

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

March 16, 2026

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, March 16, 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, Thompson, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane (arrived 6:37 p.m.)

Excused Absence: Alderman Ptak

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, 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 Thompson to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held March 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 Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 2146 Donahue Street to install electric service and other matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Tammy Humpage on behalf of St. Jude Run to hold a Tag Day Collection on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at the intersections of Bucklin and Eleventh Streets and 24th and Chartres Streets and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Guylene Strange on behalf of the LP Cavalettes to hold a Tag Day Collection on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7 at the intersection of Bucklin and Eleventh Streets and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the request from Rebecca Andreano to install single-facing, non-illuminated signs on awnings and windows at 801 Second Street and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the Building Inspector's Report for February 2026 showing total fees collected of \$2,418.00 with total value of construction of \$278,676.00.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Monthly Police Operations Report for February 2026 showing total fees collected of \$9,425.50.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for November 2025 of \$114,586.01 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$100,976.26 for a total of \$215,562.27.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Thompson to appoint Dawn Parker and Michele Smudzinski to the Board of Trustees of the La Salle Public Library.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding request from David Hoover for Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grants totaling \$12,500 for south side facing façade and \$12,500 for west side facing façade for premises located at 901 First Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize payment of Pay Request #27 for Vissering Construction Company totaling \$157,602.89 for work completed to date on Aerobic Digester Conversion project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0 Deputy Clerk Brent Bader advised the Council that a draft ordinance was provided in the packets and revisions and additions to it could be made. He also indicated Andrew Lamboley, who discussed the item with Council at the last meeting, was present in the Chamber in case the Council had any questions for him.

There was further discussion of a potential Ordinance regarding Golf Carts, Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs), Side-by-sides, and related vehicles and related matters. Vehicle safety requirements, fees, inspections, proof of licensing, citations, accountability of the inspector, excluded streets, speed limits, enforcement, and adherence to the Rules of the Road were discussed.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to authorize City Attorney James McPhedran to revise the draft of the Ordinance to reflect tonight's discussion to present at the City Council Meeting in two weeks.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader advised the Council that the third E-Waste Recycling Event through A-Team Recycler Services is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 from 8 a.m. until noon at Rotary Park in La Salle for La Salle residents only. This service is provided per the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act which stipulates how electronics may be disposed of properly. The fee for this service is \$8,000, as it was the previous times. In 2022, 32,000 lbs. of items were recycled and in 2024, 26,000 lbs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove thanked everyone who participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade, despite the chilly weather. Police, Fire, and Public Works all facilitated the event and Chief Stubler led the parade playing the bagpipes.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2966, being an Ordinance Amending the City Of La Salle, Code of Ordinances related to the further regulation and licensing of certain aspects of Video Gaming and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Lease of small portion of Municipal Property in the vicinity of 1536 Fourth Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve an Ordinance approving labor agreement between the City of La Salle and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (Sergeants/Lieutenants).

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

No action was taken on the proposed Ordinance Amending the La Salle City Code, Article XI, General Regulations, Adding Chapter 99 Regarding Regulations of Golf Carts, Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs), Side by Sides, and Related Vehicles due to the prior motion in the meeting to draft a revised Ordinance.

City Engineer Brian Brown reported work has begun on Second Street under Safe Routes to Schools, and the water main work at Creve Coeur Street and Gunn Avenue is expected to begin later this week, weather depending.

Mayor Grove indicated City officials met recently with SURF Internet and SURF is ready to do some engineering and provide a proposal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$802,483.60 (Total Payroll \$278,186.82, Bills to be Paid \$302,017.67, Total Bills Paid \$222,279.11).

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Ptak **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 7:15 p.m.



Liz Bishop, City Clerk