

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 19th, 2021
7:30 p.m. – Council Chambers 1st Floor
100 N. Island Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510
Hybrid Meeting

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Ajazi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Aldermen in attendance: Baerren (1), Solfa (1), Leman (2), Wolff (2), Chanzit (3), Ajazi (3), Knopp (4), Malay (4), Beck (5), Uher (5), Cerone (6), Russotto (6), Miller (7) Vogelsinger (7).

4. REMINDER: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording

5. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda read by Ald. Chanzit

Accept and Place on File:

A. Historic Preservation Commission Minutes June 14, 2021

Approvals:

B. July 9, 2021 Payroll \$1,015,949.23 Accounts Payable Check Register
\$3,461,326.67

C. City Council Minutes for July 6, 2021

- D. RESOLUTION 21-073-R: Executing a Lease for an Outdoor Restaurant Seating Area at 11 N. Batavia Avenue (Bocadito’s Café, Inc.) (SCB 7/2/21 COW 7/13/21 12/0) CD
- E. RESOLUTION 21-072-R: Authorizing Execution of a Contract With M/M Peters Construction, Inc. for 2021 Public Works Garage Sewer Line Replacement (SH 6/29/21 COW 7/13/21 12/0)
- F. RESOLUTION 21-075-R: Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Authorization (HC 7/8/21 COW 7/13/21 12/0) GS
- G. RESOLUTION 21-078-R: Approving a Change Order to the contract with Electric Conduit Construction to build a Fiber Hut/Critical Infrastructure Communication Node Shelter Paramount Substation for an amount not to exceed \$26,699.99 (RB 7/9/21 COW 7/13/21 12/0) PU

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Knopp, to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

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

None

8. PROCLAMATION: Batavia Park District Life Saving Event

Chief Diecke presented a proclamation recognizing the outstanding lifesaving efforts of the staff of Hall Quarry Beach and the Batavia Fire Department. In addition to reading the text of the proclamation he made a special point to recognize that events like this can be extremely stressful to the first responders and expressed the sincere thanks of the citizens of Batavia.

9. PRESENTATION: Letter Of Commendation – Anna Bakker (Batavia Environmental Commission)

Mayor Shielke read a letter of thanks to recognize Anna Bakker for her positive environmental impact on Batavia through her work with the Batavia Environmental Commission.

10. PRESENTATION: Flags And Flannel Event – Austin Dempsey

Austin Dempsey spoke to the Council about “Red White and Brews”, an upcoming fundraising event for the Flag Day Monument, a cornerstone project of the Fox Valley Patriotic Organization.

Ald. Beck left the meeting at 7:52 pm.

11. APPROVAL: Class G Special Use Permit – Liquor License Applications For Bar Evolution For The 2021 “Flags And Flannel Event” Hosted By The Fox Valley Patriotic

Organization To Be Held In The 0-99 Block Of South Water Street On Friday, August, 13, 2021 (DME 7/14/21)

Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

- 12. APPROVAL:** Class F Liquor License Application For The “Cocktails In The Park” Event Hosted By Batavia Main Street To Be Held At Appleton Park, 100 N. Island Ave., Batavia, Illinois On July 31, 2021 (DME 7/12/21)

Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

Ald. Beck returned to the meeting at 7:54 pm.

13. MainStreet Minute

Beth Walker of MainStreet presented on the upcoming events of Batavia MainStreet. Cocktails in the Park, a major MainStreet fundraiser event, will be held on July 31st. Public voting for light pole banners concluded this week; winners will be announced in the following week. She highlighted two new downtown retail businesses: Barnwood & Beeswax, and Craft & Smoke.

14. APPROVAL: Waiving Of Formal Bids

The Mayor asked for clarification on this item. Administrator Newman explained that it was specific to the next agenda item, which had been discussed in the Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Ald. Solfa, seconded by Ald. Russotto, to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.

- 15. RESOLUTION 21-076-R:** Authorizing Purchase Of An 80 Niche Combination Columbaria From American Wilbert Vault Corp. For An Amount Not-To-Exceed \$60,000.00 (GH COW 7/13/21) CS

Ald. Russotto presented this item. Mayor clarified where the columbaria will be installed: immediately to the west of the present baseball field at the West Side Cemetery. Ald. Wolff pointed out that the design and layout allows for future expansion.

Motion by Ald. Russotto, seconded by Ald. Miller, to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.

- 16. ORDINANCE 21-34:** Public Water Supply Loan Program - Authorizing Loan Agreement (JB)

Ald. Cerone presented this item. He explained that this item had not appeared before the Committee of the Whole due to an abbreviated timeline. He asked Gary Holm to address the council to outline the scope of the ordinance and to answer questions. Through the

state and the EPA Batavia is eligible for a 100% forgivable loan available to fund the replacement of lead service lines with copper.

Ald Cerone asked if this will entirely eliminate lead service lines in Batavia. Holm replied that he believes the city has done its best to reach out to the public and that depending on response rates, the bulk of lead lines will be removed.

Ald Cerone asked if there are scenarios where the loan will not be forgiven. Holm responded that they would not

Ald Beck offered compliments to Jeremey on getting the communication campaign done. Mayor Schielke pointed out that this funding will replace infrastructure that is over 120 years old in places.

Ald Beck asked if the lead services lines would be entirely removed, or if a secondary line would be installed in tandem. Holm responded that site conditions will dictate the approach and that it may make more sense to install new service to minimize property damage, but as much lead will be removed as possible.

Mayor Shielke noted that due to incomplete early records, some of the original lines may not be laid where expected.

Motion by Ald. Cerone, seconded by Ald. Beck, to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Laura Newman delivered her report. She highlighted a number of Community and Economic Development projects that are underway in Batavia. Planning Commission will be reviewing proposed changes to parking and zoning.

Ald. Uher asked about the Hitchcock project and whether or not Kane County Forest Preserves has been involved in the stakeholder conversations. Newman responded that they had been and that the City would continue to seek their input during the project.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gov Services: none

City Services: none

Community Development: none

Public Utilities: none

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Ald. Leman raised the issue of the City's contract with Shodeen, and noted that Shodeen currently stands in breach. She asked for a better understanding of the next steps in the

project. Administrator Newman clarified that Shodeen has been notified that Council expects to talk with representatives in three weeks at the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 3rd. If at that point they have not been able to secure funding, additional measures may be taken to attempt to cure the breach.

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schielke delivered his report. He highlighted road studies that are currently being done to improve safety at the intersection of Fabyan and 31.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Russotto, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kate Garrett, City Clerk, July 19th, 2021