

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

January 5, 2026

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Monday, January 5, 2026, 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

Mayor Grove requested a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance for Attorney Patrick Herrmann's brother Thomas Herrmann who passed away December 24.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: Aldermen Thompson and Herndon

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, and City Attorney James McPhedran

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to open the Public Hearing regarding proposed Water Main Replacement Project.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Mr. Terrance Boyer of Donohue & Associates explained that the Water Main Replacement Project is for the purpose of replacing three water mains on:

First Street between Creve Coeur and Gooding Streets

Seventh Street between Sterling and Todd Streets

Rockwell Road between the Illinois Cement Plant and 508th Road

All three water mains are undersized, and several are at the end of their useful lives. First and Seventh Streets will be upgraded to 8" pipe; Rockwell Road will be upgraded to 12" pipe.

Construction is estimated to begin December of 2026 and be completed by May of 2027 at a cost of \$3.515 million.

The EPA has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Impact Determination which is an assessment that must be presented at a public hearing.

The City is seeking funding through the Illinois EPA's Public Water Supply Control Loan Program (PWSLP). This program includes reduced interest rates and partial loan principal forgiveness over a term of 20-40 years. The repayment source will be system revenues which are projected to remain the same.

The project has been reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and no impacts of historical, architectural, and archeological resources are anticipated. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) indicates the project would be in compliance with Illinois' Endangered Species, Natural Areas Preservation, and Wetlands Acts.

The document which Mr. Boyer presented is available to the public at City Hall. In addition, public comments may be made and additional information obtained by contacting:

Mr. Fred Blanford, Project Manager
Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
2520 W. Iles Avenue
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276
(217) 782-2027

Alderman Crane asked if this proposal was part of a long-term plan for replacing water mains in La Salle, and it was confirmed that this is part of the City's overall Facility Plan for infrastructure which includes water systems, wells, sewers, and water mains.

Mayor Grove asked the audience for comments and reiterated the project proposal would be available at City Hall for the public to review.

City Attorney James McPhedran asked about the terms of potential forgiveness on the loan. Mr. Boyer indicated potential forgiveness was up to 30% with the worst-case scenario being 1% in which case the loan could be extended.

Mayor Grove praised the Council for its foresight in planning ahead financially for this project.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to close the Public Hearing regarding proposed Water Main Replacement Project.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

The Public Hearing regarding proposed Water Main Replacement Project was closed at 6:43 p.m.

COMMENTS

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 December 22, 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 Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the following requests:

2026 Raffle License from Knights of Columbus.

2026 Raffle License from Lighted Way.

2026 Raffle License from Academy of St. Carlo Acutis.

2026 Raffle License from St. John Baptist La Salle Parish

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Building Inspector's Report for December 2025 showing total fees collected of \$1,515.00 with total value of construction of \$7,779,810.00.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the Monthly Police Operations Report for December 2025 showing total fees collected of \$5,839.02.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove indicated all four union contracts with city workers are up for renewal April 30, 2026. Meetings are being scheduled to begin negotiations with each of the unions.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

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: \$474,169.09 (Total Payroll \$250,234.39, Bills to be Paid \$191,793.56, Total Bills Paid \$32,141.49).

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Mayor Grove thanked everyone involved in removing the City's Christmas decorations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:48 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