MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

October 26, 2026

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, October 26, 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, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Excused Absence: Alderman Thompson

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, 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.

Scoutmaster Luke Maltas, Troop 8039, and his scouts were present to introduce themselves and observe the meeting to gain credit towards their citizenship in the community merit badges. They will host a flag retirement ceremony Sunday, November 8, 2026, at the La Salle VFW at 11a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held October 12, 2026. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

PRESENTATION

Shawn Zavsza, president of the Senior Little League Baseball Team Illinois Valley Predators, presented information about the local leagues, numbers of participants and games, and tournaments. He thanked the City for its support of the program and presented the City with a framed photograph of this year's team which is the area's first World Series team.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:37 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to open the Public Hearing regarding proposed vacation of the City of La Salle drainage easement on the West 15 feet of the premises commonly known as 308 North 30th Road, La Salle, Illinois 61301 to adjoining party having an interest (portion of easement presently on premises owned by Inman Holdings LLC).

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader indicated that Mr. Brian Inman was not present at the meeting; however, his father, who is familiar with the project, was present.

City Engineer Brian Brown explained that the drainage easement in question is not being used and never will be. It was originally intended for some sort of retention. The current zoning has zero setback and cannot be built upon. Mr. Inman would like to build a secondary building on it.

City Attorney James McPhedran explained that if the vacation is granted, it would go through to the adjoining owner which is the City. The property itself is already owned by Inman Holdings.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to close the Public Hearing regarding proposed vacation of the City of La Salle drainage easement on the West 15 feet of the premises commonly known as 308 North 30th Road, La Salle, Illinois 61301 to adjoining party having an interest (portion of easement presently on premises owned by Inman Holdings LLC).

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the Request from Stratus Networks to break ground to extend Fiber Optics Network to 1157 First Street, Suite B and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the request to amend the prior Special Event Application from Andrew Lamboley for use of city-owned property on Saturday, November 14, 2026, to reflect alternative location request of the tennis court and Veteran's Memorial Pool parking lots at Hegeler Park and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deny the request to sponsor the IVCC Cross Country Team and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys & Traffic Committee to increase the posted speed limit of 30 mph to 35 mph on Chartres Street from 24th Street to Civic Road and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding request for variance by Jacob J. Frost as Trustee of the Jacob J. Frost Living Trust and Christine M. Frost as Trustee of the Christine M. Frost Living Trust Regarding Premises at 1248 Lafayette Street, La Salle, Illinois, related to construction and use of an attached accessory structure (garage) and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Deputy Clerk Bader pointed out the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals was unanimous with no members of the public in opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize payment of Pay Request #1 for Sewer Tech LLC, totaling $82,490.77 for work completed to date on the 2026 Sewer Cleaning & Televising - Ward 3 project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve payment of Pay Request #1 for SKI Sealcoating & Maintenance, Inc., totaling $153,930.65 for work completed to date on the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacements project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve payment for Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc., totaling $19,390.10 for work completed to date on the Bucklin Street & Fifth Street Emergency Sewer Repair project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve payment of Pay Request # 3 & Final for Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc., totaling $106,042.27 for work completed to date on the Road Improvements-MFT 2026 project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to confirm and ratify a straw vote regarding a 2026 Special Event Permit request from Chaos and Curiosities for the use of City Owned property at Pocket Park from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2026, and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove mentioned that the leaf vac is currently operating around the City.

Hometown Halloween is this Saturday beginning at 10:45 a.m. in the parking lot behind the Knights of Columbus building at Second and Wright Streets. This is the last year for the original Hocus Pocus Hags to perform.

Frosty on First is the following weekend and includes synthetic ice skating, a 5K, and a drone show.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Variance Concerning Premises as Requested by Jacob J. Frost as Trustee of the Jacob J. Frost Living Trust and Christine M. Frost as Trustee of the Christine M. Frost Living Trust Regarding Premises at 1248 Lafayette Street within the City of La Salle and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve an Ordinance Amending Title IX General Regulations, Chapter 90 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the City's Drainage Easement on Premises Commonly Known as 308 North 30th Road, and related matters (Inman Holdings, LLC). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of real estate and also authorizing the execution of dismissal with prejudice as against Troy Heather LLC, La Salle County Case # 2025MR000055 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-1-0

Alderman Crane stated that while he voted aye in the best interests of the City, he felt that it was shameful that CL Enterprises put the City in this position. Alderman Lavieri reluctantly voted aye.

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: $1,078,066.85 (Total Payroll $241,788.31 Bills to be Paid $506,641.65 Total Bills Paid $329,636.89).

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

City Engineer Brian Brown advised that Pohar trucks driving through the City transporting broken concrete are part of the lagoon repair project.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED: 6:56 p.m.

Liz Bishop

Liz Bishop, City Clerk