

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

November 24, 2025

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Monday, November 24, 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

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Thomas Walsh who recently passed away. Mr. Walsh formerly served as La Salle County Clerk and as an Illinois State Representative; a dedicated public servant for more than 50 years, he was currently serving as a La Salle County Board Member.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

Excused Absence: Alderman Crane

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, City Engineer Brian Brown, Police Chief Jason Stubler, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Fay, and City Attorney James McPhedran

A quorum was present.

COMMENTS

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

Andrew Lambole reported on the success of the ATV ride on November 18 through the Celebration of Lights and thanked the Council and Police Chief Jason Stubler for supporting the event. Approximately 160 people participated.

Vietnam combat veteran Dale Butkovitz talked about Veterans Day and wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

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 November 10, 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:

- 354 Civic Road to upgrade secondary and service.
- 2146 Donahue Street to install gas service.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader pointed out that neither of the following requests includes a request for a Special Event Permit because Bean Box Espresso is operating under previously approved Special Event Permit and Get Sauced will be operating on private property outside of the commercial district. Both vendors are aware there is a limit to the number of times each year they can operate under a Mobile Food Vendor Permit.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the request from Holly Iverson on behalf of Bean Box Espresso, a Mobile Food Vendor Permit and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Laurie Ulrich on behalf of Get Sauced LLC, a Mobile Food Vendor Permit and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for July 2025 of \$120,961.79 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$105,641.63 for a total of \$226,603.42.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for August 2025 of \$115,121.39 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$99,343.12 for a total of \$214,464.51.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

BIDS

City Engineer Brian Brown explained that funding for the proposed lagoon cleaning project is a low interest loan with forgiveness. The entire lagoon will be cleaned.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to award the bid of \$2,398,000.00 to Stewart Spreading, Inc., for 2024 Wastewater System Improvements-Lagoon Cleaning project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to award the bid of \$1,089,000.00 to Leander Construction, Inc. for 2024 Wastewater System Improvements-WWTP project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

City Engineer Brian Brown explained that the WWTP project will include a new SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to purchase of a 2026 Western Star 47X plow truck for snow removal for the Public Works Department at a cost of \$252,000.00 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a request from Kathleen Wayland for a Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grant totaling \$2,564.65 for premises located at 128 Bucklin Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize payment of Pay Request #9 for Municipal Well & Pump totaling \$85,857.10 for work completed to date on Water System Improvements/Deep Well Drilling project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked them for all they do year-round.

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to adopt an Ordinance Levying for 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.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to adopt a Resolution abating principal and interest on \$695,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds), of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, for the tax year 2025.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Finance Director John Duncan explained that this is the last bond on the City's books. By abating it from the tax rolls it is no longer part of the property tax levy. The last payment will be February 1, 2030. The City has debt in the form of IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) loans, but this is the last of the bonds.

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: \$ 978,615.75 (Total Payroll \$252,544.60, Bills to be Paid \$625,879.74, Total Bills Paid \$100,191.41).

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:53 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive style with "Liz" on the first line and "Bishop" on the second line, slightly overlapping.

Liz Bishop, City Clerk