

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

September 29, 2025

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Monday, September 29, 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, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, and City Attorney James McPhedran

A quorum was present.

Mayor Grove announced that this would be Police Chief Mike Smudzinski's last City Council meeting and invited council members, staff members, and fellow police officers to share their thoughts on the Chief's retirement. The Chief was presented with a plaque commemorating his service to the City from October 6, 1997, to October 10, 2025.

COMMENTS

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

Dena Hicks stated she wanted the Council to be aware that on Porter Avenue they are still being poisoned and that the City needs to be accountable to its residents. She brought a blackened furnace filter to show the Council how dark it was.

Vietnam combat veteran Dale Butkovitz expressed his appreciation to the City for resolving the issue that he brought to the Council's attention at the September 2, 2025, meeting regarding his alley.

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 September 15, 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 Jeppson to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 2146 Donahue Street to install new pole, relocate light pole.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the request from Katie Orsini & Ricky Parsons of FYA for a Special Event Permit for a street closure from 5 to 7 p.m. October 30, 2025, in front of their business in the 100 block of Marquette Street for a “Trunk or Treat” event 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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2025 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$9,194,760.47 and in Hometown National Bank of \$8,320,736.26.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

At Mayor Grove's request, Deputy City Clerk Bader read aloud Chief Smudzinski's letter notifying the City of his intent to retire.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept with regret the retirement of Chief Michael G. Smudzinski of the La Salle Police Department effective October 10, 2025, after 28 years of service to the City.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Demes indicated he is receiving numerous complaints regarding the larger than usual skunk and raccoon populations in town this year. Mayor Grove advised residents to keep their garbage secure to discourage activity.

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve and place on file an Ordinance Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle (Repealing Provision Regarding Handicapped Parking at 1703 Tonti Street), each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Deputy City Clerk Bader reminded Council members that the City has had two previous recycling events pursuant to the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act which stipulates that some of the associated costs of recycling go back to the manufacturers. The event would be held at Rotary Park April 4, 2026, at a cost of \$8,000 which is the same cost as the previous events. The first event helped dispose of 32,000 lbs. of material. The second event disposed of 26,000 lbs. of material. The original intention was to hold these events every

two years. Bader indicated he believes in the past there was a two-TV limit per household at the event; specifics of the 2026 event are not known at this point.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file an Ordinance Authorizing Agreement with A-Team Recyclers Regarding a 2026 Collection Event and Related Matters, each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Mayor Grove indicated the ordinance amendments are to bring the City current with various codes. Each of them has been reviewed by various City department heads and everyone was comfortable with the requirements.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file Ordinance Amending The LaSalle City Code, Including Amending Ordinance Number 1793 Regarding The International Fire Code, each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve and place on file an Ordinance Amending The LaSalle City Code, Including Amending Ordinance Number 1794 Regarding The International Fuel Gas Code, each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file an Ordinance Amending The LaSalle City Code, Including Amending Ordinance Number 1795 Regarding The National Electrical Code, each and every alderman has a copy.

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 Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve and place on file an Ordinance Amending The LaSalle City Code, Including Amending Ordinance Numbers 1957 And 1796 Regarding The International Building Code, each and every alderman has a copy.

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 Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve and place on file an Ordinance Amending The LaSalle City Code, Including Amending Ordinance Number 1797 Regarding The International Property Maintenance Code, each and every alderman has a copy.

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 Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file an Ordinance Amending The LaSalle City Code, Including Amending Ordinance Number 1798 Regarding The International Residential Code, each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve and place on file an Ordinance Amending The LaSalle City Code, Including Amending Ordinance

Number 1799 Regarding The International Mechanical Code, each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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: \$1,156,481.15 (Total Payroll \$283,863.44, Bills to be Paid \$246,698.21, Total Bills Paid \$625,919.50)

ROLL CALL

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

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 7:10 p.m.



Liz Bishop, City Clerk