

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 2, 2026

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, Jeppson, and Crane

Excused Absence: Aldermen Thompson, Lavieri, and Herndon

Finance Director John Duncan advised the Council that one of the cameras in the chamber was not working; however, the audience facing camera is on.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to allow Alderman Lavieri to attend the meeting remotely due to health reasons.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: Aldermen Thompson and Herndon

Others Present: Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Fire Chief Jerry Janick

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from the January 19, 2026, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Ptak indicated that due to the City's ongoing support of the La Salle Business Association (LBA), the LBA is granting an annual membership to the City. Chairman Ptak thanked the LBA.

Art Riewaldt advised the committee he is relocating his CPA firm and explained the upgrades to the building into which his business is moving.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to recommend to the Council to approve a request from Art Riewaldt for a Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grant totaling \$9,716.00 for south side facing facade and \$3,222.50 for west side facing facade for (premises located at 833 Third Street) and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Alderman Jeppson raised the issue of the Illinois Valley Baseball League games being scheduled equitably among the hosting towns. That issue is being discussed with the League.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to recommend to the Council to approve a \$300 donation to Illinois Valley Baseball League, LLC and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

COMMENTS

Alderman Demes requested clarification on an unpaid invoice from Boundtree Medical for \$1,603.36 involving charges for a leaf vac. Finance Director John Duncan indicated the vendor should be Bonnell Industries and that the correction will be made.

Alderman Lavieri asked about an unpaid invoice from Kittilson's Garage for vehicle maintenance service in the amount of \$7,407.52. Through discussion it was determined the charges relate to repair of the 2022 Olympian leaf blower.

Alderman Crane stressed the importance of ensuring both leaf vacs do not breakdown at the same time.

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 6:12 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