

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

**Tuesday May 26, 2026**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Tuesday, May 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, Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

**Excused Absence:** Alderman Reynolds

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held May 11, 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:

- 556 Creve Coeur Street to install new transformer pole in alley, replacing two poles.
- Creve Coeur Street, second and third pole north of O'Conor Avenue to replace two streetlight poles.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the Request from The Corner Oasis for a 2026 Raffle License and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Jacqui McSherry of Painting a Hope for Candice Benefit 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 Kyle Foley of Knights of Columbus Calvert Council 792 to hold a Tag Day Collection on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the request from Brenda Sanchez to install single-facing, non-illuminated, wall sign at 1001 Eighth Street and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the request from Riewaldt Properties LLC to install sign panels with two double-facing, illuminated sign panels at 833 Third Street and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve the request from Griselda Martinez for a curb cut at 1721 Campbell Avenue and related matters.

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

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Thompson to refer the request for permanent, solar, electronic speed signs to be placed on 24th Street and related matters to the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee.

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

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2026 showing total cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$7,152,053.19 and in Hometown National Bank of \$6,680,376.74

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept for filing a thank you letter from the Illinois Valley YMCA.

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

**BIDS**

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to appoint Larisa Sarver to the board of trustees of the La Salle Public Library.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding approval of electric service agreement with Homefield Energy for entities outside of City's aggregate program and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

There was discussion of the confusion being generated by mailings being received by residents regarding electrical service. Mayor Grove clarified that residents are not being forced to accept the City's negotiated rate; it is possible to opt out of it.

Finance Director John Duncan explained that all residents will have Ameren's service for the month of June before the negotiated rate with Homefield goes into effect.

Further discussion of rates followed. Alderman Thompson pointed out that Ameren's rate is not contracted and is therefore subject to change. Once a resident decides to stay with Ameren that choice lasts a year; it is not possible to opt back into the negotiated rate with Homefield.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

City Attorney James McPhedran stated that Mr. Anthony Roland was present at the Council meeting and had made several representations to the Planning Commission at the hearing earlier this evening and asked Mr. Roland to affirm that he would abide by those representations.

Attorney McPhedran also noted no objectors were present at the Planning Commission hearing.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request of The LaSalle Gateway, LLC, by and through his owner, Gary Hammers, and additionally, Uncle Chuck's Pizzeria, LLC., by and through its owners, Sonya Garcia and additionally involving Anthony Roland, aka "Chuck Rozay," as their interests may appear in regard to the premises commonly known as a portion of the parking lot behind the present building at 328 Third Street, Suite C, La Salle, Illinois, and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to authorize payment of Pay Request #2 for Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc totaling \$136,986.62 for work completed to date on the Malcolm, Creve Coeur & Gunn Avenues Emergency Water Main Replacements 2025 project and related matters.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

Alderman Demes reported on the success of the Car Show at the VFW on Memorial Day.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Grove reminded everyone that Art in the Park is this coming weekend in Pulaski Park including fireworks Saturday night.

Due to the favorable weather, the City's pool is already open for the season.

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

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve An Ordinance Amending Ordinances regarding certain aspects of compensation, hiring, and residency of paid on call Firefighters, First Responders, members of MABAS teams, and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve An Ordinance Further Regulating Parking within the City of La Salle (Handicap Parking - Fourth Street Entrance to 536 Wright Street) and related matters. It was later determined after the Council meeting, that the final address was 356 Wright Street

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Granting of a Special Use Permit within The City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, for a portion of the premises commonly known as 328 Third Street, La Salle, Illinois (The La Salle Gateway LLC, by and through its owner Gary Hammers, and additionally Uncle Chuck's Pizzeria, LLC, by and through its owner Sonya Garcia, and additionally involving Anthony Roland aka "Chuck Rozay," as their interests may appear), and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve An Ordinance Authorizing sale of Municipally-owned Real Estate (commonly known as 716 Bucklin Street) and related matters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Police Chief Jason Stubler reported that two grants have been received by the Police Department. The first is approximately \$11,300 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) reimbursing the Department for upgrades made to the Live Scan equipment and fingerprint machine; secondly, the Department was granted the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) through the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (OJP/BJA) with approximately \$3,100 for ballistic vests.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$895,851.14 (Total Payroll \$254,472.38, Bills to be Paid \$401,363.05 Total Bills Paid \$240,015.71).

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** NONE **Absent:** Alderman Reynolds **Abstain:** NONE

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED** 6:50 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