

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

**May 11, 2026**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, May 11, 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 6:38 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**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.

La Salle resident Dawn Hicks thanked Police Chief Jason Stubler and Fire Chief Jerry Janick for their handling of a recent difficult situation. She expressed concern over regular testing of City water by T.E.S.T., Inc.

La Salle business owner William Hocking expressed concern and frustration regarding the homeless population and asked for guidance in dealing with them and how they might be helped.

**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 April 27, 2026. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

**PRESENTATION**

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader indicated there was no presentation.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS**

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader pointed out that the following request includes four of the allowed eight Special Event permits available to an individual business for the season, and it is anticipated as the summer progresses, an additional four will be requested.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from William Hocking and Gary Hammers for a Special Event Permit to allow the extension of outdoor music until 11:00 p.m. Saturday, June 13; Saturday, June 27; Saturday, July 11; and Saturday, July 25, all in 2026, and all at their location at 328 Third Street and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

Mayor Grove suggested to Mr. Hocking that he consider providing a portable restroom outdoors on busy nights.

There was further discussion of the homeless issue and police response.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the Monthly Police Operations Report for April 2026 showing total fees collected of \$10,892.31.

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Building Inspector's Report for April 2026 showing total fees collected of \$2,080.00 with total value of construction of \$262,495.00.

**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 request from Jin Kang Jiang for Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grants totaling \$12,500.00 for exterior wall located at 521 First Street and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

Alderman Demes reported that the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee met and voted on two issues:

First, the placement of a handicapped sign on the Fourth Street side of 356 Wright Street adjacent to the sidewalk.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee to install a handicapped parking sign adjacent to the sidewalk on the Fourth Street side of the residence at 356 Wright Street and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

Alderman Demes further reported that the second issue on which the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee voted was the request for resident only parking on all or a portion of the south side of Fourth Street between Wright and Gooding Streets; the Committee recommended that the request be denied.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee to deny the request to further regulate parking on the south side of Fourth Street between Wright and Gooding Streets by creating resident only parking on all and/or a portion of said street and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Thompson, Ptak

**NAYS:** Alderman Demes **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-1-0

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader advised that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting an open house regarding the Matthiessen and Hegeler Zinc Co. Superfund site Wednesday, May 20, 4 p.m. at the La Salle Public Library, 305 Marquette Street, La Salle.

Mayor Grove addressed the issue of the City water testing, stating the water is being tested regularly and thought it may have been a miscommunication with T.E.S.T. resulting in incorrect dates being provided.

Mayor Grove mentioned the upcoming Arts in the Park event in two weeks including fireworks on the Saturday night.

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

La Salle Rotary Club President Chris Vaske explained the Club has a unique opportunity to obtain a half grant from the Club's District for a community project. The Club's board of directors and members chose Rotary Park for their project and are proposing spending \$2,500 on trees and foliage within the next year. He indicated there would be no expense to the City, and the planning would be done in cooperation with the City. Once the trees are installed, the District will reimburse the La Salle Rotary for half the cost. Mr. Vaske indicated the grant will be awarded once the Club shows proof that the funds have been spent.

City Engineer Brian Brown and Alderman Crane will be the City contacts with the Rotary.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application for Rotary Grant and Memorandum of Understanding with La Salle Noon Rotary and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Aldermen Jeppson, Herndon, Crane, Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** Alderman Lavieri

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0-1

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

City Attorney James McPhedran explained the following resolution relates to fees charged in relation to the fire department and ambulance service.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve an Ordinance Amending Prior Ordinance, including Ordinance Number 2258 and Ordinance Number 2894 establishing fees charged for, and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve an Ordinance Approving Labor Agreement Between the City of La Salle and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Representing La Salle Police Officers.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Alderman Demes mentioned the upcoming third annual benefit car show for and at the La Salle VFW, Monday, May 25 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Alderman Demes also reminded everyone this is National Police Week and expressed appreciation for our police.

Alderman Reynolds reported on the recent La Salle Business Association annual banquet where Marien Mae Bridal Boutique was voted Outstanding Business of the Year and Cameron Graper of Ax Church received the 2025 Businessperson of the Year Award.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$534,365.02 (Total Payroll \$245,648.45, Bills to be Paid \$194,450.68, Total Bills Paid \$94,265.89).

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.**

**ADJOURNED** 7:02 p.m.



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Liz Bishop, City Clerk