

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

March 30, 2026

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. 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: Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Excused Absence: Mayor Jeff Grove

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to appoint Alderman Ptak Chairman Pro Tem of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

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

Chairman Pro Tem Ptak 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 Thompson to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held March 16, 2026. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to go out of order on the agenda and discuss the ordinance regarding the Lease of Municipal Property involving Mike Bird.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Mike Bird was present and explained that the ordinance relates to the boardwalk surrounding the property west of 502 First Street. The adjacent City property has a large sewer main underneath it, limiting its use. Being able to encroach slightly onto the City property with the boardwalk allows the building to be treated as a corner building providing additional access to it for an additional building tenant.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Laveri to approve an Ordinance regarding the Lease of Municipal Property involving Mike Bird, individually and on behalf of M. Bird Estates LLC, jointly and severally, and related matters. (Small Portion of City Premises West of 502 First Street). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Laveri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Unytite Inc. to install main identification and directional signage around property at 325 Civic Road and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the request from Robert Lindgren on behalf of Thyme Craft Kitchen for a Mobile Food Vendor permit and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to refer the request from Joanne Donovan (through Midwest Regional Asset Group Trust), Robert Donovan, and Katie Elston for a Special Use Permit to add a permanent kitchen in a trailer at The Corner Oasis, 1056 First Street, and related matters to the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2026 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$8,135,403.73 and in Hometown National Bank of \$6,536,147.77.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept the resignation of Derek Piecha of La Salle Public Works.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader explained that there have been no proposals, formal or informal, made to the City regarding data centers. The following action is simply an information gathering step to learn more about the growing demand for data centers.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to refer further regulation of data centers and related matters to the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #3121, being an Ordinance Authorizing The City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, to borrow funds from The Public Water Supply Loan Program-Lead Service Line Replacements-Phase I and related matters. 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

Discussion regarding the following ordinance included reciprocity with other cities that have similar ordinances, insurance requirements, issuance of stickers, the status of Peru's review of a similar ordinance, review of the results of the ordinance after one year, permit inspection requirements, and enforcement.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve an Ordinance Amending the La Salle City Code, Article XI, General Regulations adding Chapter 99 regarding regulations of Golf Carts, Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs), Side by Sides and Related Vehicles and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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 Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Labor Agreement between The City of La Salle and La Salle Professional Firefighters Local Number 4760 of the International Association of Firefighters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Approval of an Ordinance regarding the Lease of Municipal Property involving Mike Bird, individually and on behalf of M. Bird Estates LLC, jointly and severally, and related matters. (Small Portion of City Premises West of 502 First Street) was granted out of order earlier in the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Lease of Small Portion of Municipal Property in the Vicinity of 355 Ninth Street, and related matters. (Bakr). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pro Tem Ptak stated there was no need for an executive session.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Laveri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$931,815.77 (Total Payroll \$238,875.18 Bills to be Paid \$404,042.40 Total Bills Paid \$288,898.19).

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader reminded everyone of the E-Waste Recycling Event Saturday, April 4 from 8 a.m. until noon at Rotary Park. He also reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed for maintenance Thursday, April 2 and for a scheduled holiday Friday, April 3.

City Engineer Brian Brown provided an update on the water main replacement project near Northwest School and Gunn/Creve Coeur and the Safe Routes to Schools project. He said Derek Piecha took a lot of pride in his work, was enjoyable to work with, and will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Bishop, City Clerk