

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

**June 8, 2026**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, June 8, 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 6:31 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Excused Absences:** Aldermen Ptak and Lavieri

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to allow Alderman Lavieri to attend the meeting remotely due to personal illness or disability.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Alderman 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**

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 Lavieri to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held May 26, 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 Thompson to approve the request from AT&T to break ground in the alley on the west side of Marquette Street between Third and Fourth Streets to install innerduct with fiber cable and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the request from Comcast to break ground at 120-126 Vermilionvue Trace to install coax cable and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0-1

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Jacob Etscheid of Sportsman's Tap for Special Event Permit to allow the extension of outdoor music until 11:00 p.m. and increase decibel readings on Saturday June 13, 2026, at their location at 152 Gooding Street and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the request from Richard Craven for a curb cut at 10 Brook View Drive and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the request from Jason Stubler for a curb cut at 303 Edwards Avenue and related matters.

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

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the Monthly Police Operations Report for May 2026 showing total fees collected of \$7,017.92.

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

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Building Inspector's Report for May 2026 showing total fees collected of \$3,485.90 with total value of construction of \$1,020,806.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2026 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$7,309,420.19 and in Hometown National Bank of \$6,743,333.55.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the re-certification letter from StormReady Advisory Board as a StormReady Community.

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

### **BIDS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the bid award of \$594,026.96 to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. for 2026 MFT & Non-MFT Maintenance Program 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

## **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve of a 12-month agreement with SewerAI for sewer and stormwater data management at a cost of \$18,000 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 Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys & Traffic Committee to deny the request to add a permanent, solar electronic speed sign to be placed on 24th Street and related matters.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to authorize payment of Pay Request #3 for Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. totaling \$132,173.53 for work completed to date on the Malcolm, Creve Coeur and Gunn Avenue Emergency Water Main Replacements 2025 project and related matters.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

Mayor Grove reported that with the ideal weather, Veteran's Memorial Pool is experiencing excellent attendance, there was a terrific crowd at Pulaski Park for Art & Music in the Park, the downtown fireworks were a success, there was a large crowd outdoors at Detour afterwards, (the outdoor music stopped promptly at 10p.m.), and the racetrack was active.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the execution of a Second Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City Of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, and Inman Electric Motors, Inc. and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to An Amendatory Ordinance further regulating parking within the City Of La Salle (Handicap Parking - Fourth Street entrance to 356 Wright Street) and related matters.

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

Economic Development Director Curt Bedei commented on the terrific level of attendance at the City's recent fireworks.

City Engineer Brian Brown indicated the sledding hill at Rotary Park is out for bid; he is receiving a positive response from interested parties.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$1,108,605.05 (Total Payroll \$264,308.06, Bills to be Paid \$200,217.60, Total Bills Paid \$644,079.39).

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**ADJOURNED** 6:47 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