

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, November 24, 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

Excused Absence: Alderman Crane

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Engineer Brian Brown, Police Chief Jason Stubler, and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Fay

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 November 10, 2025, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finance Director John Duncan invited committee members to ask about the Tax Levy Ordinance before it goes before the Council for approval tonight.

Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Fay discussed the purchase of a new plow truck to replace an older one. He obtained three bids and is recommending the lowest of them. Additional features of that plow include a wing plow for pushing back when the snow drifts, and it is available as soon as it is approved. A \$200,000 appropriation was made last year for a new plow and was not purchased; \$300,000 for a new plow was appropriated this year. This model is popular among municipalities and is available in Windsor, Wisconsin. Maintenance and repair of the plow can be done locally.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to recommend to the Council to approve the purchase of a 2026 Western Star 47X plow truck for snow removal for the Public Works Department at a cost of \$252,000.00 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Kathleen Wayland was present and thanked the Committee for considering her proposal.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to recommend to the Council to approve a request from Kathleen Wayland for a Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grant totaling \$2,564.65 for premises located at 128 Bucklin Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

COMMENTS

Alderman Demes requested clarification on several bills.

Police Chief Jason Stubler provided an update on the Computer-Aided Dispatch/ Records Management System (CAD/RMS) software project. This major upgrade to evidence collection and storage will provide an efficient solution. The \$9,203 cost of inventorying the evidence room will be covered by Drug Seizure Funds. Evidence records will now be digitized.

Finance Director John Duncan updated the committee on the Caselle project regarding online water bill payments, etc., water tower lease negotiation options, health insurance increase and options, pending union contract negotiations, and a slight rate increases for the Illinois Valley Area Dispatch Group.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Ptak adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive style with "Liz" on the first line and "Bishop" on the second line, slightly overlapping.

Liz Bishop, City Clerk