MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, November 9, 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, 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, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Engineer Brian Brown, and Police Chief Jason Stubler

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 October 26, 2026, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Economic Development Director Curt Bedei explained that the grant represents ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds received from La Salle County in 2023. Three or four other entities have taken advantage of the opportunity and the remaining funds in the program will have to be returned to the Federal government through the County if they are not spent by November 30, 2026.

Alderman Thompson asked how much money the City has provided to that address in grants. The consensus was none.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to recommend to the Council to approve the request from Glenstone Development LLC, for a Rebuild Commercial La Salle Program (RCLP) grant totaling $40,770.00 for premises located at 801-805 First Street and related matters.

Alderman Demes indicated he has no confidence in Mr. Nathan Watson to develop the property. He would prefer to vote against this motion and is only doing so since the funds will otherwise be lost.

Chairman Ptak indicated in order to receive the grant funds Mr. Watson will first have to provide paid receipts.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: Alderman Thompson **Absent**: Alderman Crane **Abstain**: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-1-0

COMMENTS

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 6:05 p.m.

Liz Bishop

Liz Bishop, City Clerk