MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

November 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, November 9, 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

Mayor Grove requested a moment of silence in honor of City Engineer Brian Brown's father who passed away recently.

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.

Ms. Alyssa Salas addressed the Council regarding potential development of the Hotel Kaskaskia property.

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 October 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 Ameren Illinois to break ground at 52 Fourth Street to install gas service and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes to refer the request from Joseph Figgiani for a no outlet sign at the north end of the Fifth and Central Streets intersection and related matters to the Streets, Alleys & Traffic Committee.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the Building Inspector's Report for October 2026 showing total fees collected of $3,165.00 with total value of construction of $1,209,312.50.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2026 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of $13,091,156.15 and in Hometown National Bank of $7,170,495.97.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the Monthly Police Operations Report for October 2026 showing total fees collected of $8,612.27.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept resignation of Alexia Leary of La Salle Public Works Department.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

City Attorney James McPhedran clarified that the following grant request is actually for two grants for a combined total of $40,770.00.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding requests from Glenstone Development LLC, for a Rebuild Commercial La Salle Program (RCLP) grant totaling $40,770.00 for premises located at 801-805 First Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane
Mayor Grove asked that the record reflect he voted aye as well.

NAYS: Alderman Thompson **Absent**: NONE **Abstain**: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-1-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to authorize payment of Pay Request #1 for Stewart Spreading, Inc. totaling $1,258,200.00 for work completed to date on the 2026 Lagoon Cleaning project 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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to authorize payment of Pay Request #2 for Leander Construction totaling $51,529.98 for work completed to date on the 2024 Wastewater Improvements- South WWTP project 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

Mayor Grove thanked everyone involved in planning Hometown Halloween. The weather was ideal and there was a record turnout.

Frosty on First was the following weekend with cooperative weather and excellent turnout as well, and the Mayor thanked everyone involved in planning it. It was funded with a $50,000 grant and numerous sponsorships. The event featured the first Drone Show in the area.

The leaf vac is working hard to collect leaves around the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader mentioned he had been advised that Lifetime of Smiles planned to have a raffle for a toy drive at Frosty on First; however, a raffle license had not been obtained at a Council meeting prior to the event. Bader contacted the Mayor to advise him of the situation and that the usual standards for issuing a license were being met. The raffle proceeded and the license request will be on the next Council's meeting agenda for ratification.

Alderman Demes reiterated the request for a no outlet sign at Fifth and Central Streets and mentioned a speeding issue on Bucklin Street at Maple.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve an Ordinance further regulating traffic within The City of La Salle (Increase Speed Limit on Portion of Chartres Street) and related matters. Each and every Alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve an Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement for use of Right-Of-Way (MCC Network Services, LLC d/b/a Conxxus) and related matters. Each and every Alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve a Resolution Authorizing that the City Pursue Petition to Annex premises acquired by the City of La Salle, and related matters. (Premises southeast of Route 351 in the vicinity of Rotary Park.) Each and every Alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: $1,395,193.65 (Total Payroll $254,724.07 Bills to be Paid $408,008.75 Total Bills Paid $732,460.83)

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Economic Development Director Curt Bedei echoed Mayor Grove's sentiments by thanking the sponsors and everyone who contributed to Frosty on First. He said that the community should be very proud.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:52 p.m.

Liz Bishop

Liz Bishop, City Clerk