

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

December 22, 2025

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Monday, December 22, 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, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, 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, inviting residents to share their thoughts and concerns.

Vietnam combat veteran Dale Butkovitz talked about a La Salle resident experiencing a hit and run incident with her car. Police Chief Jason Stubler indicated he would speak with Mr. Butkovitz about it after the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held December 8, 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 Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the Request from Mort's Pub for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the Request from Club 55 for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds accept with regret the retirement of Jon Arbisi from the La Salle Public Works Department.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the resignations of Dick Martuzzo, Tom Pigati, and John Balestri from the La Salle Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Thompson to invite Mr. Mike Kmetz forward to address the Council regarding the proposed closure of Sixth Street from Creve Coeur to Lafayette for the construction of the new LPHS AG facility.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Mr. Kmetz indicated there had been a miscommunication regarding the closure request. The original request was for limited hours each workday. Mr. Kmetz then invited Vissering project manager Tim Claus forward to explain further that the configuration of the worksite requires constant back and forth across Sixth Street with materials necessitating closure of Sixth Street throughout the entire workday for the duration of project.

Deputy City Clerk Brent Bader provided clarification that the requested 6:15am start time is in compliance with the City's noise ordinance.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the closure of Sixth Street from Creve Coeur to Lafayette for the construction of the new LPHS AG facility from 6:15am until the end of the workday from December 22, 2025, until mid-May 2026 and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

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

Alderman Demes requested clarification on the number of liquor licenses being added. At present, the City only has one license available. The new ordinance would make four additional Class A liquor licenses available; there are no current applications for them. Alderman Thompson pointed out the importance of having liquor licenses available for potential new restaurants interested in opening in La Salle.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve an ordinance amending certain ordinances including but not necessarily limited to Ordinance No. 2519, 2485 and the City of La Salle corresponding Code of Provisions (Section 110.21) regarding limitation on the number of liquor licenses and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: Alderman Demes **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-1-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Grove stated there was no need for an executive session.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept, pay, and file the bills Total Submitted: \$1,660,770.88 (Total Payroll \$243,560.58, Bills to be Paid \$723,695.98, Total Bills Paid \$693,514.32).

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:42 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