

**MINUTES**  
**January 30, 2018**  
**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 7:29pm.

**1. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair Brown; Ald. Russotto, Atac, Stark (via telephone), Salvati, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone (entered at 7:30pm), and McFadden

**Members Absent:** Aldermen Chanzit, Wolff, and O'Brien

**Also Present:** Mayor Schielke; Laura Newman, City Administrator; Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Rahat Bari, Engineer; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

**2. Approve the Minutes for January 9, 2018**

**Motion:** To approve the COW minutes for January 9, 2018

**Maker:** Meitzler

**Second:** Salvati

**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 at this time.

**5. Resolution 18-20-R: Batavia 34K Rebuild Projects – Line Design Proposal – Main Sub Station to Paramount Sub Station (R Bari 1/25/18) PU**

Bari reported that this is the second phase of the transmission project that began last year. He explained that this resolution is just to approve the design and also included is the construction inspection. The designer would visit the construction site to ensure that everything is done to the design standards.

**Motion:** To recommend to Council approval of Resolution 18-20-R: Batavia 34K Rebuild Projects – Line Design Proposal – Main Sub Station to Paramount Sub Station

**Maker:** Uher

**Second:** Russotto

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

**6. Resolution 18-19-R: Authorizing the Execution of Task Order #15 with WBK for Area 3 Watermain Phase II Engineering (AMP 1/25/18) CS**

Bari reported that engineering worked with the water department to replace the watermain at the same time we are digging up the street. That way we are not digging up the street twice and paying for street repair again. WBK has the expertise to design the watermain and it made sense to get a proposal from them. The cost is lower than what we would see if we hired a consultant. There is a cost savings to get the design done by WBK and a cost savings doing construction at the same time we are updating the storm sewer system.

**Motion:** To recommend to Council approval of Resolution 18-19-R: Authorizing the Execution of Task Order #15 with WBK for Area 3 Watermain Phase II Engineering

**Maker:** Meitzler

**Second:** Malay

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

**7. Discussion: Solid Waste Contract (No memo) CS**

Holm stated that in the fall of 2017 staff came to the Committee and stated that they would be meeting with Geneva and St. Charles about the solid waste contracts. Advanced Disposal had expressed an interest in moving forward with us. The direction to staff at that time was to get a proposal from Advance before taking any other steps. All three communities received similar guidance from their councils and all three communities received proposals from Advanced. After receiving the proposals, all three communities felt that the scope changes are so significant that we really need to be going out to bid. The three communities met again at the staff level and the ultimate decision was that all three communities act together for one common set of documents to bid it all out at the same time. One hauler could coordinate collection amongst the three communities and that gives us the opportunity for economies of scale by all working together and taking the same course of action. Staff will come up with some options and discuss them with the COW. At this point of time staff is investigating and getting plans in place so that we could go out to bid in the spring for a new contract. Brown asked Holm to discuss the possibility of picking up the leaves for free in November. Brown stated that we already do that in December but having it in November also might be helpful. Holm stated that they could look into that as an option. The Committee discussed the revenue from the waste transfer station. Newman stated that the 2018 budget estimate for revenue from the waste transfer station is \$528,000.

**8. Project Status**

Newman reported on following:

- Community Development and Economic Development:
  - Windmill Landing Assisted Living Development (80 Units) continues to be reviewed

- New submittal for Prairie Commons continues to be reviewed
- Campana is on the City Council meeting agenda for February 5th
- Water and electric utilities are working on updating their 5yr CIP, Updated CIPs and future rate projections to the City Council.
- The smell in the downtown was coming from a sewer grate on Houston Street. It was resulting from the warmer weather and should be a rare occurrence.
- Staff did have a conversation with the people in the real estate department of Wal-Mart. They have a few other retail operations and will see if they would like a bulk sale of several of the properties. We should have contact or response in a couple of weeks. If there were no takers the property would be sold by a broker. Wal-Mart is hopeful that the gas station would remain open. Mayor Schielke stated that they hope to have the gas station in operation in the latter part of February.
- Inquiries were made for the indoor farming operation. Batavia remains in competition for that.

## **9. Other**

Callahan asked about the FOIA request that came in to 'Info At' and how is that being monitored so it does not get missed. Newman answered that anything that comes in that is a police request is routed to the police and Chris Cudworth as our FOIA officer. The 'Info At' is for general inquiries and that goes to both Chris and her. This FOIA had to be handled differently because it was about Chris Cudworth's communications.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm; Made by Salvati; Seconded by Malay. Motion carried.