

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

**June 9, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held  
Monday, June 9, 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, Herndon, Crane

**Excused Absence:** Alderman Jeppson

**Others Present:** Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Public Works Director Kevin Fay, 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.

Brianne Hicks raised questions about having a police officer present in the council chamber, use of the street sweeper, a perpetually overgrown property near hers, and planters.

Julie Ator who lives across Route 6 from the Speedway discussed the noise, bright lights, and late activities emanating from the racetrack.

Dena Hicks questioned the decision to change from a summer carnival to a winter festival. She mentioned the Speedway and the police presence at this City Council meeting.

Dawn Hicks accused officials of making up rules, ignoring rules, the mayor voting unnecessarily, and not representing the voters appropriately.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Ptak to grant Julie Ator an additional minute to speak in public comment.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** Mayor Grove **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-1-0

Ator called attention to the request for extended hours by the Speedway. One of the times included is Wednesday, September 3, 2025, which is a school night.

### **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 27, 2025. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 1735 Malcolm Avenue to remove old underground facilities for the upgrade at Northwest Elementary School and related matters.

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to go out of order on the agenda and discuss the ordinance pertaining to special use permits.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0-0

Mayor Grove indicated that the Speedway was purchased in 1985-1986 and was used for racing from then on. The nearby subdivisions were built after that with full knowledge the Speedway was there. COVID caused a temporary decrease in activity. Any permits approved prior to tonight's meeting would not be included in the limit of eight per year if approved tonight. The Speedway said the recent late night was due to having overwatered

the track and having to wait for it to dry; the Mayor indicated that would not be considered an adequate excuse in the future.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve an Ordinance amending La Salle City Code Section 91.40 et seq. and specifically Section 91.47 regarding noise pollution within the City of La Salle, Illinois, and related matters, specifically, there shall be no more than eight outdoor special noise exemption permits issued within one fiscal year.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Mayor Grove

**NAYS:** Alderman Herndon NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-1-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Thompson to vote on each individual date requested by Kerry M. Izzo-Dauber of La Salle Speedway and Event Center for Special Event Permits to allow the extension of outdoor music until 11 p.m. and increase of allowed decibel readings on Saturday, June 21; Thursday, July 3; Friday, August 15; Saturday, August 16; Sunday, August 17; Saturday, August 23; Wednesday, September 3; and Saturday, October 18, all in 2025, and all at their location at 578 E. U.S. Route 6 and related matters.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Thompson

**NAYS:** Aldermen Crane, Demes, Ptak, Mayor Grove NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION TIED:** 4-4-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve six of the eight dates requested by Kerry M. Izzo-Dauber of La Salle Speedway and Event Center for Special Event Permits to allow the extension of outdoor music until 11 p.m. and increase of allowed decibel readings including Saturday, June 21; Thursday, July 3; Friday, August 15; Saturday, August 16; Saturday, August 23; and Saturday, October 18, all in 2025, and all at their location at 578 E. U.S. Route 6 and related matters; the requested dates of Sunday, August 17 and Wednesday, September 3 are excluded from this motion.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0**

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the Building Inspector's Report for May 2025 showing total fees collected of \$4,179.50 with total value of construction of \$689,638.

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2025 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$9,353,658.22 and in Hometown National Bank of \$7,970,348.61.

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the Monthly Police Income Report for May 2025 showing total fees collected of \$7,981.94.

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **BIDS**

### **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the following appointments:

Sue Opsal, Library Board

Dale Tieman, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

James Brady III, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Jessica Dergance, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Cathy Tomlinson, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Pat Iwanicki, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Sergio Sanchez, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Kathy Williams, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the following resignations:

Marc Zeglis, Library Board

Luke Tomsha, Zoning Board

Charles Faletti, Planning Commission

June Gardner, Zoning Board of Appeals

Tyler Ketter, Planning Commission

Don Spayer, Planning Commission

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee to make a one-time donation of \$5,000 to the Illinois Valley Food Pantry.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

**NAYS:** Alderman Crane NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-1-0

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize Payment #2 & Final for VJF Contracting Corporation totaling \$1,440 for work completed to date on Rotary Park Phase IV – Pickleball Lighting project and related matters. **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to authorize Pay Request #3 for Vissering Construction Company totaling \$32,263.60 for work completed to date on East Wastewater Treatment Plant Gate Replacement project and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0**

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve referral to Planning Commission of consideration of whether to amend the text of the La Salle Zoning Ordinance regarding Assisted Living Homes and/or Nursing Homes in the City of La Salle and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0**

The request to refer to Planning Commission a potential request for Special Use Permit related to a Potential Assisted Living Home at the premises of 1530 Linden Avenue has been withdrawn.

**ROLL CALL**

Public Works Director Kevin Fay reported the street sweeper is presently working in the Third Ward.

Mayor Grove reported that Perfectly Flawed puts together a team once or twice a year to do local cleanup. They bag items and the City picks the bags up. La Salle Business Association (LBA) also has a cleanup day following their Jazz 'n the Streets and BBQ-n-Blues events.

Mayor Grove pointed out the issue of police presence at various heavily trafficked areas in town including Third and Bucklin Streets is to be expected; police have not been specifically asked to place vehicles in any of those locations.

Mayor Grove praised students throughout the Illinois Valley for their academic, sporting, and musical accomplishments.

Alderman Herndon raised the issue of construction noise beginning before 7 a.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Lavieri discussed overgrown vegetation in the alleys.

Mayor Grove indicated the presence of a police officer in Council Chambers during meetings is for everyone's safety.

Mayor Grove pointed out the ordinance on time limits on public comment applies to committee meetings as well as Council meetings.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, City Attorney, City Engineer and City Economic Development Director to move forward on approving a potential Memorandum of Agreement by and between Reach Strategies, A California Corporation, and the City of La Salle and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0-0

An Ordinance amending La Salle City Code Section 91.40 et seq. and specifically Section 91.47 regarding noise pollution within the City of La Salle, Illinois, was acted on out of order earlier in the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve an Ordinance amending the La Salle City Code to further specifically regulate philanthropic monetary donations by the City of La Salle and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Mayor Grove

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

## **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: \$642,770.52 (Total Payroll \$254,663.31, Bills to be Paid \$193,376.78, Total Bills Paid \$194,730.43).

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0-0

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED** 7:26 p.m.

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

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Liz Bishop, City Clerk