

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

August 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, August 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 6:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grove requested a moment of silence in honor of Candace Brady, former first lady of La Salle and wife of former Mayor Jim Brady (1985-1989) who passed away August 11, 2026.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: Alderman 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. No comments were received.

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 August 3, 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 Ptak to approve the request from Ameren to break ground at 901 First Street to replace gas service.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from The Illinois Valley Food Pantry for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from La Salle Business Association for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the request from Andrew Lambole for a Special Event Permit for use of City-owned property in the parking lot on Second and Wright Streets, Veteran's Memorial Pool parking lot, the parking lot adjacent to pickle ball courts at Hegeler Park, and sidewalk in front of 500 Second Street for staging of vehicles and Porta Potties for UTV ride through of Celebration of Lights from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2026, and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from the La Salle Business Association for a Special Event Permit to allow the extension of outdoor music until 11 p.m., increase of allowed decibel readings, street closure, and the use of City-owned property in the 600 block of First Street and the parking lot on Gooding Street behind the City Fountain on Friday, September 18, and Saturday, September 19, both in 2026, and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the Building Inspector's Report for July 2026 showing total fees collected of \$5,370.00 with total value of construction of \$2,683,135.89.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Monthly Police Operations Report for July 2026 showing total fees collected of \$9,570.58.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2026 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$9,294,140.97 and in Hometown National Bank of \$6,942,628.16.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the retirement of Jeffery A. Martin as mechanic of the Public Works department.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to proceed with emergency sewer repairs near the intersection of Bucklin Street and Fifth Street on a time and materials basis, and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to authorize payment Pay Request # 2 for Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. totaling \$397,306.96 for work completed to date on the Road Improvements-MFT 2026 project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Mayor Grove congratulated Police Chief Jason Stubler on the success of the City's first National Night Out held Tuesday, August 4, 2026, in Hegeler Park.

The Mayor also mentioned the significant storms this past week. Damage in the City was limited to minimal water in basements and downed trees which were removed quickly.

NEW BUSINESS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Economic Development Director Curt Bedei advised that he has been notified by DCEO (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) that the City has been certified for the River Edge Redevelopment Zone (RERZ). Several minor contingencies must be completed, but shortly opportunities under RERZ will be available to anyone interested in investing in or redeveloping property.

City Engineer Brian Brown provided updates on the valve and hydrant project and lead service line replacement.

Mayor Grove addressed the status of fiber internet and the success of the every-other-Sunday farmers' market on First Street.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$1,008,242.03 (Total Payroll \$261,526.28 Bills to be Paid \$562,870.59 Total Bills Paid \$183,845.16).

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Bishop". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Liz Bishop, City Clerk