

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, flowing style.

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Liz Bishop, City Clerk