

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL
February 5, 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. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

12 of 14 aldermen were present.

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

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

City Administrator	Laura Newman
City Clerk	Ellen Posledni
Deputy Fire Chief	Craig Hanson
Police Chief	Daniel Eul
City Attorney	Roman Seckel
Building Commissioner	Jeff Albertson
Finance Director	Peggy Colby
Director of Public Works	Gary Holm

4. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED

None.

5. OATH: Appoint of Paid-On-Call Recruits: Sergio Rodriguez, Ryan Thomas, and Antoine Winbush (Chief Deicke 1/31/18) CS

Deputy Fire Chief Hanson introduced the three recruits, and Mayor Schielke administered the oaths of office.

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Malay, to approve the appointments. Motion carried 12 yeay/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Ald. Atac read the consent agenda as follows:

Accept and Place on File

- A. Committee of the Whole Minutes from October 10, October 11, November 14, November 28, December 5, 2017 and January 9, 2018
- B. Historic Preservation Commission from December 11, 2017 and January 8, 2018

Approvals:

- C. January 26, 2018 Payroll \$861,169.36
- D. Accounts Payable Check Register \$5,552,285.89
- E. City Council Minutes for January 16, 2018
- F. **RESOLUTION 18-09-R:** Authorizing Execution of a One-Year Renewable Contract for 2018 West Side Property Maintenance with W.A. Management, Inc. for \$55,500.00 (Scott Haines 1/16/18 COW 1/23/18 12/0)
- G. **RESOLUTION 18-11-R:** Authorizing Purchase of Two 2018 Ford F250 Trucks from Landmark Ford for \$67,083.00 (Scott Haines 1/16/18 COW 1/23/18 12/0)
- H. **RESOLUTION 18-15-R:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute a petition to the ICC for installation of a new railroad spur crossing on Hubbard Ave (Gary Holm 1/18/18 COW 1/23/18 12/0) CS
- I. **RESOLUTION 18-14-R:** Authorizing Preliminary Engineering Supplement-1 for Prairie St Reconstruction with Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$137,286.54 (RBari 1/19/2018 COW 1/23/18 12/0) CS
- J. **RESOLUTION 18-17-R:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute the application to the IEPA for a low interest loan for storm sewer separation (APodraza 1/19/18 COW 1/23/18 12/0) CS
- K. **RESOLUTION 18-13-R:** Approving a New Rate for General Legal Services with Drendel & Jansons Law Group (Laura Newman 1/18/18 COW 1/23/18 12/0) GS
- L. **RESOLUTION 18-20-R:** Batavia 34kV Rebuild Projects – Line Design Proposal – Main Sub Station to Paramount Sub Station (RBari 1/25/18 COW 1/30/18 11/0) PU
- M. **RESOLUTION 18-19-R:** Authorizing the execution of Task Order #15 with WBK for Area 3 Watermain Phase II Engineering (APodraza 1/25/18 COW 1/30/18 11/0) CS

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. McFadden, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

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

None.

8. CHAMBER

Batavia Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Holly Deitchman thanked everyone who attended the Inspire Awards, including emcee Ald. Scott Salvati and Mayor Schielke for his kind words at the event. Multiple awards were given to area businesses and to Citizen of the Year Marcia Boyce of Boyce Body Works. The event had record attendance at Abbey Farms.

The next Women in Business luncheon will be held February 13. The topic will be Keys to Successful Public Speaking, and it will be held at Eaglebrook County Club.

The next Networking-It event will be February 21 from 5 to 7 pm at Denny's. Donations will be accepted for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry.

The next HR Programming event will focus on recruiting and hiring, and will be held February 22 at Valley Industrial Association on Route 38.

The next Eggs Benefit Open House for new and prospective Chamber members to learn more about the benefits of Chamber membership will be held at Water Street Studios on March 2. Seating is limited to 40, and it is already half full, so call the Chamber if you plan to attend. Food will be provided by Enticing Cuisine.

Mayor Schielke thanked the Chamber for putting on such a great event for the Inspire Awards this year. He said it made him pleased to be part of such a wonderful community.

9. PRESENTATION: Patty Smith --Dukane Abate

Ms. Smith was not in attendance. Mayor Schielke explained that this event is a motorcycle run from Elburn through downtown Batavia to the VFW Post 1197 on Rt. 25. Gov. Rauner has been part of the event in past years. Each motorcycle rider brings toys to the VFW at the end of the ride, and local charities come to retrieve them. The event closes Wilson Street each year for 10 to 15 minutes while the motorcycles come through town.

10. ORDINANCE 18-14: Adopt Prevailing Wage Ordinance (Rahat Bari 1/19/2018 COW 1/23/18 11/1) GS

Ald. Atac introduced the ordinance to adopt prevailing wages for construction projects in the city.

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Chanzit, to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried 11 yea/ 1 nay/ 2 absent.

11. APPROVAL: To Waive Formal Bidding for Purchase of a 2018 John Deere 444 Wheel Loader (Scott Haines 1/16/18)

Ald. Wolff introduced the item, explaining that the purchase would replace a 2008 loader. The budget for this item was \$120,000, and the unit will cost \$141,000. By trading in the 2008 model for approximately \$40,000 or more, the purchase would be under budget. Customer loyalty discounts make the purchase more advantageous than purchases made through the city's typical channels, and staff does a good job to make sure we get the best price on units in these scenarios. The purchase would be made directly through John Deere in Moline.

Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to waive formal bidding as presented. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

12. RESOLUTION 18-10-R: Authorizing Purchase of a 2018 John Deere 444 Wheel Loader from John Deere Retail Sales for \$141,278.71 (Scott Haines 1/16/18 COW 1/23/18 12/0) CS

Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

13. APPROVAL: Demolition-Certificate of Appropriateness--27 North Prairie Street (Albertson 1/3/18 COW 1/9/18 13/0) CD

Ald. Brown introduced the item relating to one of two properties owned by the Batavia Park District that it has requested to demolish. One property is being rented and another was used for the Teen Center for several years, but has ceased to be used due to the expense of upkeep of the property. The demolition of both properties has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Schielke noted that over the years, he has heard occasional complaints from area businesses that when the East Side Community Center has a big event, their parking gets taken by people attending the

event. Although he notes that parking issues can mean that you have a lot of visitors downtown, which can be a good sign, he appreciates the Park District taking steps to alleviate parking issues through this requested action.

Motion by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Russotto, to approve the demolition certificate as presented. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

14. APPROVAL: Demolition-Certificate of Appropriateness--13 North Prairie Street (Albertson 1/3/18 COW 1/9/18 13/0) CD

Motion by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Russotto, to approve the demolition certificate as presented. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

15. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newman noted that the Strategic Plan would be discussed at tomorrow night's Committee of the Whole meeting, and the Council may wish to discuss what information they would like from staff regarding how they have worked so far to accomplish items related to the current Strategic Plan.

One Washington Place has submitted its revised petition; it is now with Community Development and will be on the schedule for Historic Preservation Commission on February 15. Prairie Commons plans are in Community Development for review. Sierra Trading Company is on track to open in early to mid-March.

Yesterday afternoon, an accident on Rt. 31 knocked down one of the flashing beacon crosswalk signs on the east side of the road at McKee. The Federal Highway Authority will not allow these types of signs to be replaced or repaired if damaged. Now, the city is looking to disable the sign on the west side of the street, because they can't operate on just one side of the street. Decisions on how to proceed will be discussed at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

The city was victim of a phishing email scam last week that resulted in an employee emailing W-2 information to an unknown person, thinking she was sending it to Administrator Newman. All city employees affected by the incident have been notified. The incident only affects people employed by the city, not city residents. Meetings have been held with employees to answer questions and discuss ways to prevent future incidents. The city will pay for credit monitoring and identity theft protection for one year, and will also pay for a credit freeze for those who wish to institute one. The fee for this service is about \$10. Live training on email security will be offered every other year, with online training offered in opposite years. New hires will also undergo training. Administrator Newman noted that the IT department has actively worked to educate city employees about phishing attacks, but people can still make mistakes. The city is working on getting new training and policies in place, and is establishing an information security committee.

There has been no update on the Sam's Club real estate, but the gas station will reopen as part of Wal-Mart by the end of the month.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ald. Brown reported that the next Committee of the Whole meeting will be February 6 at 7:30, the next Plan Commission meeting will be February 7 at 7:00, and the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be February 12 at 5:30 p.m. There were no other reports.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

18. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schielke announced that a Community Volunteer Summit would be held on March 13. It will feature presentations by representatives of the ACCESS Toy Drive, Batavia Fireworks, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry and the Flag Day Memorial. Residents are invited to come and hear about volunteer opportunities with these key community organizations. The summit will be part of the Committee of the Whole meeting and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Schielke also mentioned that he has been receiving many calls from people interested in the new Windmill Manor being built on Hawks Drive behind Wal-Mart. Many people are wanting more information about how to apply for this housing. It is limited to people 55 and older who are considered low income. The Mayor noted that the decision to build Riverrain was controversial many years ago, but it is a great success story that has allowed many lifelong Batavians to live out their golden years in Batavia with dignity. He is pleased to add a similar project to increase availability of this type of housing. Windmill Manor hopes to be operational in 2018, and residents must go through an extensive application process. The company can be reached at 608.348.7755 or reception@ppmirentals.com. Ald. Salvati asked if Communications Coordinator Chris Cudworth would be promoting the Volunteer Summit via social media and other avenues. Administrator Newman confirmed that he would be.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Salvati. Motion carried by voice vote.
The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Ellen Posledni, City Clerk, February 5, 2018.