

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

**April 13, 2026**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, April 13, 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, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, and Crane

**Excused Absence:** Alderman Herndon

**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.

Mr. Chris Duncan of the La Salle Business Association introduced LBA board members Ms. Britnee Eccles and Mr. Tony Bacidore who were present along with grant writer Ms. Ali Braboy and explained that the LBA has identified grant opportunities to enhance local streetscapes by planting trees in parts of La Salle, including the downtown area. Ms. Braboy outlined the grant structure and process which begins by taking a city-wide inventory. Mr. Duncan emphasized that planting trees which grow to ideal heights enhances downtown by keeping signage clear and choosing particular species helps keep the area cleaner. The City will need to be the applicant on the grant, and the LBA is proposing that the City and LBA collaborate.

**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 30, 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 Dotsy Traub of Fundraiser for Michael Traub for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the Request from Chris Vaske of LP Band Parents to hold a Tag Day Collection on Friday, August 14, 2026, and Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the request from Lisa Manijak of La Salle VFW Post 4668 for a Special Event Permit to close Donahue Street south of 24th Street to southern edge of the La Salle VFW parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, May 25, 2026, for a car show and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Kerry M. Izzo-Dauber of La Salle Speedway and Event Center for Special Event Permits to allow the extension of outdoor music until 11:00 p.m. and increase of allowed decibel readings on Tuesday, May 5; Saturday, May 30; Saturday, June 20; Thursday, July 2; Thursday, August 13; Friday, August 14; Saturday, September 26; and Saturday, October 17, all in 2026, and all at their location at 578 E. U.S. Route 6 and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak to refer the request for a “Resident Only Parking Here to Curb” sign on a portion of the southside of Fourth Street between Wright and Gooding Streets and related matters to the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee.

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

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader advised the Council that the microphones for the livestream were not working properly and that he was recording the meeting on his phone. The backup feature on

the audio equipment, if it is working, will record the meeting to the hard drive to be uploaded later.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the Building Inspector's Report for March 2026 showing total fees collected of \$2,856.00 with total value of construction of \$342,836.00

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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the Monthly Police Operations Report for March 2026 showing total fees collected of \$9,596.00.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

Various methods of boring and supervision of the project were discussed.

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader indicated the audio recording was now working.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the bid of \$3,784,022.56 to SKI Sealcoating & Maintenance, Inc., for Lead Service Line Replacement project and related matters, subject to SKI Sealcoating signing all the appropriate documentation and additionally contingent on the City retaining a low interest loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Public Water Program.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds, with the full motion being:

Considering all pertinent factors, including what it is in the best interests of the City of La Salle, I move that we move forward with negotiating a potential appropriate Contract/Redevelopment Agreement regarding the purchase acquisition of premises commonly known as 540 First Street with Christie Pasioka, Michelle Olson, and Starved Rock Rentals, Inc., as their interests may appear. This Motion to move forward is subject to and contingent on the Purchasers

entering into an Agreement/Redevelopment Agreement following the agreement being approved by the City Council.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the bid and proposal regarding the sale and development of premises at 716 Bucklin Street, subject to the buyer combining the property area in a contract with the City and also with the understanding that the buyer will take the property as is, the City provides no additional title evidence, and with the understanding that there will be a covenant running with the land that the house will not be sold without the garage nor the garage sold without the house in compliance with the ordinance governing placement of garages on residential lots and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding a quote from Mayou Roofing for roof replacement at 1255 Ninth Street (Parks and Recreation Building) at a cost of \$9,892 and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee regarding the submission of an application to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for inclusion in the River Edge Redevelopment Zone and to begin the Public Hearing process and related matters.

**Voice vote, all ayes. Followed by:**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee regarding the submission an application to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity to create an Illinois Opportunity Zone and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee regarding renewal of services with Global Site Location Industries (GSLI) for economic development consulting services and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to authorize payment of Pay Request # 1 for Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. totaling \$183,264.36 for work completed to date on the Malcolm and Gunn Avenue Emergency Water Main Replacements 2025 project and related matters

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to authorize payment of Authorization of Pay Request # 11 and Final for Municipal Well & Pump totaling \$144,450.56 for work completed to date on the Deep Well Drilling project and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Alderman Crane expressed appreciation to Mr. Chris Duncan, the LBA, and Ms. Braboy for their initiative on the tree planting project.

Alderman Crane also reported on a setback with the recently passed ordinance concerning golf carts, side-by-sides, UTVs, etc. Numerous owners of those vehicles attempted to obtain certification at several local businesses only to discover that while those businesses may have had ASE (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence) certification in the past, they do not currently have ASE certifications and are therefore unable to provide inspections under the ordinance as written. To date there is only one person who has successfully obtained certification; in order to do so, he trailered his vehicle out of town. Various solutions were suggested. It was emphasized that the ordinance requirements should address both convenience and safety.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the Letter of support for River Edge Redevelopment Zone application and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve Letter of support for Opportunity Zone application and related matters.

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

Roads throughout the City were discussed.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the 2026 MFT Roads Project – Estimated Costs and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

There was further discussion of the grant opportunity presented by Mr. Chris Duncan at the beginning of the meeting.

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the Resolution regarding Electrical Municipal Aggregation. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the Resolution authorizing certification of local approval in regard to Tri-County Opportunities Council and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader reported that the April 4 E-Waste Recycling event was well received. Total tonnage figures will be available soon.

Economic Development Director Curt Bedei mentioned there will be an Access to Capital Supporting Small Business Seminar at IVCC Tuesday, April 28 from 4:30-7p.m. Bank lenders and other networking opportunities for finding financing capital will be available.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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: \$1,171,646.86 (Total Payroll \$258,624.00, Bills to be Paid \$862,674.97, Total Bills Paid \$50,347.89).

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**ADJOURNED** 7:26 p.m.



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Liz Bishop, City Clerk