

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL
December 17, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. - City Council Chambers
100 N. Island Ave. Batavia, Illinois

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schielke at 7:30 p.m.

2. REMINDER: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording

3. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schielke offered a brief invocation. Ald. Callahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL

14 of 14 aldermen were present.

Aldermen (by ward): Michael O'Brien (1), Scott Salvati (1), Martin Callahan (2), Alan Wolff (2), Elliot Meitzler (3), Dan Chanzit (3), Anthony Malay (4), Susan Stark (4), Mark Uher (5), Lucy Thelin Atac (5), Nicholas Cerone (6), Michael Russotto (6), Drew McFadden (7) and David Brown (7) were present.

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

City Attorney	Roman Seckel
City Clerk	Ellen Posledni
City Administrator	Laura Newman
Fire Chief	Randy Deicke
Finance Director	Peggy Colby
Human Resources Director	Wendy Bednarek
Community Development Director	Scott Buening
Public Works Director	Gary Holm

5. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Ald. Atac read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Accept and Place on File:

Committee of the Whole Minutes for November 13, 2018 and November 20, 2018
Building Reports November 2018

Approvals:

November 14, 2018 Payroll \$882,845.25

Accounts Payable Check Register \$4,251,096.15

City Council Minutes for December 3, 2018

September and October 2018 City Council Financial Reports

ORDINANCE 18-79: Requesting Transfer of a Certain Parcel from the Batavia Park District (SCB 12/3/18 COW 11/0) CD

RESOLUTION 18-131-R: Authorizing the Transfer of Property to the Batavia Park District (SCB 12/3/18 COW 11/0) CD

RESOLUTION 18-129-R: Approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision for Farmstead III Unit 2 Subdivision (1425-1475 Nagel Boulevard) (Rackow 11/28/18 COW 11/0) CD

RESOLUTION 18-130-R: Budget Amendment for Health Insurance Premiums (PLC 12/3/18 COW 11/0) GS

RESOLUTION 18-132-R: Authorizing Change Order No. 7 with Williams Brothers Construction Inc. for the Phase 1 WWTP Rehabilitation Project (BR 12/6/18 COW 11/0) PU

**Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Stark, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.**

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

None.

8. MAINSTREET

Director Chris Faber delivered a report on the Winter Fest Art Market held last Friday through Sunday at Water Street Studios. It included the Artisan Collective and WSS artists. Vendors shared positive feedback. Attendance was great, weather was nice, and other local downtown businesses reported an uptick in business on Saturday, too.

The Black Cactus Print Shop has opened in downtown Batavia. It is a screenprinting shop with a clothing line as well.

Paula Mueller officially opened her shop on Small Business Saturday, an event that was a big success in Batavia. Downtown businesses participated in raffles, collected toys for the Toy Drive, and gave away shopping bags designed by Batavia High School students. The bags drew the attention of Main Street America, a national organization.

The 2019 calendar of events has been confirmed. The focus will be to enhance and perfect with MainStreet is already doing. The budget passed last week.

Director Faber thanked the volunteers who donated more than 5,000 hours in 2018, as well as residents, City Council and city staff for supporting MainStreet. Big changes are coming for MainStreet and the city, with new housing and economic developments underway. Director Faber also applauded the huge turnout at the last election in support of the city and City Council.

Mayor Schielke thanked Director Faber for his good work and innovation at MainStreet.

9. ORDINANCE 18-80: Wage Ordinance (WB 12/17/18 COW 12/0) GS

Ald. Atac introduced the item relating to wages for city staff. It includes a 2.9 percent COLA, and adds a code enforcement officer and assistant city administrator.

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Stark, to approve the ordinance as presented.

Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.

10. ORDINANCE 18-82: POC Wage Ordinance (WB 12/17/18 COW 12/0) GS

Ald. Atac introduced the item relating to POC employees, which includes a 2.75 percent wage increase.

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Stark, to approve the ordinance as presented.

Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.

11. ORDINANCE 18-81: Elected Official Compensation (WB 12/17/18 COW 11/0) GS

Ald. Atac introduced the item relating to elected official compensation. The current ordinance is expiring. Amendments have been made to paragraph 4 regarding how the compensation is paid.

Ald. Brown asked that this item be moved from the Consent Agenda. He noted that there has been no increase in pay for elected city officials in 12 years. Mayor Schielke noted that if a pay increase were approved, it would not go into effect until after the election.

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Stark, to approve the ordinance as presented.

Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.

12. RESOLUTION 18-112-R: Employment Agreement (WB 12/17/18 COW 12/0) GS

Ald. Atac introduced the item relating to the employment agreement with Director Newman. She was hired in July 2016 and has been under her original contract with no pay adjustment since then. She will receive a 4.25 percent pay increase, retroactive to July 2018, and an additional week of paid vacation.

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Stark, to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.

13. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newman thanked Wendy Bednarek and the Human Resources Department, as well as Public Works, for the employee holiday party.

West Side leaf collection is done, and street sweeping and cleanup will begin this week. Crews will make one more pass through the East Side next week. Leaves in yard waste bags will be picked up in December at no cost. Yard waste pickup resumes in mid-March.

The December 18 COW has been cancelled; the next COW will be January 7.

Community and Economic Development have been busy working on the Windmill Landings senior housing development behind Wal-Mart and the Winding Creek subdivision, which will be 200+ single-family homes.

Communications developed a new video that demonstrates and discusses the importance of the new CPR device purchased by the Batavia Fire Department.

Chris Cudworth is the new city staff liaison to the Batavia Environment Commission. Byron Ritchason will continue to be involved, but Mr. Cudworth will be able to help support communications for BEC.

The Fire Department is putting out PSAs through social media for a Slow Down and Move Over campaign directed at drivers to help keep Public Works employees safe on the job.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ald. Brown said there are no more meetings in 2018, but the first quarter of 2019 will be busy, with at least one new housing development, new development on Randall Road, new industrial and residential development on Kirk Road, new downtown development, and potential development of the former Sam's Club property. The Council also needs to have a conversation on reserves, discussing an appropriate ceiling and basement, and exploring other ways to increase revenue without raising taxes.

There were no other committee reports.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Ald. Stark noted that over the weekend, 150 students from local schools participated in a competition to remove invasive species from along the river and prepare the neatest brush piles. Batavia High School won. The event was organized by the Batavia Environmental Commission and the Geneva Natural Resources Committee.

16. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schielke wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and thanked all who serve the city. He noted we are blessed to have so many charitable organizations serving in Batavia. The ACCESS Toy Drive served more than 600 children, and the Mayor thanked the Batavia Fire Department and the Batavia Police Department for their ongoing help with this annual event, including crowd control and street barricades on the day of the event. He also thanked all who donated to the Toy Drive in its 70th year. People who benefited from the Toy Drive as children still live in Batavia and now make cash donations to give back. The Toy Drive is a cherished story in our city's history, and demonstrates how Batavia valiantly strives to take care of its citizens. Mayor Schielke noted that he hopes in the years ahead, the City Council will continue to support and encourage these organizations who do so much for our community. He added that the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry and Batavia Clothes Closet are beginning to run out of space, and that is an issue that may need to be addressed in the near future.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Salvati. Motion carried by voice vote.
The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Ellen Posledni, City Clerk, January 2, 2019.