

**MINUTES**  
**January 29, 2019**  
**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.

Vice-Chair Wolff called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**1. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Wolff; Ald. Russotto, Atac, Salvati, O'Brien, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden

**Members Absent:** Chair Brown; Aldermen Stark and Chanzit

**Also Present:** Mayor Schielke; Chief Eul, Batavia Police Department; Chief Deicke, Batavia Fire Department; Laura Newman, City Administrator; Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Wendy Bednarek, Director of Human Resources; Rahat Bari, Engineer; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

**2. Reminder: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording**

**3. Approve Minutes for November 27, December 4 and December 11, 2018; January 8, 2019**

**Motion:** To approve minutes for November 27, December 4 and December 11, 2018; January 8, 2019

**Maker:** Uher

**Second:** Meitzler

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

**4. Items to be Removed/Added/Changed**

Item number nine was moved for discussion after agenda item six.

**5. Matters From the Public (For Items NOT on the Agenda)**

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

**6. 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. November and December 2018 Financial City Council Reports (PC)**

**Motion:** To recommend to City Council approval of the Consent Agenda as presented  
**Maker:** Wolff  
**Second:** Cerone  
**Voice Vote:** 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent  
Motion carried.

**7. Discussion: Project Update and Discussion for the Phase I Engineering for Prairie Street Reconstruction Pine Street to Wilson Street. Residents who had attended the 12/5/18 Public Meeting have been invited to attend to provide comments. (1/24/19 TG) CS**

Bari summarized the memo. He stated that Prairie Street was designated by the Council in 2007 as the preferred bike path destination. Since then, this has been presented to the residents. The residents raised concern about parking and having to navigate bike path traffic. Option One had been approved previously by the Council and includes having a bike path on both sides of the street. Option Two has the bike path on one side of the street allowing for room for on-street parking. Option Two would be more expensive due to the need to move some utility poles in the area.

Vice-Chair Wolff opened the floor for public comment.

JoAnne Spitz, Bicycle Commission, addressed the Committee. She stated the Bike Commission feels strongly that we need to connect our bike lanes in the Cities. She has seen the dangers towards bicyclists. Federal funding is available and she hopes you use the federal funding that you have to continue with this project. She stated that she hopes that the concerns regarding bike groups not adhering to traffic laws do not influence any decision on this matter.

Andrew Beechman, 303 South Prairie Street, shared Prairie Street has been slowly deteriorating. He is excited that the City will do the utilities. Bike lanes are an amazing idea and it would be nice to have a safe place to ride the bike with the kids. He would like the traffic calmed down in that area. He suggested additional signage or extra stop signs. He asked the Committee to consider methods or means to calm the traffic there.

The Committee discussed the Prairie Street Reconstruction project. Mayor Schielke stated he is a big supporter of the Bike Commission. However, Prairie Street has issues. There are at least five residents who have contacted him that have concerns with total elimination of the parking. However, the bike lanes are a good idea and he supports them. He discussed how certain bike clubs visiting Batavia do not adhere to traffic laws and do not stop at stop signs. He noted that there is video evidence of this behavior. Salvati and Meitzler expressed support of enforcing traffic laws on bike riders. Russotto concurred. Cerone stated that he is a big believer in bike-ability but he has reservations on taking away on street parking for residents. Uher expressed concern about losing some trees with the rebuild but he does support this project. Wolff stated that this is a major thoroughfare and there is on street parking available on the side streets.

Callahan stated that he does not see parking all of the time in front of houses on this major thoroughfare. He commented that on street parking on such a major street may not be such a good idea and having no on street parking would mirror what is on the west side. Meitzler asked if there is a big concern from the residents on not having street parking there. Bari answered that most of the concerns he has heard from residents is regarding bike traffic and the bike clubs disregarding stop signs. Wolff stated that this is about a street redesign and not a problem with bike clubs. These are two separate issues.

Steve Ericson, Batavia Bicycle Commission member, expressed his support of the bike lanes on Prairie. He stated that the bike lanes would make less experienced riders feel more comfortable riding on Prairie Street.

Scott Riesel, Batavia Bicycle Commission member, stated that having the bike lanes and teaching kids the right way to ride are beneficial to the City. This is also a great way to get people into the downtown. He would like to support bike friendly businesses and our local business in general and this is one way to make that possible.

The Committee continued discussion. Wolff expressed his support of the two lane bike lanes. O'Brien stated that he would continue to support Option One for this project because it promotes healthy lifestyles, cleaner living, sustainable living for our infrastructure and increasing pedestrianism in our downtown.

The consensus of the Committee was in support of Option One, which is the plan that was previously approved by the Committee. The Committee discussed the need of enforcement on bike clubs not obeying traffic signs, bike education and possible signage geared towards bicyclists. The consensus of the Committee was in favor of enforcement of violators of traffic laws.

**8. Fox River Utility Stabilization Construction Update – No Memo/Presentation Only (RB 1/29/19) CS**

Bari presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Fox River utility construction project. Before and after photos were shown to the Committee and illustrated the vast improvements.

**9. Approval Class D-1 Liquor License – Swordfish (New Ownership) (DME 1/23/19) GS**

Vice-Chair Wolff summarized the memo. The applicants were welcomed to address the Committee. The applicants informed the Committee that there will be a new a new menu and ownership but the chef and manager would remain the same. The applicants were invited to the City Council meeting to advertise the new ownership of their business.

**Motion:** To recommend to City Council approval of the Class D-1 Liquor License - Swordfish  
**Maker:** Atac  
**Second:** Cerone  
**Voice Vote:** 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent  
Motion carried.

**10. Northeast Substation Construction Update – No Memo/Presentation Only (RB 1/29/2019) PU**

Bari presented on the Northeast Substation Construction project utilizing a PowerPoint Presentation and photos of the construction. Bari reported that the project is 80% complete, discussed what still needs to be completed, and the next steps. Bari reported, if all goes well, the substation should be in operation in June 2019.

**11. Resolution 19-011-R: Approving Task 3 with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) in the amount of \$201,633 to Develop Wiring Diagrams and Procurement of Five Fabricated Control and Relay Panels for Northeast Distribution Substation (RB 1/24/19) PU**

O'Brien summarized that we are purchasing five fabricated control and relay panels. Bari noted that the account number should be 6435, not 6452 and he would correct that misprint prior to City Council.

**Motion:** To enter into Resolution 19-011-R: Approving Task 3 with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) in the amount of \$201,633 to Develop Wiring Diagrams and Procurement of Five Fabricated Control and Relay Panels for Northeast Distribution Substation

**Maker:** Malay

**Second:** Uher

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

**12. Project Status**

Newman reported on the following:

- Staff is finishing the review of the Winding Creek annexation agreements, which will be brought before the COW and City Council.
- Excavation is near complete on the Windmill Landings site. We are waiting on KDOT and IEPA before we are able to authorize the beginning of construction on that site.
- The Avenue Chevrolet property revised site review is being reviewed by staff with an anticipated meeting with the Plan Commission is being set for late February or early March.
- Continuing discussions are being held with North Aurora about renewing our boundary agreement with them. This will be discussed with the COW in the near future.
- City offices will be closed tomorrow due to the extreme temperatures. We are urging residents to not go out onto the roads unless absolutely necessary.
- Advanced Disposal has reported that there will be no garbage collection on Wednesday or Thursday. They will pick up Friday or Saturday instead and no recycling will be picked up.
- The annual reports will be brought to the COW.
- Staff will be meeting with Shodeen regarding the One Washington Place documents (environmental agreements and the redevelopment plan) this Thursday.

### **13. Other**

Callahan stated that a neighbor of Walnut Park asked about the sidewalks in pocket parks being shoveled. The request to residents is to clear sidewalks in front of residents' houses but the pocket parks and other municipal properties are not being shoveled. Holm stated that there is a demand for increased services and a demand for reduced revenues to the City and the two do not go hand in hand. If we continue to not want to raise fees or property taxes we cannot increase services because the two cannot coexist.

### **14. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining (WB)**

**Motion:** To enter into executive session for collective bargaining  
**Maker:** O'Brien  
**Second:** Salvati  
**Voice Vote:** 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent  
Motion carried.

The Committee entered Executive Session at 8:26pm and exited at 8:34pm.

### **15. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, Vice-Chair Wolff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm; Made by Salvati; Seconded by Malay. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary, on February 6, 2019.