

MINUTES
February 16, 2016
Committee of the Whole
City of Batavia

Please **NOTE:** These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Ald. Brown, Russotto, Stark, Wolff, Fischer, O'Brien, Callahan, Mueller (entered at 7:33pm), Botterman, Cerone, and McFadden

Members Absent: Ald. Atac, Chanzit, and Hohmann

Also Present: Bill McGrath, City Administrator; Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Glen Autenrieth, Batavia Police Department; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

2. Approve Minutes for February 2, 2016

Motion: To approve the minutes for February 2, 2016

Maker: Stark

Second: McFadden

Voice Vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent
Motion carried.

3. Items to be Removed/Added/Changed

There were no items to be removed, added or changed.

4. Matters From The Public (For Items NOT on Agenda)

There were no matters from the public for items not on the agenda at this time.

5. Consent Agenda

(The Consent Agenda is made up of items recommended by city staff that requires recommendation to the full City Council by the COW. This agenda is placed as a separate item on the COW agenda. The items on the Consent Agenda are usually minor items, already budgeted, standard non-policy activities or outgrowths of earlier meetings and are voted on as a "package" in the interest of saving time on non-controversial issues. However, any council member may, by simple request, have an item removed and placed on the "regular" agenda.)

a. Community Development Quarterly Report

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Maker: Stark

Second: Russotto
Voice Vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent
Motion carried.

*Alderman Mueller entered the meeting at 7:33pm

6. Ordinance 16-12: Amending Title 8 of the Batavia Municipal Code Relating to Electric Service Regulations and Rates (Gary Holm 2/9/16) PU

Holm discussed the amendments in the code. He explained totalizing of the rate class, demand meters, demand charge, Purchase Power Adjustment Factor (PPAF), separating out the rate classes and rate stabilization funds. O'Brien asked about the funds and McGrath stated that he would send out some examples of real bills for better understanding. Wolff stated that he would like to have the examples so that the Committee could answer what would happen to resident's bills. Holm noted that the base and how much rate stabilization we use would affect residents bills. The use of the rate stabilization fund would ultimately affect the bills. Right now we are saying that we need to raise the base a little bit so that we could have the cushion of a rate stabilization fund. Holm stated that staff would distribute rate examples for the Committee to review.

The Committee discussed the amendments to the code, market-based rates, and the difference between the Power Factor Adjustment and the Purchase Power Adjustment Factor. Brown asked what advantages are there to the customer with the amendments. Holm stated that there are several components of this that are meant to retain existing large customers and attract new large customers. Holm explained that if the largest customers would leave Batavia, that would be the percentage that needs to be picked up by the City and its residents. We want to stay as competitive as we can to help retain our large customers. Holm discussed the energy cost adjustment and how that helps the City stay competitive and serve the role of the aggregator. Fischer asked to have Colby address the Committee on how she ran the formulas. McGrath stated that the policy is for staff to keep things as stable as we can for the residents and to attract industrial users. These are tools that we are using to try to do both. Our customers are very important and they are appreciative that the City is coming up with these tools. McGrath stated that the Council could undo any of these changes whenever they would want to.

Motion: To recommend approval of Ordinance 16-12: Amending Title 8 of the Batavia Municipal Code Relating to Electric Service Regulations and Rates
Maker: O'Brien
Second: Fischer
Voice Vote: 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent
Motion carried.

7. Resolution 16-20-R: Requesting a Permit from IDOT for the Closure of Various Roadways for 2016 Loyalty Day Parade (Gary Holm 2/12/16) CS

Holm reported that this is the same resolution used every year for the Loyalty Day Parade. It closes Route 25 and is granting City staff the ability to submit to IDOT for permission of closure of the road.

Motion: To recommend approval of Resolution 16-20-R: Requesting a Permit from IDOT for the Closure of Various Roadways for 2016 Loyalty Day Parade

Maker: Wolff

Second: Stark

Voice Vote: 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent
Motion carried.
CONSENT AGENDA

8. Fox River Issues CD

McGrath reported on they are meeting with the Conservation Foundation regarding Thompson Farm and the larger scope of the river project. The Conservation Foundation may be a partner when working with the Army Corps of Engineers. Holm is preparing an RFQ for engineers to work on erosion.

9. Project Status

Bill reported on the following:

- Staff is having more conversation on the pedestrian crossings and the concern of efficacy and understanding. The state put more signage out, such as advance warning signs. The McKee Street crossing is of special concern. Speed studies will be done on the avenue and combine that with the fact that we do have the crossings at that location and our lanes are nonstandard lanes. McGrath will report back to the Committee on the study. There may be a need to ask IDOT to have the speed on North Batavia Avenue reduced. Callahan asked if there any issues on Route 25. There were no issues stated by staff. McGrath suggested having a traffic stop on McKee Street to educate and raise awareness of the pedestrian crossing.
- The City Engineer would spearhead the speed studies.
- The City used to be a member of the Narcotics Task Force but had to dedicate a full-time officer to that task force. The City could not continue on the task force after the recession.
- The Electric Manager candidate interviews went well. There will be one interview this Friday. Updates will be coming soon.
- Staff met with the owner of the Campana building today regarding redevelopment to get some protection to the historic structure. Aiston will see if we could come up with some design solution that would satisfy the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding the glass block windows.
- Staff is looking into a new location for the food pantry in order to expand the wastewater treatment plant. A solution needs to be found quickly and a commitment to find a new location needs to be made.
- Staff will meet with Batavia Enterprises (BEI) tomorrow regarding backfilling the Walgreen's space. A consultant is working on the analysis.
- Chris Aiston is working on finding a new restaurant space for a potential new restaurant to come into town.
- The audits for the pension funds are being worked on.
- The franchise agreements are out with Comcast.
- Staff is working on identifying revenue sources for the March 8th meeting and will try to put out materials before that if we can.

- Community signs will be discussed next week.

10. Other

Stark asked about the Campana building. She asked if it was designated as a historical landmark and if we could not do anything to the building. McGrath stated that the issue is this, either you do something with that building or in twenty years it may not be there. Stark stated that it may be an upgrade to the building to have some of those block windows removed. When she was on the HPC there was discussion on how the blocks do not match. McGrath explained the history of how the building was on the national register of historic places. One of the aldermen filed the first petition to ask that the building be protected and Council protected the building from redevelopment. The building structure was important and the view corridor on the corner was considered important. McGrath stated that in order to save this building we might have to look at the view corridor in a different way. McGrath gave the example of Bellvue Place with the view corridor in the front and having nice townhomes around it.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm; Made by O'Brien; Seconded by Stark. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith