

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2026

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Tom Ptak with proper notices being duly and continuously posted. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

Excused Absence: Mayor Jeff Grove, Alderman Herndon

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.

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to appoint Alderman Ptak Mayor Pro Tem of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Ptak opened the floor for public comment, inviting residents to share their thoughts and concerns. No comments were received.

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 June 22, 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 Reynolds to approve the request from AT&T to break ground at 901 First Street to dig underground in alley for new service and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the request for a Solicitor's Permit from Jaan Daniel of Southwestern Advantage and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader explained that Spartan X originally sent a lengthy list of names related to this request and intended to determine later which individuals would be sent; in the meantime, Spartan X determined they would send everyone on the list. Final approval of the permits by the Council would be pending satisfactory background checks conducted by the La Salle Police Department. City Attorney James McPhedran confirmed that Spartan X understands the background checks must be satisfactory and a \$100 fee per applicant must be paid to the City.

Alderman Thompson recommended "No Soliciting" signs for residents and indicated that if a solicitor knocks on their door despite the sign, the Police Department can be called. Free No Soliciting signs are available at City Hall.

Spartan X sells solar panels.

Deputy Clerk Brent Bader further explained that the only two organizations that currently have permits to solicit within the City will be Southwestern Advantage and Spartan X, if approved tonight.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the request for Solicitor's Permits from multiple individuals for Spartan X and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-1-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Building Inspector's Report for June 2026 showing total fees collected of \$3,169.40 with total value of construction of \$281,080.00.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

City Engineer Brian Brown explained that the low bid for this project was from John Pohar & Sons, Inc. with a base amount of \$52,494.45 plus an alternate \$32,886.90 if it is determined additional topsoil must be brought in, bringing the total bid to \$85,381.35. Brown indicated the existing topsoil will be stripped off and returned to the location at the conclusion of the project. He hopes to keep the project cost under \$60,000.

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the bid award of \$85,381.35 to John Pohar & Sons, Inc., for Rotary Park-Phase IV, Sledding Hill 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

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding a request for a monetary donation of \$500 to the Better Fishing Association Kids' Programs and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-1

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the purchase of a Power Pro Cot for the new La Salle Fire Department Ambulance at a cost of \$39,729.85 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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Ptak asked for an update on U.S. EPA Super Fund Remediation. City Engineer Brown said they'd begin for the year around mid to late-July and are seeking bids. Alderman Demes asked how many years it would take to do all the planned yards and Brown said the initial number given was ten years, but suggested it could go longer.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Clerk Bader advised the Council that The Center for Youth & Family Solutions requested a Raffle License for a 50/50 to be held July 18, 2026, at The Detour from 2-7p.m. Since the event is prior to the next Council meeting, a straw poll was conducted to determine if this request could be ratified at the next City Council Meeting; the aldermen agreed.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve An Ordinance approving Intergovernmental Agreement between The City of La Salle and La Salle-Peru Township High School regarding School Resource Officer 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$680,803.66 (Total Payroll \$255,900.44, Bills to be Paid \$315,874.30, Total Bills Paid \$109,028.92).

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 6:41p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Bishop".

Liz Bishop, City Clerk