

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL
May 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. - City Council Chambers
100 N. Island Ave. Batavia, Illinois

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Schielke 7:32 p.m.

2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Ald. Cerone

3. ROLL CALL: 12 of 14 aldermen were present.

Aldermen (by ward): Michael O'Brien (1), Carl Fischer (1), Martin Callahan (2), Alan Wolff (2), Kyle Hohmann (3), Paula Mueller (4), Susan Stark (4), Kevin Botterman (5), Nicholas Cerone (6), Michael Russotto (6), David Brown (7) and Drew McFadden (7) were present. Lucy Thelin Atac (5) and Dan Chanzit (3) were absent.

Also present were BATV and members of the press, public and the following:

City Administrator	William McGrath
City Attorney	Roman Seckel
City Clerk	Heidi Wetzell
Finance Director	Peggy Colby
Fire Chief	Randy Deicke
Human Resources Director	Wendy Bednarek
Economic Development Advisor	Chris Aiston

4. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED - none

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Accept and Place on File:

A. Committee of the Whole Minutes for April 5, 2016

Approvals:

B. April 22, 2016 Payroll \$771,580.68

C. Accounts Payable Check Register \$751,233.32

D. ORDINANCE 16-21: Declaring Surplus Property

(Scott Haines 4/6/16 COW 4/26/16 13/0) CS

E. RESOLUTION 16-40-R: Requesting Permit from IDOT for Road Closures for 2016 Farmer's Market (Gary Holm 4/6/16 COW 4/26/16 13/0) CS

F. RESOLUTION 16-43-R: Requesting Permit from IDOT for Road Closures for 2016 Triathlon (Gary Holm 4/12/16 COW 4/26/16 13/0) CS

G. RESOLUTION 16-35-R: A Resolution Approving IGA for Animal Control Services with Kane County (Gary Schira 4/12/16 COW 4/26/16 13/0) GS

Motion by Ald. McFadden, seconded by Ald. Cerone, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent

6. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: (For Items NOT on the Agenda)

Todd Zies, who is running for the Kane County Board District 10 seat, introduced himself to the assembled.

7. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Holly Deitchman announced upcoming Chamber Events including a May 18th networking event which is a par 3 challenge at the Mill Creek Golf Club that is free and open to the community at large. The putts and pig golf classic will be on Monday June 6 at Eagle Brook Country Club. The Chamber is producing the official city map.

Deitchman introduced Mary and Chris Ginder of Gindo's Spice of Life. The couple started their company in Los Angeles and are in 150 restaurants there. They have moved to be closer to family and look forward to buying a house in Batavia, start manufacturing in the city, and eventually open a restaurant here.

8. RESOLUTION 16-44-R: Authorizing Execution Of A Contract For The Execution of a Contract with Geneva Construction Company of Aurora, Illinois for the Wilson Street Sidewalk Construction Project in the amount of \$41,000.00 (Tim Grimm 4/20/16 COW 4/26/16 13/0) CS

Ald. Wolff explained the sidewalk will be located on the north side of Wilson Street and is the last missing piece of sidewalk between Kirk Road and downtown Batavia. A portion of the cost for this project will be paid for by grant from Kane County and the City cost will be \$15,000.

Ald. O'Brien thinks it is very good that this is being done to keep residents safe.

Ald. Wolff also noted the \$41,000 plus the 5% contingency amount comes to \$43,050.00.

Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. O'Brien to approve Resolution 16-44-R: Authorizing Execution Of A Contract For The Execution of a Contract with Geneva Construction Company of Aurora, Illinois for the Wilson Street Sidewalk Construction Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$43,050.00. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay / 2 absent

9. RESOLUTION 16-45-R: Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Ehlers, Inc. for Economic Development Consulting Services: Reviewing Developer's Proposal and Request for Financial Assistance, in the amount of \$12,500.00 (Chris Aiston 4/21/16 COW 4/26/16 14/0) GS

Ald. McFadden introduced the resolution and noted this was to hire a TIF consultant to review the Blue Goose proposal. He thinks this is an important project for the City and must be done in

the most prudent fashion possible. He asked the city Economic Development Consultant Chris Aiston to explain.

Aiston noted that an associate at Ehler's had appeared before the Committee of the Whole with their proposal. To determine if and how much financial assistance would be required to make the redevelopment of Batavia Plaza as proposed by Blue Goose and BEI economically viable.

Ald. McFadden announced the cost will covered out of the funds available City economic development professional service budget.

Ald. O'Brien reminded all that Ehler's is in the business of representing municipalities in these types of actions. He thinks the information will be important in making the right decisions.

Motion by Ald. McFadden, seconded by Ald. O'Brien, to approve Resolution 16-45-R: Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Ehlers, Inc. for Economic Development Consulting Services: Reviewing Developer's Proposal and Request for Financial Assistance, in the amount of \$12,500.00. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – City Administrator Bill McGrath

The MetroWest drive down to Springfield is this weekend and Batavia will have the largest contingent with 10 aldermen and the Mayor going to meet with leaders in the State Legislature.

May 21st is the River Clean Up people who are interested should bring gloves and garbage bags and wear sturdy shoes

May 15-21 is Public Works Week. The Director of Public Works Gary Holm will be at the library reading books and there will be a snowplow for the kids to inspect. Sign up at the library

The City met with the Park District and asked if it would be acceptable to have the Park Board in on Tuesday May 31st to discuss future plans including the river and the Depot Museum. There were no objections to the meeting date.

There are some inquiries about the Golden Corral. Suncast has filed the paperwork to put a 300,000 sq ft addition to their facility on Suncast Lane. This will increase manufacturing space.

The City met with MainStreet to discuss signage downtown branding and marketing. There will be a discussion at the May 24 COW regarding the possibility of hiring a professional to help with this.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development Committee- Ald. Brown

The Committee of the Whole meeting for May 3 has been canceled as many of the aldermen will be in Springfield. The Community Development Committee meet in the Committee of the Whole

on May 10. The Plan Commission will meet on May 4. Historic Preservation Committee will meet May 9.

Government Services Committee- Ald. McFadden

The Government Services Committee will meet in the Committee of the Whole May 10.

City Services Committee – Ald. Wolff

The City Services Committee will meet in the Committee of the Whole on May 10.

Public Utilities – Ald. O’Brien

The Public Utilities Committee will meet in the Committee of the Whole on May 10.

Ald. Atac entered the meeting at 8:03 thus making 13 of 14 aldermen present.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Ald. Callahan announced there is much interest in the Soapbox race being planned for June 12 at 3 p.m.

There is another event planned for June 14 from 7-9 p.m. that will include the Air Force Band and a Luminaria display. The Committee of the Whole will be cancelled for that night.

Ald. Stark thanked the community and announced \$259.15 was donated during the loyalty day parade. Volunteers will be needed to work the parking lots and take collections on the 4th of July.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reminded the Council that on May 13 and May 18 the Council will meet to interview the candidates for the position of City Administrator. All this will be done in executive session.

Next Monday morning at 10 am will be a gathering of the staff and friends of Valley Sheltered Workshop for a recommittal of the facility and recap of the their first 50 years.

14. CLOSED SESSION: 8:16 -9:17

- a. Acquisition of Real Property
- b. Personnel

Motion by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Hohmann, to enter into Closed Session to discuss Acquisition of Real Property and Personnel. Motion carried 12 yea/ 1 nay (Wolff)/ 1 absent.

All those who entered into Closed Session returned to Regular Session.

15. ADJOURNMENT 9:17 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. O’Brien, motion passed by voice vote.

Minutes prepared and submitted by,
Heidi Wetzell
City Clerk