

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

May 27, 2025

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Tuesday, May 27, 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.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

Excused Absence: Alderman Crane

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane (remotely via phone call)

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

A quorum was present.

COMMENTS

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

Renee Mustered who manages The Detour in La Salle stressed her commitment to focusing on managing the bar and hiring the musicians. She said last weekend over 500 patrons from a wide area walked through the bar; the average age was in the 60s. She typically hires local bands and many patrons thanked them for bringing live music to La Salle. The first Sunday of every month is La Salle Hometown Market Music. She personally visited numerous local businesses inviting

them to participate in the event; there is no charge for vendors. She said the previous request from The Detour was made prior to understanding the rules.

Finance Director John Duncan advised Ms. Mustered that the three minutes allotted to her for public comment had expired.

William Hocking, owner of The Detour recalled his prior appearance before the Council in which there was a cordial exchange. He expressed concern regarding three separate incidents this past weekend involving police officers either parked at Beck's looking across Route 6 at The Detour or parked in the State Farm lot watching The Detour. Hocking indicated one police officer drove through the parking lot and asked him if he had a permit and reminded him to be sure the music was off on time. Hocking questioned why the police presence was necessary when there have not been any issues and expressed concern that his patrons may feel intimidated by it.

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 May 12, 2025. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS

Deputy City Clerk reminded the Council that this past March the LP Cavalettes had requested two tag days: June 7 and June 14. It is unusual for the Council to grant two tag days but in this case they agreed to do so with the understanding that if one of those dates was requested by another organization the date would no longer be available to the Cavalettes. Bader contacted them to let them know of the request by Laborers' Local 393 to hold a Tag Day Collection June 14 and they understood. Bader advised the Council if they approved the request by Laborers' Local 393 to hold a Tag Day Collection June 14, the Cavalettes would hold theirs June 7.

Alderman Lavieri asked for whom Laborers' Local 393 was raising money. Mayor Grove indicated he thought it was their annual Father's Day collection which then goes to a charity, but no one was able to confirm that.

Mayor Grove reminded everyone that the law allows people to collect money; the Council approves Tag Days as a service to avoid having multiple organizations collecting at the same intersections on the same days.

City Engineer Brian Brown said the Laborers' Local 393 website states the collection is for D.A.D.S Day: Dollars Against Diabetes.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request of Kevin Dale of Laborers' Local 393 to hold a Tag Day Collection Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets and other matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Bader explained that the application by St. Jude Run for a Tag Day requested the LP Sports Complex four-way stop as one location. Bader confirmed with them that the intended location is Chartes and 24th Streets.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request of Tammy Humpage of St. Jude Run to hold a Tag Day Collection Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets and the intersection of Chartres and 24th Streets and other matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request of Machinery Maintenance to install three non-illuminated wall signs at 321 Raccuglia Drive related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Thomspson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request of The Detour to install a non-illuminated double-facing sign at 328 East Third Street and related matters

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, and Demes

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Alderman Lavieri asked Renee Mustered for clarification on the request of The Detour for the extension of outdoor music on June 6 and June 7 and was told the intention is to stop the music at 10 p.m. but have a cushion in case the band inadvertently goes a few minutes past 10.

Alderman Jeppson asked Renee Mustered for confirmation that the band would play from 7-10 p.m. and people would remain on the patio with the juke box playing until 11 p.m. and was told that was the case.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the request from Renee Mustered of The Detour for a Special Event Permit to allow the extension of outdoor music from 10 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7 at their location at 328 East Third Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Bader indicated representatives from FYA were in attendance if there were any questions regarding their request and clarified the request did not include an extension of outdoor music as the band would finish by 9 p.m. Grove asked for confirmation no food truck was involved; it was confirmed.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve the request of Katherine Orsini of FYA to for a Special Event Permit to allow a street closure in the alley next to their business at 126 Marquette Street from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 2025, for a band and extra seating and related matters

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavere to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2025 showing cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$8,481,215.52 and Hometown National Bank of \$8,925,589.28.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve payment of the bid award of \$513,934.34 to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. for 2025 MFT & Non-MFT Maintenance Program project and related matters.

In response to comments from Alderman Crane, Brown indicated the City keeps a running list of streets and alleys in need of repair. Input comes from various sources and Brown keeps a list. He checks the sites as does the Mayor; repairs are prioritized within the budget depending on the condition of the sites and how heavily traveled they are. The list is also reviewed with each alderman and repairs are divided evenly among the wards. Brown then prepares a final estimate and it goes to IDOT for approval. Grove added that most of the funds for these projects are Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) dollars. Brown explained that MFT is collected every time a gallon of gas is purchased. A percentage goes to the City and the remainder to the State. There is also a Federal gas tax from which the City receives benefit. Brown cited recent repairs on Crosat, Chartres, and Richard Hallet as examples. Lavieri asked for clarification on how the MFT is distributed. Brown confirmed both MFT and the Federal gas tax are statewide collections which are distributed based on per capita. So, for example, a town that does not have gas station is still eligible to receive funds. State funds received are approximately \$40-50 dollars per person; Federal funds are available to cities with populations of more than 5,000 and must be used on Federal designated routes.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Mayor Grove explained the following properties were all obtained through a grant in order to be demolished: 1437 Crosat Street, 446 Joliet Street, and 853 9th Street. Grove asked if this issue had been before the Finance Committee and Economic Development Director Curt Bedei indicated it has not. Bedei said the properties were put out for bid on May 19 and the only bid received is for 1437 Crosat Street. McPhedran explained the properties would be sold as is, subject to the reservation of any easements the City has regarding utilities and other things. Any title work would be done at the buyer's cost. The bid is for \$1,025.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the bid of \$1,025 from Bruce and Sue Hallen for 1437 Crosat Street.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS TO VARIOUS CITY POSITIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the following appointments and related matters:

- Fire Chief - Jerry Janick
- Superintendent of Public Works – Kevin Fay
- Economic Development Director – Curty Bedei
- City Attorney – James McPhedran
- Comptroller/Finance Director - John Duncan
- Police Chief – Mike Smudzinski
- Assistant Fire Chief – Dale Tieman
- City Engineer – Brian Brown
- Administrative Assistant to the Mayor – Julie Gunia
- Building Inspector – Dennis Hocking
- Parks and Recreation Director – Lynda Kasik
- FOIA Officer – Brent Bader
- Director of Public Relations and Community Development - Brent Bader
- Deputy Clerk – Brent Bader

Mayor Grove explained that Kevin Fay would take on the role of Superintendent of Public Works full-time and would no longer be dividing his time between public works and the water department as foreman. Grove confirmed these are four-year appointments.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Mayor Grove expressed his appreciation that each of the appointees wants to continue being part of the City of La Salle.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the hiring of two candidates for the position of Firefighter from the Firefighter Eligibility List per the recommendation of the Police and Fire Commissioners for the City of La Salle and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON REMOVING FROM THE TABLE, PLACING ON THE FLOOR, AND TAKING POTENTIAL ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ANY REVISIONS THEREOF

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to remove the issue of the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on the City Council's potential action on Health Insurance Renewal and related matters from the table.

Discussion and potential action regarding the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on the City Council's potential action on Health Insurance Renewal and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Bader reminded everyone that originally this issue was before the Finance Committee; both parties made presentations. At that time the motion was made to pass the issue to the full City Council for consideration. Both parties are present at the meeting tonight and can answer further questions. Mayor Grove began the discussion by reviewing the thought process. The City's health insurance results in approximately \$40,000 in commission that cannot be divided between agencies. The City has been with Brennan & Stuart for many years and the relationship has been excellent. The City rotates its business among various financial institutions and rotating health insurance carriers might be prudent as well. Grove advocated for fairly supporting La Salle businesses and their La Salle-resident employees by rotating City business when possible.

Lavieri asked if since a roll call vote had been taken to put the motion on the table originally, should the vote on the motion to remove it from table also be a roll call vote rather than the voice vote taken above? Attorney McPhedran responded that a roll call vote should be taken for taking it off the table.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Thompson, Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Lavieri further commented that the City Council has always made an effort to accept bids from various vendors and share business whenever possible amongst La Salle businesses. Herndon agreed stating that la Salle is always open for business, both insurance agencies are reputable businesses, and rotating City business between the two agencies is fair.

Demes asked if the business had been put out for bid. McPhedran responded there is no financial difference to the City for which agency it chooses. Duncan concurred.

Thompson said when this issue was originally proposed he received numerous calls from City employees who were not in favor of switching the business. They feel the service they receive is excellent and there is no reason to switch. Grove stated that they had all probably received such phone calls and were able to put people's concerns to rest. Duncan mentioned that he was aware that there was a misunderstanding that the City would be changing insurance companies out of Blue Cross, and he assured them that was not the case.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to designate Hartaurer Insurance as the agent for the City's health insurance on a three-year rotational basis.

Further discussion was had with Ptak expressing concern over discontinuing business with a provider who has done an exemplary job. Lavieri indicated he thinks discussion on this topic was long overdue.

McPhedran asked about the effective date. Duncan responded the insurance policy renews on January 1 of each year; commissions are paid monthly. One of the agents present stated that the changeover would occur July 1 since insurance can be made effective on the next first of the month with thirty days' notice.

Jeppson agreed this is a difficult decision, but he would like to see the business shared and indicated his priority was making sure the employees are happy with their insurance.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Mayor Grove

NAYS: Ptak, Demes, Thompson **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-3-0

Mayor Grove expressed his appreciation for the amount of time taken to consider this matter and indicated he respects everyone's opinion.

STANDING COMMITTEES

In the matter of discussion and potential action regarding the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the purchase of a Kubota D1105 utility vehicle for the Parks and Recreation department at a cost of \$17,513.47 and related matters, Finance Committee Chairman Ptak indicated the Finance Committee had decided to research the options further including the possibility of snow removal accessories.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to research the options on the purchase of a utility vehicle further including the possibility of snow removal accessories.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Chairman Ptak reported that after much discussion the Finance Committee recommends that each donation be capped at \$500 individually, excluding Illinois Valley Food Pantry and Illinois Valley Animal Rescue (IVAR) and that a new general ledger account be created for simplifying the process of tracking a maximum total donation amount of \$6,000 annually, excluding the Food Pantry and IVAR.

Mayor Grove interjected that donating taxpayer money is a sensitive topic and the recommendation by the Finance Committee strikes a good balance with the Food Pantry being a necessity and IVAR providing a service the City does not have (i.e., animal control).

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to cap annual donations to organizations at \$500 each with a total maximum per year of \$6,000, excluding the Food Pantry and IVAR and that an ordinance to this effect be drawn up.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to authorize Pay Request #3 & Final for Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. totaling \$58,829.47 or work completed to date on Rotary Park Phase IV – Pickleball and Parking Lot Improvements project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Mayor Grove reviewed previous discussion on ordinances related to noise, special events, food trucks and related matters. Demes discussed that the current ordinance does not allow amplified sound to come across others' property after 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. with a special use permit, including noise from a television. Grove pointed out it is reasonable when someone purchases a home near an established bar that noise from the bar is to be expected. In those situations, closing the door to the bar makes a big difference.

Herndon discussed the idea dating back to 2009 of promoting La Salle as "being open for business" and working to change the City's image as the red-headed stepchild. His view is that there have not been any significant issues with any of the bar owners in town.

Police Chief Mike Smudzinski stated that he has not asked any of his officers to specifically check on activity at The Detour. It's been quiet there and he does not know why the comments earlier in the meeting were made. There are two bars where there have been problems, and the bar owners are aware of them. The Chief does not hide behind the scenes and send cars; he calls the bar owner directly and lets them know if the owner can't take care of the issues, the police officers will. He stated there have been no problems with The Detour.

Herndon concluded by saying that if La Salle is open for business, then La Salle needs to be open for business. Business owners need to be given the opportunity to make money.

Mayor Grove reminded everyone that as Aldermen they need to choose their battles.

Thompson discussed living in the first Ward and hearing complaints from his constituents about the previous owners of the bar at Bucklin and Route 6. He stated he wishes nothing but the best for the new owners. He wants them to succeed but does not think the hours should be extended every weekend.

Crane expressed the opinion that either the noise ordinance be changed to 11 p.m. or limit the number.

Ptak stated he thinks eight special noise permits is too few. Grove indicated the record last year was a request for seven.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to change the ordinance on special use permits relating to extended hours for noise to limit the number of permits issued to a single location to eight per year.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Crane, Demes, Thompson, Lavieri, Mayor Grove

NAYS: Herndon, Ptak, Reynolds, Jeppson **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-4-0

Food truck permits were reviewed. The fee per year is \$300 and the limit on events is 12; the food trucks may not be downtown unless a special use permit is issued.

Herndon asked for confirmation the vote for the previous motion was 5-4. The City Clerk confirmed the vote.

Mayor Grove suggested permits for food trucks should be limited to eight per year. Reynolds spoke against permitting food trucks in the city as it is unfair to brick and mortar businesses. McPhedran clarified that food trucks are currently limited to 12 events, and they must be outside the downtown area.

Demes made a motion to leave the food truck ordinance as it is. McPhedran indicated a motion was unnecessary since the ordinance would not change.

Ptak advised the Council that the Finance Committee voted to recommend a \$5,000 to the Illinois Valley Food Pantry. Bader clarified that the recommendation is for Duncan to add the \$5,000 to the appropriations for review. Duncan added that he had been asked to check with the City of Peru regarding its donation to the Food Pantry and had been told Peru donated \$250 in 2021, \$250 in 2022, and \$500 in 2023. In January the Food Pantry requested \$10,000 from Peru but a final decision regarding that request has not been made.

McPhedran clarified that the Finance Committee had discussed the \$5,000 donation to the Food Pantry in general terms when discussing the overall topic of charitable donations. Grove asked if action on that item could be taken in the Council meeting. McPhedran thought it could be argued it falls in the general area of the agenda; however, voting at the next meeting might be best.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove explained the challenge of monitoring short-term rentals. Often as soon as a rental is booked, it is taken off the Internet and is hard to track. The City has an agreement with Airbnb and is directly paid the related fees. Other third-party businesses, however, do not collect the fees on behalf of the homeowners, leaving the homeowner to pay the fee directly.

McPhedran recalled La Salle was the first to have a general rental ordinance which was modified not to apply to 30 days or less. As a result of the modification, Airbnb agreed to adhere to a modified pillow tax agreement and has been paying fees ever since. In the past five years McPhedran pointed out the City has received more than \$70,000 in short-term rental fees;

Duncan concurred that amount was accurate and that last year's amount was approximately \$20,000. Duncan indicated Airbnb sends a monthly lump sum payment; there is no way to track which properties are included in it.

Bedei noted that the term Airbnb can be used as a generic term to describe short-term rentals; however, the agreement the City has for payments directly to the City is with Airbnb the company. The other third-party short-term rental companies (e.g., Vrbo and Kayak) do not have agreements with the City, so it is up to the property owner to remit the tax to the City. Grove suggested there should be an ordinance to deal with this issue. So far, 31 properties have been identified as short-term rentals with approximately half of them through companies other than Airbnb. McPhedran clarified that the current ordinance covers this issue, even if the City has not been collecting from the other third-party companies. Bedei explained the ordinance requires all homeowners to pay the tax, either through the rental company or directly themselves.

McPhedran suggested further study was warranted.

Bader advised the Council the ordinance provides for a 5% late penalty of their taxes and 25% if no fee is received at all.

Brown said he received a call from realtor Wendy Fulmer about the property at 1530 Linden Avenue. The property owner is interested in operating an assisted living facility there. Brown pointed out citywide implications of this request because the zoning ordinance does not include assisted living as a category; nursing home is the closest. McPhedran indicated Ottawa has an ordinance allowing nursing homes and assisted living facilities as conditional uses in R1 zoning. McPhedran advised this is something the planning commission and Council could consider. Publication so the public could weigh in would be advisable. The change in zoning would not just apply to one property; it would apply citywide.

Thompson asked about the distinction between an investor purchasing a property for use as an assisted living facility versus a situation where a helper goes to the home to assist. McPhedran explained that it refers to multiple people living in one home that they do not own and receiving limited care. The facility would be licensed.

Mayor Grove asked about the Horizon House homes. McPhedran thinks they are R4 and there may have been a special zoning process 20 years ago when they were purchased.

Parking and traffic would have to be considered.

Attorney McPhedran thinks it could possibly be done now with a special use permit but that it would be much cleaner to have clear intentions specified to reduce the possibility of it being challenged.

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

Bedei explained the resolution regarding the CDBG Program would be between the City and grant holder (the Illinois Department of Housing Authority) through NCICG (North Central Illinois Council of Governments) that there is a bank account associated with the grant and designates the City signee of checks.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve a Resolution authorizing Administration Authority for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program - City of La Salle-Grant #20-243021 and related matters.

AYES: Aldermen Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Attorney McPhedran explained the Memorandum of Agreement with Reach Strategies is on the agenda for study by the Council. McPhedran has spoken with representatives of Reach and of Ameren. It relates to a \$50,000 grant to assist the City, and they have requested a Memorandum of Understanding. There are several items McPhedran would like to see changed; Reach and Ameren have no issue with the Council taking more time to study the agreement. McPhedran suggests taking no action on this tonight.

Mayor Grove discussed the status with Geneseo Communications and the high fiber internet service. They have come to a standstill and are doing some research. Grove will be meeting with Surf Internet Thursday to see if they can be brought back into play. The issue with Surf Internet is the 5% tax that Geneseo offers; but the City isn't getting the tax now anyway.

Bader announced there will be a scheduled power outage Thursday morning at City Hall to address a power issue in the building; the hope is that it will be brief; while the doors will have to be shut for a while, phone lines should remain operational. There may be a second one as well.

The economic development group is providing conflict of interest review forms as part of the annual process. Duncan and Bader will follow up.

Crane asked when the Housing Rehabilitation Grant might be awarded. Bedei indicated details were still being worked on associated paperwork. He anticipates being able to start in August or September.

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 file the bills. Total Submitted: \$470,193.17 (Total Payroll \$224,772.46, Bills to be Paid \$158,623.70, Total Bills Paid \$86,797.01).

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:54 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a solid black horizontal line.

Liz Bishop, City Clerk