

**CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL
January 4, 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. Callahan

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

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

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

City Administrator	William McGrath
City Attorney	Kevin Drendel
City Clerk	Heidi Wetzell
Community Development Director	Scott Buening
Human resources Director	Wendy Bednarek.
Fire Chief	Randy Deicke
Economic Development Consultant	Chris Aiston

4. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED

Add a discussion on collective bargaining to Item 20: Closed Session

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. McFadden, to amend the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals:

A. Accounts Payable Check Register \$292,832.37

B. City Council Minutes for December 21, 2015

C. **APPROVAL AND RELEASE:** City Council Closed Meetings:

4/5/1982* as redacted 1/3/1995, 2/6/1995, 2/21/1995, 3/20/1995, 4/3/1995, 6/19/1995, 7/17/1995, 9/5/1995, 12/18/1995; 2/5/1996, 4/1/1996, 4/15/1996, 5/6/1996, 8/19/1996, 9/3/1996, 12/2/1996; 1/6/1997, 3/17/1997, 4/7/1997, 6/16/1997, 7/7/1997, 7/21/1997, 9/2/1997, 9/15/1997, 11/3/1997, 11/17/1997, 12/1/1997, 12/15/1997; 1/5/1998, 1/19/1998, 3/2/1998, 3/24/1998, 5/4/1998, 5/18/1998, 6/1/1998, 7/6/1998, 9/8/1998, 10/19/1998, 11/30/1998, 12/7/1998; 1/4/1999, 2/1/1999, 4/5/1999, 4/19/1999, 8/2/1999, 8/16/1999, 9/20/1999, 10/4/1999, 11/15/1999; 3/6/2000, 3/20/2000, 4/3/2000, 5/1/2000, 6/5/2000, 6/19/2000, 7/3/2000, 8/7/2000, 2/19/2001*as redacted, 3/5/2001; 12/15/2008 Minutes with * are released as redacted.

**Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Wolff, 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) - none

7. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Holly Deitchman Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce announced upcoming events On January 14th at 11:30 am Illinois State Treasurer Michal Frerichs will be at an event at Pheasants Run in St Charles. The Inspire Awards will be on Friday Jan 29 from 6-8 pm at the Lincoln Inn in Batavia. Joanne Spitz will be receiving The 2015 Citizen of the year. Also being awarded that evening are the Ole Awards.

Deitchman introduced Patrick Moynihan owner of Waveform LLC, 711 Main Street. Waveform provides creative audio, video and print media. Waveform record everything from bands to voice covers and commercial music and they provide print services and marketing.

8. PRESENTATION: Batavia ACCESS Toy Drive Update–Roy Bailey

Roy Bailey and Rudy Dubis thanked all of those who helped make the ACCESS Toy Distribution a success for the 260 families here in Batavia.

Bailey showed pictures of the set up for distribution including 725 puzzles and over 800 games. Over 900 gloves and hats were also collected. 800-900 books were collected. Even with all the contributions they came very close but were a little short on gifts for the teens. They will work harder this year to make sure they are on track. He noted that clubs, organizations and families that have contributed steadily over the years are no longer around and that absence was apparent this year. He has no doubt the people of Batavia will rally to occasion next year.

Mayor Schielke on behalf of the City thanked Bailey and Dubis for all their work.

9. PRESENTATION: PACE—Batavia Call and Ride

Doug Sullivan, Marketing Director for PACE, announced changes to the Batavia PACE service. Ridership has dropped by 40% over the past 15 years in southern Kane County and PACE looked at ridership patterns to see what had changed. The two Batavia bus routes were merged

into one route The Call and Ride service is still in operation and people can call for a ride within the zone. Call and Ride also services those going from the Geneva Train Station to Fermilab. It is too soon to tell what the effect of the changes have been on ridership. Ridership on Route 802 is up 83% since November however this figure includes the riders from both of the original bus routes that have now been combined into one. He noted that a more accurate measure of ridership rather than just trips is miles per rider they need more data to determine the effect of the changes on ridership.

**10. RECOGNITION: Retirement of Randy Banker/26 Years of Service
(Chief Deicke 12/29/15)**

Deputy Fire Chief Randy Banker is moving on to be the fire chief of Janesville, Wisconsin. He started as a paid on call in Geneva in 1984 and started in Batavia as a paid on call in 1988 and became full time in 1999. He moved up through all the different positions Lieutenant, Battalion Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. He also served as a fire investigator and was a Firefighter of the year award winner. Through his career he was a great influence and mentor to others and his career shows that paid on call firefighters can move up through the ranks.

Mayor Schielke presented Banker with a plaque commemorating his service. He recalled that in 1998 on Christmas Eve there was a fatal fire on the corner of River and Wilson. Banker and another officer rushed into the building to help the victim who subsequently died. He has always risen to the occasion when citizens were in need.

Banker thanked his family and all the members of the fire department for all they have done for him. He asked the council to please take care of the fire department reminding them that they will need the department at least once in their lives. He also thanked the backbone of the department Cheryl Collier who keeps everything going but never receives the credit.

**11. APPOINTMENT: Swear in Paid on Call Recruits Joseph Beallis and Del Tiritelli
(Chief Deicke 12/29/15)**

Joseph Beallis lives in Aurora and is a basic operations firefighter and a paramedic. Del Tiritelli lives in Campton Hills has an associate degree in fire science, is a basic operations firefighter and an EMT.

The Mayor administered the oaths of office.

**12. ORDINANCE 16-01: Approving the West Town Redevelopment Project
(Buening/Aiston 12/30/15 COW 12/8/15 10/0) CD**

Ald. Brown announced the next three ordinances are related to the West Town redevelopment project. All the proper procedures for notification were followed including the Public Hearing and the community has been involved with this from the very beginning and there were changes made based on that input.

Economic Development Consultant Chris Aiston gave his opinion that a TIF is a union of good fiscal policy and land use planning to create redevelopment for the community. There were some things that transpired since the last time the committee of the whole met. This TIF is unique as it includes residential properties so staff has been involved in discussions with the School District. The School District will be part of the process as redevelopments are considered and there is a set aside so as the potential of new students and the financial considerations that come with rising enrollment are not borne alone by the School District.

Motion by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. McFadden, to approve Ordinance 16-01: Approving the West Town Redevelopment Project. Motion Carried 12 yea/ 0 nay / 2 absent

13. ORDINANCE 16-02: Designating West Town Redevelopment Project Area (Buening/Aiston 12/30/15 COW 12/8/15 10/0) CD

Motion by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. McFadden, to approve Ordinance 16-02: Designating West Town Redevelopment Project Area. Motion Carried 12 yea/ 0 nay / 2 absent

14. ORDINANCE 16-03: Adopting Tax Increment Financing for West Town Redevelopment Project Area (Buening/Aiston 12/30/15 COW 12/8/15 10/0) CD

Ald. O'Brien asked if the TIF needed the approval of all the affected taxing bodies. Aiston informed him that they did not have to approve the TIF but as part of the process but there is a general review board, which is an advisory committee, in which all the taxing bodies meet to consider the TIF and make a recommendation. That review board was held and there was only one dissenting vote so the TIF does have a positive recommendation.

Motion by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. McFadden, to approve Ordinance 16-03: Adopting Tax Increment Financing for West Town Redevelopment Project Area. Motion Carried 12 yea/ 0 nay / 2 absent

15. APPROVAL: Class F Liquor License Batavia MainStreet Special Event—Celebrate Success February 4, 2016 (Chief Schira 12/22/15) GS

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Brown, to approve a Class F Liquor License Batavia MainStreet Special Event—Celebrate Success February 4, 2016 and waive fee. Motion Carried 12 yea/ 0 nay / 2 absent

16. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – City Administrator Bill McGrath

Most of the Riverwalk type lights have been installed on Houston Street.

Christmas trees with all ornamentation removed will be picked up for free on the next two regular waste pick up days after that citizens will need to place garbage stickers on them for pick up.

There are five candidates for the Deputy Fire Chief.

The alderman have been asking for a process to get a list of questions for the Council to consider. This is properly a strategic planning discussion and McGrath proposes that staff will start looking at the topics and create a formalized process for discussion. The process will come to the Council in early February with a Committee of the Whole meeting dedicated to fine tuning the Strategic Plan the last week in March. There was no objection to the plan.

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development Committee- Ald. Brown

The Committee of the Whole for January 5 has been cancelled. The Community Development Committee meet in the Committee of the Whole on January 12. The Plan Commission will meet on January 6 and the Historic Preservation Commission and Bicycle Commission will meet on January 11.

Government Services Committee- Ald. Atac

The Government Services Committee will meet in the Committee of the Whole on January 12.

City Services Committee – Ald. Wolff

The City Services Committee will meet in the Committee of the Whole on January 12.

Public Utilities – Ald. O’Brien

The Public Utilities Committee will meet in the Committee of the Whole on January 12.

18. OTHER BUSINESS- None

19. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Schielke asked the council to please attend the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 12 as Bill Balling will be in attendance and report on what he has learned in staff interviews.

There will be meeting to plan for the 100th anniversary of American Flag Day. Bernard J. Cigrand was instrumental in the creation of the holiday and lived in Batavia in 1916 when he was advocating for the holiday.

20. CLOSED SESSION: 8:33- 9:14

- a. Purchase and Sale of Electric Power**
- b. Setting the Price of Land for Sale**
- c. Collective Bargaining**

Motion by Ald. Brown, Seconded by Ald. Cerone, to enter into Closed Session to discuss Purchase and Sale of Electric Power, Setting the Price of Land for Sale, and Collective Bargaining. Motion Carried 11 yea/1 nay (Wolff)/ 2 absent

All those who entered Closed Session returned to Regular Session.

21. RESOLUTION 16-03-R: Approve Agreement for Legal Services Re: Energy Portfolio Diversification (No memo)

City Attorney Drendel explained that the city looking at mapping out the electric power usage and options available. The city has decide to retain a partner Jenner and Block to facilitate the transition from a regulated market to its position on an open market and advise the city on how to best achieve the goal of a balanced and diversified portfolio.

The City has been wrestling with this over the past several years and will continue to wrestle with issue. This is to bring in consultants who have experience and resources in this area and to guide the city as it goes through the transition with the goal of a more diversified electric portfolio

Motion by Ald. McFadden, seconded by Ald. Callahan, to approve Resolution 16-03-R. Motion Carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent

22. ADJOURNMENT 9:19 p.m.

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

Minutes prepared and submitted by,
Heidi Wetzel
City Clerk