

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

July 7, 2025

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Monday, July 7, 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, Crane

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

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to open the public hearing on the proposed Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Mayor Grove indicated the Appropriations has been extensively reviewed during the past six weeks by department heads, superintendents, the Council, and the public. He invited any member of the public who would like to address the Council to go to the podium and do so.

Mayor Grove reminded everyone that the Appropriations is designed to anticipate possible opportunities throughout the year including grants, etc. If not appropriated, the opportunity could be lost; however, just because an item is listed in the Appropriations does not necessarily mean the expense will be incurred.

Local tax bills were discussed briefly, and Mayor Grove issued another invitation for any member of the public to address the Council. No one accepted the invitation.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to close the public hearing on the proposed Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMENTS

Mayor Grove opened the floor for public comment, allowing residents to share their thoughts and concerns. No member of the public did so.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held June 23, 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 Ameren Illinois to break ground at:

- 180 Mary Senica Drive to raise and level transformer pad.
- 54 Victoria Drive to repair bad underground primary cable.
- 2202 Rockwell Road to retire ST service and farm tap for house demolition.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from David J. Kilanowski Jr. for a curb cut at 1817 Creve Coeur Street and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk Bader and City Attorney McPhedran indicated it was not necessary for this issue to go to the Street, Alley, and Traffic committee because it does not alter traffic patterns.

Following discussion of several possible additional locations and whether to do the work in house, no action was taken on the request for “STOP” lettering on street for northbound and southbound traffic at Second and Marquette Streets’ intersection and related matters. This issue will be addressed again in two weeks.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Starved Rock Runners to host the “Boo” Milby Memory 5K Run/Walk beginning at 8

a.m. Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the La Salle VFW, 2325 Donahue Street, and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Thompspon and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the Building Inspector's Report for June 2025 showing total fees collected of \$1,309 with total value of construction of \$1,187,755.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept the Monthly Police Income Report for June 2025 showing total fees collected of \$7,691.54.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept thank you letters from Illinois Valley PADS and Ax Church's Hope Week.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee regarding Garfield Water Tower Valve Replacement from Nelson Carlson Mechanical Contractors at a cost of \$17,500 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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to confirm and ratify a straw vote regarding a request for a 2025 Raffle License from FYA, LLC on behalf of the Illinois Valley Food Pantry's Feed Our Children food drive and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Thompson to confirm and ratify a straw vote regarding a request from 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, September 13, 2025, at their location at 578 E. US Route 6 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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to authorize Pay Request #4 for Vissering Construction Company totaling \$17,263.60 for work completed to date on East Wastewater Treatment Plant Gate Replacement project 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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize Pay Request #4 for Municipal Well & Pump totaling \$68,554.85 for work completed to date on 2024 Water System Improvements/Deep Well Drilling project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

A draft floor plan of the proposed billiards and amusement center in the former Illinois Valley Food Center building on Route 6 was distributed; a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Attorney McPhedran explained the necessity of complying with all state and city licensing requirements with respect to gaming, minors, etc.

Amber French responded to questions regarding the plans for the amusement center including the layout, requirements for minors, and possible teaching and league opportunities for minors.

Attorney McPhedran reminded everyone that whatever ordinances are implemented will apply to the entire city, not just her establishment.

Council members expressed a willingness to work with Amber on this project.

Alderman Herndon indicated he has been approached by a number of residents regarding fiber optic cable for the City. Mayor Grove indicated a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and SURF Internet to review options.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve an Ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026, and related matters. (A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto.)

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Discussion occurred regarding the proposed ordinance with the EPA. Mayor Grove said ordinance is going hand-in-hand with the fiber optics conversation. Attorney McPhedran pointed out, from speaking to City Engineer Brian Brown, that this project will be helpful with identifying lead service lines, ditch digging, addressing remediation and will help identify where they've already been.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve an Ordinance authorizing agreement for information sharing and restrictions on information handling with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

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: \$1,519,564.29 (Total Payroll \$246,888.76, Bills to be Paid \$627,800.49, Total Bills Paid \$644,875.04).

ROLL CALL

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

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 7:13 p.m.

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

Liz Bishop, City Clerk