

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 2026

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held
Monday, September 28, 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, Jeppson, and Crane

Excused Absences: Aldermen Lavieri and 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. No comments were received.

Third-ward resident Chris Duncan appeared on behalf of the La Salle Business Association with an update on the recent annual music festival held Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, including Rock the Block, BBQ N Blues, and a fireworks display. Due to the poor weather conditions, the event was not financially successful and was more work than usual. Duncan thanked City officials for supporting the event and for all their efforts, especially in light of the poor weather conditions.

Dale Burkovitz thanked the City for the patchwork that was recently done in the alley near his home on Tonti Street.

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 September 14, 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 Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the Request from The Center for Youth and Family Solutions for a Special Event Permit to allow street closure of McArthur Road from Route 351 to Hennepin Street from 4p.m.-7:30p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Lavieri and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the Request from Abby Schenck of Peru Elementary School District #124 and La Salle Elementary School District #122 to hold a Tag Day Collection on Friday, October 16, 2026, and Saturday, October 17, 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 Jeppson to refer the request for a variance from Christine M. Frost and Jacob J. Frost regarding construction of an attached garage on premises commonly known as 1248 Lafayette Street related to rear yard setback and related matters to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the Request from Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley for a 2026 Raffle License.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

City Engineer Brian Brown clarified that the following home was built in 1855 on the City right-of-way.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds accept the bid regarding the sale of the City of La Salle's interest in the land of a portion of the City of La Salle right-of-way at the intersection of Fourth Street and Central Avenue having a common mailing address of 1570 Fourth Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Lavieri and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Reimbursement for Officer Moreno's training was discussed.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the resignation of Jessiel D. Moreno of La Salle Police Department.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys & Traffic Committee to install two "Dead End" signs at the entrance to Baker Avenue west of St. Vincent Avenue and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Lavieri and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to authorize payment of Pay Estimate #1 for John Pohar & Sons totaling \$45,993.70 for work completed to date on the Rotary Park Phase IV-Sledding Hill Improvements project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Lavieri and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to authorize payment of Pay Estimate for John Pohar & Sons totaling \$123,085.72 for work completed to date on the Bucklin Street & 5th Street Emergency Sewer Repair project and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Lavieri and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Deputy City Clerk Brent Bader mentioned that there was a public notice released today for a public hearing; however, more preparation is needed so that public hearing will occur next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Thompson advised the Council of a recent incident with an e-Bike on Bucklin Street that caused over \$4,100 of damage to his parked vehicle.

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

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve an Ordinance regarding further implementation of La Salle River Edge Redevelopment Zone, specifically in regard to permitting application costs and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Lavieri and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve an Ordinance authorizing a renewal agreement between the City of La Salle, Illinois, and Stark County Ambulance Service, Inc. and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Lavieri and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$1,063,640.60 (Total Payroll \$252,711.60, Bills to be Paid \$290,001.89, Total Bills Paid \$520,927.11).

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Lavieri and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:43 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