

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

### OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

**October 13, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, October 13, 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 6:32 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, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, City Engineer Brian Brown, Police Chief Jason Stubler, 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. No one came forward with comments.

#### **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 September 29, 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 Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at:

- 337 Seventh Street to replace transformer pole.
- 1215 First Street to retire gas service for demolition.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Comcast for permission to install CATV fiber optic cable on existing utility poles along Eleventh Street between Creve Coeur Street and St. Vincent Avenue and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the request from Abby Schenck of La Salle Elementary School District to hold a Tag Day Collection on Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18 at the Bucklin and Eleventh Streets intersection.

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request for a 2025 Raffle License from La Salle County Democratic Central Committee.

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

Alderman Lavieri asked if the request from Di's Homemade Delights is related to the proposed upcoming event at That Guy's Secret. Deputy City Clerk Bader confirmed that it was.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the request from Dianna Carroll on behalf of Di's Homemade Delights for a Mobile Food Vendor permit 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

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from That Guy's Secret for a Special Event Permit for use of city-owned property in front of the business at 105 Marquette Street for a food truck in front of the business during a sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2025, 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**

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Alderman Ptak explained that the City is required by the State to publish in the local newspaper within six months of the fiscal year end (April 30) an Annual Treasurer's Report which provides a summary of revenues, compensation, and expenditures. The report is due by October 31.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Annual Treasurer's Report for the City of La Salle for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2025.

**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 Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Monthly Police Income Report for September 2025 showing total fees collected of \$6,917.54.

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2025 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$9,059,638.51 and in Hometown National Bank of \$8,393,112.61.

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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the Building Inspector's Report for September 2025 showing total fees collected of \$5,609.80 with total value of construction of \$670,787.62.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**BIDS**

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Mayor Grove indicated a Library Board member resigned and asked for recommendations for a new board member.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to authorize payment of Pay Request #8 for Municipal Well & Pump totaling \$546,270.52 for work completed to date on 2024 Water System Improvements/Deep Well Drilling 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

Alderman Thompson provided an update on the project indicating they had hoped to have water flowing today; however, due to the need to repair damaged threads on the pipes there is a delay until probably next week. City Engineer Brown clarified that the damaged pipes belong to the Municipal Well & Pump, not the City, and are not a permanent part of the project.

Alderman Ptak asked at what depth water was found; Brown indicated approximately 2,650 feet. Brown anticipates it will be possible to pump as many as 1,500 gallons per minute.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Lavieri advised the Council he received a call from a resident expressing concern about motorists frequently speeding through the stop signs at the T intersection at Garfield and Prospect. Mayor Grove suggested placing the speed limit monitor there to discourage the speeding. Other options were discussed as well including additional enforcement.

Alderman Ptak raised the issue of electric scooters and eBikes. Police Chief Jason Stubler provided an update on the new legislation regarding rules of the road for scooters and eBikes. Following discussion, the consensus was that before creating any new ordinances in this matter the approach should be to enforce state law and revisit the matter as necessary.

Alderman Ptak asked about the installation of fiber optic on poles by Comcast. City Engineer Brown indicated that aerial fiber optic is not what the City is seeking and the installation is probably for a specific location only.

Mayor Grove asked Chief Stubler for an update on the installation of the new CAD (Computer-Aided Dispatch) system. Stubler indicated it was launched Tuesday and

thanked everyone involved in its implementation. He stated it is a robust product that manages inventory, personnel, evidence, etc.

Mayor Grove discussed a power outage earlier in the afternoon which might have been caused by a semi hitting a light pole near Lighted Way. Power has been restored.

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

Deputy City Clerk Bader clarified that the following ordinance relates to Hoover Real Estate and Alexandra Hoover at 901 First Street, the former Office Supply building.

Alderman Ptak asked if there was a timeline on the agreement. Alexandra Hoover indicated they have extensive restaurant experience and intend to open a fine dining, American cuisine restaurant by the end of spring.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to authorize an Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois and Hoover Real Estate Ventures, LLC and Alexandra Hoover. 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

#### **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: \$1,235,185.52 (Total Payroll \$246,066.03, Bills to be Paid \$459,620.79, Total Bills Paid \$529,498.70).

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**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** 6:54 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