

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Monday, March 13, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

Excused Absence: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon

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, February 27, 2017 are approved and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to proclaim April 6, 2017 as Junior Achievement Day in the City of La Salle and April as Fair Housing Month. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

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

Motion Carried 6-0

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request of Joanne Milby of the Illinois Valley Alzheimer's Group, Inc. to hold the 10th Annual "Boo" Milby Memory 5K Race/Walk in City of La Salle on Saturday, August 19, 2017 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of the Better Fishing Association of Northern Illinois and the La Salle Peru Township High School Boys Track Team for 2017 Raffle Licenses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. (Alderman Lavieri abstaining due to serving on the Board of the Better Fishing Association) Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request for a variance to Ordinance 2554 pertaining to fences to add an additional 1 ft. lattice to an existing 6 ft. privacy fence located at 1252 Linden Avenue.

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

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to grant the request for a variance to Ordinance 2554 pertaining to fences to increase the height of an existing side yard privacy fence from 6 ft. to 10 ft. for an existing privacy fence located at 1230 N. Gooding.

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

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

Motion Carried 6-0

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for February 2017 showing total fees collected of \$550 and total value of construction of \$129,400. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for February 2017 showing total fees collected of \$550 with total value of construction of \$129,400. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for December 2016 of \$90,907.97 and referendum approved sales tax of \$39,679.78 for a total of \$130,587.75. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

The bid award regarding the 1,000,000 Gallon Civic Hydropillar Water Storage Tank project will be addressed at the next council meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request to install north/south stop signs at 4th and Wright Streets.

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

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

Motion Carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

In the absence of Attorney McPhedran, discussion and potential action regarding the consideration of amending City ordinances pertaining to unsolicited materials will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove asked the press to get information out to the public that Illinois Valley Waste has delayed garbage pick-up by one day due to weather.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to pass and place on file **Ordinance 2680**: An Ordinance Authorizing Scope of Work to Proceed with SCADA Implementation Regarding Water Treatment Plant and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2680- Authorizing
Scope of Work to Proceed with
SCADA Implementation Regarding
Water Treatment Plant

City Engineer Brown clarified that the SCADA program is for the entire water works system including the water plant, booster stations, well house and towers.

COMMENTS

Jamie Hicks, resident of 1409 Porter Avenue, addressed the council regarding various concerns. He purchased three lots on this street nearly twenty years ago. He did not know at that time that this dead end street within ten years would become what he perceives to be a major truck route. He expressed concern about semi-trucks utilizing Porter Avenue to deliver goods to the Carus Chemical warehouse northeast of his home. He noted that on certain days (Mondays, Tuesdays) there is constant truck traffic and many times the semis will stop and park for extended periods of time on the street near his home. He also stated that he does not believe this road is rated for this type of use. Mayor Grove indicated that he is not sure the City has the legal right to block access and prevent Carus from moving product. Mayor added that as with most residential City streets you do not anticipate it will be have continuous semi-truck volume. Brief discussion followed about the rating of the road for truck traffic. Mr. Hicks believes there should be a better solution than making a dead end street a major truck route. He added that the semis have a difficult time making the sharp ninety degree turn at Porter and Zinc and in the past have torn up the neighbor's property because of this issue. Carus attempted to correct the problem by placing large rocks in that area, but now the trucks hit the rocks. He also complained about the speed in which the semis travel this roadway.

Mr. Hicks complained the street light at Porter and Zinc has not worked for three years because of a line brought down by one of the semis. Mayor Grove stated the City can reach out to Ameren to get the line and light repaired.

Mayor Grove asked Brian Brown to follow-up with Carus about the number of semis utilizing the road each week. Mr. Brown stated that he has already contacted Carus representatives and has asked them to address the issue with drivers concerning stopping or parking on the street for an extended period of time. Ralph Moshage of Carus stated that he will discuss this issue with their transportation department. Mayor also asked Mr. Hicks to call the police if semis are parked and the issue will be addressed.

In regard to the truck issue, Mr. Hicks added that it has changed over time. It began with Carus utilizing smaller cargo trucks with the warehouse rarely being used. The truck size and frequency of deliveries has increased over time.

Mayor Grove said we can talk to Carus about going back to cargo trucks, but City Engineer Brown explained that these trucks are coming from their out of town destinations with excess materials that Carus stores at the warehouse. At a later time, Carus uses smaller trucks to bring materials back to the plant.

Mr. Hicks also noted that there are dumpsters on the warehouse site and wondered why the soil was not put into these dumpsters. He was unsure what these dumpsters are for and why they sit empty.

In addition, Mr. Hicks expressed concerns about soil recently excavated from the Carus property for the installation of a natural gas line near Ninth and Sterling Streets. This spoiled soil is being hauled from Carus Chemical to the warehouse near his home. Because this area is part of the M&H Superfund clean-up site, Mr. Hicks is concerned the soil is contaminated. City Engineer Brian Brown stated that in his discussions with both Carus and the EPA, this soil cannot be put back in as fill. He added that an initial test was performed which proved it to be non-hazardous. Before the soil can be disposed of, more extensive testing must be done on the soil by an outside company. Therefore, it is being temporarily stored at the warehouse site until it can be disposed of. Mr. Hicks has concerns as to why the dirt being dumped is not being staged in the manner the EPA sites on their website. He feels the dirt should not have been moved as there is plenty of room to store it on the plant site.

Mayor Grove stated he will ask Brian Brown to follow-up with the EPA and will begin communication with Carus to see if they can go back to cargo type trucks. Mr. Brown will follow-up with Carus about the dumpster issue and why they are not being used. He will also check why the soil was moved to the warehouse site versus leaving it on the plant site. Mr. Brown added that he will keep everyone informed of anything he finds out with the EPA and Carus.

Alderman Schneider stated that he can relate to Mr. Hick's frustration, but was disappointed about the types of comments made in emails and in social media about City personnel and their lack of response. He stated that he believes the City has been very responsive. Mr. Hicks apologized and stated that he did not mean to throw the City under the bus, but he is very concerned about this situation and was frustrated.

Mayor Grove thanked Mr. Hicks for coming to discuss these concerns in this format versus posting on social media. Mayor believes it is best to discuss these types of things in person giving the City a chance to help if possible. Mr. Hicks stated that he is also in contact personally with the EPA and will keep the City informed of anything he finds out.

Alderman Lavieri asked if it would be beneficial to post "No Stopping" signs on Porter. City Engineer Brown stated that he has addressed the stopping issue with Carus and suggested we hold off at this time.

Chief Bacidore thanked his department and neighboring departments who provided mutual aid at the fire on 9th Street this past week. He stated that it was a stressful evening but the staff did a great job. He also thanked them for their professionalism the night of the recent tornadoes.

Mayor Grove thanked all who participated and helped with the St. Pat's Parade, Dan Burke, LPAC, Public Works, and the Fire and Police Departments.

Mayor Grove commended Alderman Ptak on a great season as coach of the IVCC Women's Basketball team. He also thanked all who assisted in Ottawa and Naplate after the recent storms.

7:48 p.m. Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to exit regular session and enter into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential 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, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c) 1-3, 5, 6, and 11 thereof.

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

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

Motion Carried 6-0

8:40 p.m. Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to exit Executive Session and resume regular session.

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

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

Motion Carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that bills submitted totaling \$348,643.93 (Total Payroll \$170,762.56 Bills to be Paid \$82,139.15, Total Bills Paid \$95,742.22) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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

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

Motion Carried 6-0

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

ADJOURNED 8:40 p.m.


Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk