

MINUTES
June 30, 2020
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.

Acting Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Ald. Miller, Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit (on phone), Baerren, O'Brien, Meitzler (on phone), Malay (on phone), Uher, Cerone (on phone) and McFadden (on phone)

Members Absent: Chair Wolff; Alderman Callahan

Also Present: Mayor Schielke; Chief Deicke, Batavia Fire Department; Laura Newman, City Administrator; Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Peggy Colby (on phone), Director of Finance; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

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

3. Approve Minutes for June 16, 2020 and June 23, 2020

Motion: To approve the minutes for June 16, 2020 and June 23, 2020

Maker: Knopp

Second: Uher

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Knopp, Chanzit, Baerren, O'Brien, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden, Miller, Russotto, Beck

Nay: None

12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

4. Items to be Removed/Added/Changed

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

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. Ordinance 20-42: Declaring Surplus Properties (RD 6/24/20) CS

Alderman Russotto summarized the memo. Chief Deicke noted that the vehicle does have a lot of rust. Chief Deicke stated that the vehicle was to be gifted to ESDA but the vehicle is in such bad shape that we are looking to surplus it.

Motion: To recommend approval of Ordinance 20-42: Declaring Surplus Properties

Maker: Russotto

Second: Uher

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Baerren, O'Brien, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden, Miller

Nay: None

12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Resolution 20-086-R: Authorizing a Representative to Sign State Revolving Loan Fund Documents (PLC 6/26/20) GS

O'Brien overviewed the memo.

Motion: To recommend approval of Resolution 20-086-R: Authorizing a Representative to Sign State Revolving Load Fund Documents

Maker: Knopp

Second: Meitzler

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Knopp, Chanzit, Baerren, O'Brien, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden, Miller, Russotto, Beck

Nay: None

12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Ordinance 20-41: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, to issue Waterworks Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 in Evidence of Loans Issued Pursuant to the Public Water Supply Loan Program (PLC 6/26/20) GS

O'Brien summarized the memo. O'Brien asked about the fiscal difference between the budget and the memo. Colby stated the engineers had not made the final cost estimates until just this week but only one million of the project is in 2020 and the balance would be in 2021. The balance would be included in next year's budget. Colby stated that the Water Treatment Plant was thought that it would be three million five hundred thousand but it is projected that it would cost three million nine hundred thousand.

Motion: To recommend approval of Ordinance 20-41: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, to issue Waterworks Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 in evidence of loans issued pursuant to the Public Water Supply Loan Program

Maker: Meitzler

Second: Knopp

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden, Miller, Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Baerren, O'Brien,

Nay: None

12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

9. Project Status

Newman reported on the following:

- The Governor's new Executive Order allows us to have meetings in person. However, there still is the opportunity for elected officials and the public to continue to attend the meetings remotely if they so wish or if they need to. The room has been rearranged to strictly observe the social distancing and all in attendance are asked to wear masks. The public seating only has space for twelve right now because we have spaced the chairs ten feet apart. If in the future we have meetings where there will likely be additional people in attendance we will make sure that in addition to the seating we provide in this room we will provide a way to social distance and public comments on matters in which they want to speak to the Council. Members of the public will also have the opportunity to make public comment via phone or email.
- The City will be awarding checks to the first three of our eleven small businesses that have been awarded COVID 19 grants this Thursday. We have another ten to a dozen applicants for the second round of COVID 19 grants. The grants is a resource to purchase items they need for their business to protect both employees and customers and also to provide tables and chairs for outdoor dining opportunities during this time.
- In Community and Economic Development the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) unanimously approved the revised elevations for the One Washington Place project. They also approved some glass substitution for the glass block that is on the Campana building. The owner of the Campana building would like to do much needed repairs and is looking to find a cost effective means to accomplish that.
- The Plan Commission (PC) will be reviewing the One Washington Place Project at their meeting tomorrow. This will still be a remote meeting because of the notice period necessary for a Public Hearing. The notice fell before the Governor's new Executive Order. Instructions for how to participate in that meeting are on the PC agenda.
- We have received interest in another site in the Batavia Business Park for a speculative building. No plans have been submitted at this point but we are excited to see that development continues in the very limited space available at this time in our business park.
- Work has commenced at 126 S Mallory Street in TIF 4. They are doing tuck pointing work and restoration to the failed exterior wall. Their goal is to enclose the structure and restore the exterior walls by the end of summer.
- Staff continues to work on the outside dining permits.
- The Revitalization Committee and Batavia Reconnected activities are underway. We are now collaborating on an outdoor dining Facebook page. Signage is being created for the outdoor dining areas.
- Public Works has a public outreach presentation for Mahoney Creek, which has been scheduled for 5pm on Tuesday, July 14th. This will be a remote presentation conducted via GoToWebinar. Members of the public will be asked to provide feedback and comments, which would be incorporated into the final watershed report expected to be completed in late summer.
- The preliminary engineering study for the Carriage Crest area is scheduled to be presented to the COW on July 14th. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers.

- The Main Street project continues to track a little behind schedule. Ward 1 is ahead of schedule. Prairie Street and Area 3 are running on schedule. With all four of these projects running at once has been great deal of work and Public Works has been doing a wonderful job.
- The video gaming site limit change to the ordinance will be on the COW meeting agenda next week.

10. Other

Mayor Schielke shared a document that originated from 1970s titled “The Batavia Historic Structures: Styles and Designs for Building Watchers” that was a handout they once gave out at the Batavia Depot Museum. He is having conversations with the Batavia Historical Society Board and they plan on attending a COW meeting sometime soon. Mayor Schielke asked the Committee if they would be in favor of creating a new updated list. There was no objection from the Committee. Mayor Schielke stated that he would send the handout to the Committee and asked that if there are any questions or homes the Committee members would like to see added to the list to contact him.

Beck announced that next week is the Fox Valley Sustainability Network’s Forum. The topic of this forum is economic development and what communities and counties are doing as we reopen the economy. Batavia will be featured as a case study for Batavia reconnected. The forum will be held on July 8th from 11am-12pm. This will be a webinar.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Acting Chair O’Brien asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm; Made by Miller; Seconded by Uher. Motion carried.