

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

July 21, 2025

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held  
Monday, July 21, 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, 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.**

Deputy City Clerk Bader announced that the camera that faces the Council was inoperable due to technical difficulties; the camera facing the audience was operational as was the audio.

**COMMENTS**

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

La Salle resident LeeAnn Pyszka expressed concern regarding excessive speed by numerous vehicles on Hennepin Street between McArthur Road and Eleventh Street. There are lots of children riding bicycles and scooters there and she is concerned about their safety. She indicated she had spoken to Mayor Grove to request a speed bump on Hennepin Street before someone is seriously injured.

## **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 July 7, 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 Crane and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the request from the La Salle Business Association for a Special Event Permit to allow the extension of outdoor music until 11 p.m., increase of allowed decibel readings, street closure, and the use of City-owned property on Friday, September 12; Saturday, September 13, both in 2025, and both in the 500 and 600 blocks of First Street, when they host their BBQ ‘n Blues and Jazz ‘n the Street events, 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 Ptak to approve the request from the Ax Church for a Special Event Permit to allow a street closure on Sunday, August 10, 2025, on Tonti Street between First and Canal to host a Baptism Cookout event 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 Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Gary Urbanski for two curb cuts at 1216 Sixth Street on both Sixth and LaHarpe Streets and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to table the request for a speed bump(s) on Hennepin Street between McArthur Road and Eleventh Street. Instead, the Police Department will patrol to enforce stop sign observance and speed limits.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

Deputy Clerk Bader advised the Council that Kajetan Klimasara is a Polish citizen and the La Salle Police Department was unable to conduct a full background check on him. Klimasara has been soliciting in the City of Peru and there have been no issues with him to date.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the request for a Solicitor's Permit from Kajetan Klimasara of Southwestern Advantage and related matters.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** Alderman Reynolds **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

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

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2025 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$9,013,984.48 and in Hometown National Bank of \$8,128,438.79.

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the thank you letter from Illinois Valley Food Pantry.

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

#### **BIDS**

#### **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee regarding entering into an agreement with Lexipol to provide full implementation of Fire Policy and Annual Fire Policy Manual with Daily Training Bulletins at a cost of \$22,849.20 and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize payment of Pay Request #5 for Municipal Well & Pump totaling \$294,774.28 for work completed to date on 2024 Water System Improvements/Deep Well Drilling project and related matters.

## **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 Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to authorize payment of Pay Request #2 & Final for Ficek Electric & Communication Systems, Inc. totaling \$13,754.60 for work completed to date on Exterior Lighting Upgrades project and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0** Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize the addition of “STOP” lettering for north and southbound traffic at the intersections of Second and Wright Streets, Second and Gooding Streets, Second and Marquette Streets and for southbound traffic at the intersections of First and Wright Streets and First and Gooding Streets 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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Grove referenced a letter of support he wrote to the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board in support of OSF Healthcare System's commitment to the hospital in Peru. Copies of the letter were shared with the Council, and one is attached hereto.

Mayor Grove indicated City Attorney McPhedran is working with Nathan Watson of Glenstone Development to draft an agreement for the public works building on Second Street for the Council to review.

Mayor Grove advised the Council that the Kaskaskia Hotel property is scheduled to accept bids July 28-30. He advocated for a proactive approach to working with the buyer to maximize opportunities with the City.

The possible sale of 801 First Street is currently on hold by CL Enterprises.

A yard waste burn is planned for tomorrow at 6 a.m.

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

City Engineer Brian Brown explained that the sidewalks included in the following motion are located along Second, Seventh, Eighth, Illinois, and Malcolm Streets. The grant originated in 2019. Six bidders are participating.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Crane to authorize a Resolution authorizing Joint Funding Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation regarding improvement to sidewalks for the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program 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

Attorney McPhedran explained that the curb cut requested by Mr. and Mrs. Urbanski will be up to 70 feet and City ordinance provides that when a curb cut exceeds 35 feet a special resolution is required.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to authorize the Resolution allowing Gary A. Urbanski and Marie A. Urbanski to have a curb cut for up to 70 feet 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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Grove stated there was no need for an executive session.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and file the bills. Total Submitted: \$1,246,050.54 (Total Payroll \$250,824.63, Bills to be Paid \$501,765.61, Total Bills Paid \$493,460.30).

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**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** 6:56 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