

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

December 8, 2025

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Monday, December 8, 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, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Excused Absence: Alderman Thompson

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.

COMMENTS

Mayor Grove opened the floor for public comment, inviting residents to share their thoughts and concerns. No one chose to do so.

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 November 24, 2025. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept Monthly Police Operations Report for November 2025 showing total fees collected of \$7,862.50.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept Building Inspector's Report for November 2025 showing total fees collected of \$1,725.00 with total value of construction of \$109,815.00.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2025 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$9,138,031.12 and in Hometown National Bank of \$8,465,663.71.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2025 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$8,366,131.79 and in Hometown National Bank of \$7,851,651.74.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the renewal of membership to the North Central Illinois Council of Governments at a cost of \$3,000 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the purchase of a 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor for the Police Department at a cost of \$44,886.70 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize payment of Authorization of Pay Request #3 and Final for Universal Asphalt and Excavating totaling \$45,356.57 for work completed to date on 2025 Road Improvements-MFT project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize payment of Authorization of Pay Request #1 for SewerTech LLC, totaling \$51,214.57 for work completed to date on 2025 Sewer Cleaning & Televising project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

City Engineer Brian Brown explained that some of the cleaning was rough because there was lots of material in the pipes. Alderman Herndon asked about the condition of the structure; Brown indicated the ceiling is not in good condition because the hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) has eaten away at the coating on the concrete. Grant opportunities are being explored to recoat the ceiling; the walls and floor are in good condition.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to authorize payment totaling \$312,585.03 for work completed on 2025 US Route 6 Bridge Sanitary Sewer Failure and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

City Engineer Brian Brown indicated training by a vendor occurred during the repair work and the final amount of this bill might be reduced as a result. There might be a reduction on the cost of equipment rental as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the 2026 Schedule of regular meetings of the La Salle City Council and its committees and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Mayor Grove reviewed the City's response to the recent snowfalls. Alderman Crane indicated Public Works is very pleased with the new plow truck which arrived just in time to be put to use.

Miracle on First Street proceeded smoothly.

First grade classes from Northwest School visited City Hall this morning and will visit again tomorrow morning as part of their government class. Highlights included a visit to the jail upstairs and a demonstration of the drone used by the Police Department.

Both leaf vacs broke down at the end of the season, and the City of Peru was kind to allow use of theirs. The early snow halted completion of leaf pickup. The need for leaf pickup will be re-evaluated in the spring.

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: \$1,007,364.47 (Total Payroll \$267,465.44, Bills to be Paid \$322,090.28, Total Bills Paid \$417,808.75).

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Mayor Grove discussed closing down Celebration of Lights during evenings with especially bad weather.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Bishop". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Liz Bishop, City Clerk