

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, June 23, 2025

6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ptak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Ptak, Aldermen Demes, Thompson, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, and Crane

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Engineer Brian Brown, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski (arrived 6:20), and Attorney James McPhedran (arrived 6:20)

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from the June 9, 2025, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A brief discussion of the fiscal year 2026 Appropriations Review was had. The consensus was that it had already been thoroughly reviewed; there were no questions.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to recommend to the Council to approve the extension of prior contract with SewerTech for further sewer cleaning and televising in the Second Ward at an estimated cost of \$173,373.45.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Demes to recommend to the Council to approve the purchase of a backup diesel generator for City Hall and the La Salle Police Department from Cummins at a cost of \$48,490 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to recommend to the Council to approve the one-year renewal of membership with North Central Illinois Council of Governments at a cost of \$2,874.60 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

COMMENTS

Dena Hicks asked about the original bidding process on the sewer project. City Engineer gave an overview of the project. Brown Attorney McPhedran explained that additional costs are not actually overages on the original bid; they are additional services the City received at a reduced cost. The same services by other vendors would have cost substantially more. Hicks also asked about the sewer smell near the lagoons. Hicks asked for the status of the repairs on the broken sewer pipe under the Route 6 bridge. Brown explained they are waiting for permits. Once they are received repairs can be addressed quickly.

Dawn Hicks asked about the status of the involvement of Lauren Underwood's office regarding replacement of lead pipes in small towns. Chairman Ptak responded that would be addressed later in the City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Ptak adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Liz Bishop

Liz Bishop, City Clerk