

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 27, 2026
6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ptak called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Ptak, Aldermen Demes, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

Excused Absences: Aldermen Thompson and Crane

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, and Attorney James McPhedran

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 April 13, 2026, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finance Director John Duncan indicated he and Rock River Energy Services recommend passing on this agreement due to fluctuations in the energy rates and an upcoming rate auction which may result in more favorable rates in the near future.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds not to take action on the electric service agreement with Rock River Energy Services Company and related matters tonight and to wait for further clarity and rate information.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson and Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Chairman Ptak explained a generator is required by the Illinois EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to power the City's wells to produce drinking water in the event of a power outage. Bids were obtained. City Water Works Foreman Patrick Watson recommended the 300kVA Rush Power at a cost of \$188,000.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to recommend to the Council to approve the purchase of a portable generator for city raw water wells back up power and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Aldermen Thompson and Crane **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

COMMENTS

Finance Director John Duncan discussed reporting procedures for the sales tax report. This report includes home rule sales tax and the non-home rule or state portion of the sales tax, along with a total and is currently reported at Council meetings. The report is acknowledged but not approved. Duncan asked for the Council's pleasure for future reporting, suggesting that the sales tax figures be reported monthly via email to Council members as is the practice with video gaming, cannabis use, and other ambulance income proceeds. Duncan explained that with the passage of the grocery tax, there are now three figures being reported: home rule sales tax, sales tax of the local portion of the state, and grocery tax local portion. Duncan suggested that reviewing these figures on a spreadsheet would be more meaningful than reporting them at a meeting. These numbers are sent by the State and are not acted on by the Council.

In response to a question by Alderman Lavieri, Duncan explained that Parks receives 25% of the home rule sales tax. The consensus of the committee was that monthly reporting directly to Council members rather than as an item on the agenda would be sufficient in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

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



Liz Bishop, City Clerk