaSalle, which has helped with staff cost and rent. Also have received funding from the National Council of Behavior of wellness and conditionally approved for a grant with that announcement being soon that will help support their efforts. The foundation would like to start up a community garden or pollinator garden. They want a spot to take clients for walks. Tomsha says it's easier to talk to their clients when they are not in a clinical setting.

Demes asked Tomsha if he could put 1st and 2nd Creve Couer, behind LaSalle electronics on their list for cleanup. Demes commended Tomsha and the organization. They have recently helped a friend's family member.

Lavieri suggested using Millennium Park at I & M Canal for their garden spot.

The LaSalle County has gone from 25 to 36 overdose deaths, which has 44% increase in the state. LaSalle county is going to have one of the highest overdose deaths rates in the state. The Foundation is working to decrease those trends.

Mayor Grove congratulated Tomsha and his whole team.

Tomsha state that his organization defines recovery differently, it is not just abstinence.

Mayor asked if the council would be willing to do a straw vote for the use of Millenium Park. All alderman were in favor of the use of the park.

Anyone is welcome to show up from 9am-1pm this Saturday down at the Lock and Canal to help out with the Perfectly Flawed Earth Day event. If they are unable to attend, they can still take a picture and tag #perfectlyflawedearthday.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 1201 Creve Coeur Street to replace a pole and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Designs and Signs on behalf of Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living to install a non-illuminating, single-facing directional sign at 18 Gunia Dr.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from the La Salle VFW for a Tag Day application. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the request for a 2022 Raffle License from Cops for Cancer.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Jani Kidd, of the University of Illinois Extension Education Center & Community Teaching Kitchen, for a special event permit to allow a street closure on Tonti Street between First and Canal streets from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2022.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to send the request from Carus Chemical to rezone the front portion of their property from R-3 zoning to M-2 zoning to the Planning Commission.

Engineer Brown mentioned that the last zoning that was done was from 1958. Carus just wants to make sure that they are in conformity and have no issues for expansion in the future.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for March 2022 showing total fees collected of \$648.00 with total value of construction of \$200,000.00.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file the Treasurer's Report for March 2022 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$11,825,065.03 and in Hometown National Bank of \$5,887,436.62. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for January 2022 of \$80,345.36 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$71,433.35 for a total of \$151,778.71.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

Brown stated that this sewer at the end of Baker Ave. does not have much life left in it. Recently they have cleaned the main line between Malcom extended. This project would just box around the North Property line and east and tie into Baker Ave. It would make that lot useful and it would correct the issues also. The city does have perpetual easement through that lot and it is a sewer that the city has to maintain. They are getting an additional easement to construct this.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to reward the bid award to John Pohar and Sons for Donahue Street/Baker Avenue Emergency Sanitary Sewer Replacement and related matters.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Brown stated that he is hoping to reduce that cost with alternative pipe material. He could possibly get another \$10,000 off that bid.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and approve the bid award for 2022 MFT & Non-MFT Maintenance Program. Each and every alderman has a copy. This is subject to contingent on no complaints being made up to April 8, eight days calendars days after bid has been made from Office of Chief Council.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding a request from North Central Area Transit for an annual donation of \$2,500.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize Pay Estimate #5, Base Bid to Municipal Well & Pump totaling \$148,782.73 for work completed to date on the New Water Supply Well #13 project.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to send the discussion and potential action regarding turning Richard Hallett Road into a non-truck route to Streets, Alleys, and Traffic committee.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to send the discussion about the request from resident at 1449 Linden to remove the 'Slow Children Playing' sign in the neighborhood. Resident claimed it was there for about 10 years and this one is located at this address.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to send the discussion about a request from a resident in the area of Crosat from 5th to 6th, south of St Roch's, to potentially add 'Slow Children Playing" signs.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file an Ordinance amending the city of La Salle code of ordinances relating to the further regulation and licensing of certain aspects of video gaming. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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 Demes to accept and place on file an Ordinance amending La Salle City Code Provisions regarding further regulating the issuance of liquor licenses and related matters (includes further regulations restricting where a party seeking a Class A and/or Class B Liquor License for a business whose primary business activity and/or business revenue is expecting to be lawful gaming operations may not be located). Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file an Ordinance further regulating parking within the City of La Salle (South portion of alley diamond between Second and Third and Bucklin and Lafayette). Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: Alderman Bacidore

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-1

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept and place on file an Ordinance further regulating traffic within the City of La Salle (Richard Hallett Road speed limit). Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file an Ordinance authorizing the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, to borrow funds from the Illinois Public Water Supply Loan program. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept and place on file a Resolution authorizing City representative to execute public water supply revolving fund low interest loan application and related documents. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file an Ordinance making transfers of amounts appropriated from one corporate purpose to another corporate purpose. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file an Ordinance authorizing collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Salle and "AFSCME" Union. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file an Ordinance establishing compensation for certain employees and classes of employees of the City of La Salle, Illinois commencing May 1, 2022. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file an Ordinance approving labor agreement between the City of La Salle and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council representing La Salle Police Officers. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file an Ordinance approving labor agreement between the City of La Salle and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (Sergeants/Lieutenants). Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept and place on file an Ordinance authorizing an additional agreement between the City of La Salle, Illinois and Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file an Ordinance amending ordinances regarding certain aspects of compensation, hiring and residency of paid on call firefighters, first responders, members of MABAS teams and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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 Demes to accept and place on file an Ordinance authorizing labor agreement between the City of La Salle and La Salle Professional Firefighters Local Number 4760 of the International Association of Firefighters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

COMMENTS

Demes thanked Finance Director Duncan for all his hard work with the contracts and negotiations.

Bacidore mentioned that he received a few calls about the water letter, one being from an 86-year-old resident who said she has been drinking Lasalle water her whole life. Mayor thanked Tom Collins for breaking it down and helping to understand the letter a little better.

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.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and place on file bills for April 4, 2022 with Total Submitted: \$662,404.37 (Total Payroll \$173,576.29, Bills to be Paid \$316,339.80, Total Bills Paid \$172,488.28).

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 Crane to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:16pm

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Amy" on the first line and "Quinn" on the second line.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk