

**CITY OF BATAVIA**  
**MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, August 15th, 2022  
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 7:30 pm.

**2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alderman Uher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

*Attending remotely: Connelly, Chanzit, Ajazi, Cerone, Vogelsinger*

**REMINDER: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording**

**4. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED**

none

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Accept and Place on File:

- A. Committee of the Whole Minutes May 31, 2022, June 7, 2022 and June 28, 2022
- B. Historic Preservation Commission June 24, 2022

Approvals:

- C. August 5, 2022 Payroll \$943,239.85
- D. Accounts Payable Check Register \$1,552,155.66
- E. City Council Minutes for August 1, 2022
- F. APPROVAL: COW Executive Session Minutes for June 7, 2022
- G. RESOLUTION 22-084-R: Appointment of Freedom of Information Act Officers (LN COW 8/09/22 13/0) GS

- H. RESOLUTION 22-083-R: Authorizing the Purchase of Five Bike Tool Stations for an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,609.45 (AI 9/09/22 14/o) CS
- I. ORDINANCE 22-39: Proposing the Establishment of Special Service Area Number 69 in the City of Batavia and Providing for a Public Hearing and Other Procedures with the Winding Creek Subdivision (DMR 7/18/22 COW 8/09/22 14/o) CD

Ald. Chanzit read aloud the Consent Agenda.

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.*

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

George Sloan, resident of Appleton Dr, Batavia, rose to address the council to bring awareness to the Batavia Kubb organization and announce an upcoming regional tournament to be held in Batavia on September 3rd.

Ald. Wolff asked where interested individuals could learn more about the organization. Mr. Sloan identified times and locations for practice and a social media profile for Energy City Kubb.

*Ald. Beck joined the meeting remotely at 7:45 pm.*

**8. PRESENTATION: Recognizing Emil Jensen For 25 Years Of Service As A Batavia Police Officer**

Deputy Chief Blowers spoke about Emil Jensen's service with the Batavia Police Department. Mayor Schielke presented Mr. Jensen with a plaque and personalized street sign in recognition of his service.

Mr. Jensen offered his gratitude to the city and people of Batavia.

**9. PROCLAMATION: Declaring S. Raddant Road To Be Designated John D. Kennedy Way**

*Ald. Wolff read the proclamation.*

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the proclamation. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

Gary Holm addressed the council to speak about his memories of John as a kind, dedicated family man. Mayor Schielke presented the street sign to be erected in John's memory to the Kennedy family.

*Ald. Beck left the meeting at 7:55 pm.*

**10. APPROVAL: Class G Special Use Liquor License Permits For The September 4, 2022 “Batavia Block Party” Organized By Batavia Mainstreet (EB 8/09/22)**

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Malay, to approve the license. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.*

*Ald. Beck returned to the meeting at 7:57 pm.*

**11. MAINSTREET MINUTE**

Director Beth Walker delivered her report on the recent and upcoming activities of MainStreet. Review recording for comments in full.

**12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator Laura Newman delivered her report. Review recording for comments in full.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ald. Wolff reminded the council that the Batavia Bulldog Boosters Corn Boil will be held this Friday, August 19th.

Ald. Leman asked if Batavia has Neighborhood Watch programs that work directly with the Police Department. Dept. Chief Blowers responded that these programs are usually organized at the neighborhood level and that the Police Department would facilitate anyone interested in organizing a neighborhood watch, but that there are no such formal groups.

**14. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Schielke delivered his report.

He counseled residents to be aware of fraud schemes. Dept. Chief Blowers offered tips for protecting yourself from digital fraud.

Review recording for comments in full.

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Malay, to enter executive session to discuss litigation. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent. Executive session commenced at 8:21 pm.*

*Mayor Schielke closed the executive session and returned to regular session at 8:45 pm.*

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kate Garrett, City Clerk, August 15th, 2022.