

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 20, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ptak called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: Alderman Crane

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

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from the July 6, 2026, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finance Director John Duncan summarized the review process for the fiscal year 2027 Appropriations Review and indicated he would take questions.

A donation to the Voluntary Action Center for Meals on Wheels was discussed. A \$5,000 one-time donation was made in 2021. The donation request was delivered personally to City Hall. At that time, Deputy Clerk Brent Bader advised VAC that even if the City did not make a donation, having the request on the Council agenda would raise awareness of their need. Donation cap of \$9,000 total for 2026 with a \$500 limit per organization and donations already made in 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Thompson to recommend to the Council to approve a \$250 donation to the Voluntary Action Center for Meals on Wheels and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Finance Director John Duncan explained that the proposed power contract is a separate contract to supply the pump station. American Electric Power's three-year rate is attractive. Dynegy's one-year rate is lower; however, it only locks the rate in for one year, and it is anticipated the three-year rate offered by AEP will be more economical in the long run. Capacity cost was also discussed. That rate fluctuates and there is no cap on it.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to recommend to the Council to approve a three-year power contract with American Electric Power for the City of La Salle's pump station and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

Gary Curtin was present to explain his request for a RIP grant. Mr. Curtin corrected the addresses for the location of the proposed project indicating it is 139-143 Gooding Street, rather than 139-143.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to recommend to the Council to approve request from Gary Curtin for Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grant totaling \$1,500 for the east side facing façade for premises located at 139-143 Gooding Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

COMMENTS

Alderman Demes requested clarification on an unpaid bill relating to sewer from Illinois Environment in the amount of \$293,090.73. Finance Director John Duncan explained it is a semi-annual payment for construction of the wastewater treatment plant under an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan and forgiveness program.

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 6:14 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