

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, December 8, 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, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, and Crane

Excused Absence: Alderman Thompson

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

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from the November 24, 2025, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Kevin Lindeman, Executive Director of North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG), and James Durdan, NCICG's new Economic Development Planner, discussed NCICG's services available to members including regional development, infrastructure development, economic resiliency, and workforce. Organizing speakers on various economic development issues, data gathering, and navigating grant opportunities are also functions of NCICG. Recent projects involving NCICG include Stevenson Road (Ottawa) road improvements, the new agricultural building at IVCC, and a deep sewer project in Peru. Lindeman indicated that the City has likely been involved with NCICG since its inception in 2006.

Economic Development Director Curt Bedei indicated NCICG recently assisted the City with the housing rehab grant and lead line funding. The annual membership fee is \$3,000.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to recommend to the Council to approve renewal of membership to the North Central Illinois Council of Governments at a cost of \$3,000 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Alderman Lavieri inquired about the Ford Utility Interceptor being a hybrid. Police Chief Jason Stubler indicated the proposed vehicle is not a plug-in. It is a standard hybrid model which automatically recharges the battery as it gets low. The hybrid unit will reduce idle time, includes regenerative braking resulting in fewer brake changes, and reduces maintenance expenses overall. The funds for purchasing the vehicle will come from the general fund.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to recommend to the Council to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor for the Police Department at a cost of \$44,886.70 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Alderman Demes inquired about an unpaid invoice under Playground, Recreation & Parks from Machinery Maintenance for \$14,727.98; Finance Director John Duncan explained it was for materials and labor to install a new rotating assembly for the pool pump.

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 6:14 p.m.



Liz Bishop, City Clerk