

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

### OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

**April 14, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held, Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove 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 Bacidore, Thompson, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

**Excused Absent** – Alderman Crane

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Thompson to allow Alderman Crane to attend the meeting remotely.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

**NAYS: NONE**      **Absent: NONE**      **Abstain: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present** – Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Alderman Crane (remotely via phone call)

**Absent – NONE**

**Others Present:** Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, City Attorney James McPhedran, City Engineer Brian Brown, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski, Fire Chief Jerry Janick

**A quorum was present.**

#### **COMMENTS**

Mayor Grove opened the floor for public comment, allowing residents to share their thoughts and concerns.

Dawn Hicks discussed a proposal to get student volunteers from LP High School and IVCC to help elderly and disabled residents with yard work. Hicks also shared positive news about the possibility of honoring veterans and first responders with banners, despite initial concerns between Ameren and the City of La Salle. Hicks would like to work with Mayor Grove on finalizing plans to honor veterans and first responders.

Dena Hicks inquired about the process of joining a city committee and expressed interest in participating. Dena Hicks also mentioned a parking ordinance regarding alley parking and seeking clarification on restrictions. Police Chief Mike Smudzinski explained the complexities of alley parking and mentioned that he will discuss it further after the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held March 31, 2025. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

## **PROCLAMATION**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to proclaim May 17, 2025 through May 24, 2025 as Safe Boating Week in the City of La Salle.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

## **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Phil Buffo of Speakeasy on First for a Special Event Permit to allow a street closure on First Street to a Downtown La Salle Car Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Phil Buffo informed the council that proceeds will go to Kids Hot Rod Camp.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**NAYS:** NONE      **Absent:** NONE      **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept, approve and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for March 2025 showing total fees collected of \$7,518.47. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept, approve, and place on file the Treasurer's Report for March 2025 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$9,287,540.67 and in Hometown National Bank of \$8,782,068.97. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept, approve, and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for March 2025 showing total fees collected of \$3,341.70 with total value of construction of \$602,028. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Mayor Grove discussed the process of appointing committee members and mentions that new appointments will be made after the elections results are certified.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader informed the council about the housing grant program deadline being next Friday. Economic Development Director Curt Bedei stated that he heard that the program had an overwhelming response from qualified homeowners and encouraged residents to submit their applications by the deadline.

Alderman Thompson suggested notifying local radio stations to spread the word about the deadline.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to send the parking concerns on Chartres Street to the Streets, Alley, and Traffic Committee meeting in two weeks.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk Bader mentioned the need for letters of support for two projects related to sewer lining and a road bike path to Rotary Park. Deputy Clerk received a unanimous straw vote from all council members to proceed with letters of support for both of the projects.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve writing a letter of Support for an Integrated Railway Program to Illinois Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly.

Economic Development Director Bedei stated that the letter of support that would go to the Governor's office would be to make those aware that these types of transportation needs are lacking in the state of Illinois.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept and approve the 2025 MFT Roads Project – Estimated Costs

Mayor Grove also mentioned that there was one change to one location of a project, Creve Couer to LaFayette, not LaFayette to Bucklin.

City Engineer Brian Brown also discussed the timeline for the MFT Project and the next steps for approval and bidding.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Bacidore

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

## **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve a resolution further formalizing authorization of acceptance of Rural Utilities Service/Rural Development Grant of United States Department of Agriculture.

City Attorney James McPhedran explained the grant's purpose and its connection to a low-interest loan from the IEPA.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Bacidore, Thompson

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** None **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Mayor Grove recognized City Clerk Amy Quinn for her time and service to the city of LaSalle.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and file the bills from April 14, 2025: Total Submitted: \$1,379,092 (Total Payroll \$221,849.07, Bills to be Paid \$740,283.15, Total Bills Paid \$416,960.30). Each and every alderman has a copy.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Bacidore, Thompson, Ptak

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 6:52 pm**

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, slightly overlapping.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk