

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

February 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Tuesday, February 17, 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 Absences: Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri

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.

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 February 2, 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 Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the following requests:

LPHS Foundation for Education Enrichment for a 2026 Raffle License

Starved Rock Runners for a 2026 Raffle License

Hegeler Carus Mansion Organization for a 2026 Raffle License

The Wave for Charities for a 2026 Raffle License

La Salle Firefighters Association for a 2026 Raffle License

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Beck Oil Company to replace existing sign panels with double-facing illuminated sign panels at 359 Third Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Crane to refer the request from Superintendent Brian DeBernardi of La Salle Elementary School District #122 for consideration of installation of a stop or yield sign at the intersection of Illinois Street and Lindberg Road and related matters to the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee for review.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the request from Stratus Network to install and extend their fiber cable on Tonti Street between First and Second Streets to La Salle Township Offices at 931 First Street and related matters.

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 January 2026 showing total fees collected of \$1,395.00 with total value of construction of \$460,331.00.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept the Monthly Police Operations Report for January 2026 showing total fees collected of \$7,043.31.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2026 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$8,688,250.87 and in Hometown National Bank of \$6,481,998.17.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for October 2025 of \$108,215.74 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$94,725.86 for a total of \$202,941.60.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

BIDS

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the Bid on Water System Improvements Water System Improvements-Hydrant and Valve Replacement Project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Herndon that in regard to the bids on the water system improvements proposed in the 2024 water treatment plant project, that in regard to the bid of Scandroli Construction that we, number one, acknowledge that Scandroli's bid contains a material good faith mistake in its pricing; two, that we permit Scandroli to withdraw its bid for the project; and, three, that we direct the prompt return of Scandroli's bid security in full.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Herndon that considering all of the pertinent circumstances regarding the bids on the water system improvements proposed in 2024 regarding the water treatment project, that we move forward and accept the bid of

Grunloh Building, Inc. in the amount of \$8,146,921.44, subject to and conditioned on closing on the IEPA's SRF loan, further subject to signing any and all other appropriate documents in regard to the contract award.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept the retirement of Alan Opsal of the La Salle Street Department.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Demes to appoint Mr. Dan Churney to the La Salle Public Library Board.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding request from Art Riewaldt for Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grants totaling \$2,603.50 for south side facing façade and \$3,733.00 for west side facing façade for premises located at 833 Third Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize payment of Pay Request #3 and final for SewerTech, LLC totaling \$68,892.79 for work completed to date on 2025 Sewer Cleaning & Televising project-Ward 2 north of Fifth Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Mayor Grove asked City Engineer Brian Brown for a status update on the sewer cleaning project. Brown indicated Ward 2 has been completed, along with southern portions of Wards 3 and 4 where they drain into Ward 2. The work performed was less than anticipated by Brown due to the pipes being cleaner than expected. Brown has spot-checked the logs and video from the project; they appear clean. Communication during the project was ongoing. Small portions of Ward 1, including the big sewer along First Street have also been cleaned.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove suggested with warmer weather motorized scooters would be more evident. He asked Police Chief Jason Stubler to monitor developments in the Illinois General Assembly and to research what other communities are doing in this regard.

Mayor Grove also advised that other communities allow or are exploring making street legal the use of 4 x 4s, ATVs, golf carts, etc. on city streets. Alderman Crane indicated he had been approached on this topic and advised the interested parties to draft an ordinance for review and discussion at the Council's next meeting.

Mayor Grove indicated, weather permitting, he would like to open the yard waste drop off location as of February 28.

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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3079, being an Ordinance Authorizing The City Of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$863,592.67 (Total Payroll \$249,416.70, Bills to be Paid \$482,547.03, Total Bills Paid \$131,628.94).

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Herndon, Crane, Demes, Reynolds

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED: 6:55 p.m.



Liz Bishop, City Clerk