

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Jeppson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Demes, Reynolds, Jeppson, Herndon, and Crane

Excused Absences: Chairman Ptak and Aldermen Thompson and Lavieri

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

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to appoint Alderman Jeppson Chairman Pro-tem of the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from the February 2, 2026, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Art Riewaldt was present to explain his request. Upon beginning the remodeling work, the walls were opened and unexpected dry rot was discovered prompting this additional request for façade work.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to recommend to the Council to approve request from Art Riewaldt for Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grants totaling \$2,603.50 for south side facing façade and \$3,733 for west side facing façade for premises located at 833 Third Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE Absent: Aldermen Thompson, Ptak, Lavieri Abstain: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

COMMENTS

Alderman Demes requested confirmation that unpaid bills in the amount of \$8,901.48 for traffic light damage and \$5,995 for traffic light socket parts were related to an accident and would be reimbursed. Finance Director John Duncan confirmed that was the case.

City Engineer Brian Brown indicated there was a final invoice for the sewer cleaning. He has all the logs and at least 80-100 hours' worth of videos from the project. He has spot checked them, and everything looks good. He commented that the sewers required significantly less cleaning than those in the lower portion of the second ward. He had estimated the cost to be approximately \$210,000; the final bill is slightly over \$166,000. He estimates cleaning the sewers in Ward Three, which is the biggest ward by pipe length, will be approximately \$300,000.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Pro-tem Jeppson adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Bishop". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the City Clerk.

Liz Bishop, City Clerk