

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2026

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Monday, January 19, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Reynolds, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Excused Absence: Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to allow Alderman Lavieri to attend the meeting remotely because of personal illness.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Demes, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Mayor Grove

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Alderman Lavieri joined the meeting via telephone.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Reynolds, Lavieri (remotely via phone call), Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent: Aldermen Thompson and Ptak

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

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 January 5, 2026. 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 request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 556 Creve Coeur Street to install gas service to the new LPHS AG Building.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve:

Request from ILVY Dolphins for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

Request from La Salle Excellence Foundation for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

Request from Citizens to Elect Greg Vacaro for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2025 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$7,749,442.40 and in Hometown National Bank of \$7,611,398.29

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the bidding of City-Wide grounds maintenance and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Mayor Grove

NAYS: Demes **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson and Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-1-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to authorize payment of Pay Request #2 for SewerTech LLC, totaling \$46,458.74 for work completed to date on 2025 Sewer Cleaning & Televising project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Mayor Grove expressed appreciation to Alderman Crane for spearheading city workers to take advantage of last week's favorable weather to pick up leaves throughout the City.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve Resolution accepting the dedication of certain lands owned by Carus Corporation, Inc., now known as Carus LLC, to the City of La Salle, Illinois, and related matters, each and every alderman has a copy. (Strip of land roughly 100 feet wide bounded on the south by Grant Avenue and Sterling Street generally northwest to St. Vincent Avenue and Raccuglia Drive and another parcel on the northeast side of La Salle Road from Chartres to Interstate 80 underpass)

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve an Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Pre-Development Agreement by and between The City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, and Glenstone Development, LLC and Nathan Watson and related matters. (801 First Street)

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, to Borrow Funds From the Public Water Supply Loan Program-Lead Service Line Replacements-Phase I and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$593,920.16 (Total Payroll \$263,158.28, Bills to be Paid \$239,447.97, Total Bills Paid \$91,313.91).

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Mayor Grove wanted to make the public aware that City Hall is currently open 24 hours as a warming center for anyone in need of it during this extremely cold weather.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:43 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