

CITY OF BATAVIA

BUSINESS MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2020

The regular business meeting of the City Council was held Monday, April 13, 2020 ~~in the Council Chambers, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia, New York,~~ with Council President Jankowski presiding. The meeting was held via Zoom video conference due to restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilmembers Pacino, Briggs, Viele, Christian, McGinnis, Karas, Canale, and Bialkowski.

In attendance from the City of Batavia were Matt Worth, Chief Napolitano, Chief Heubusch, Rachael Tabelski, Lisa Neary, and Lisa Casey.

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM immediately after the conference meeting.

The minutes from the March 2020 meeting and the February financials were approved

The Council President assigned the regular agenda items.

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City Attorney's Report

George Van Nest, City Attorney, noted they have been working with the city manager's office to address questions and concerns regarding COVID-19 but there was nothing specific to report.

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City Manager's Report

Martin Moore, City Manager, noted that the economic development organizations in the city and the county have been meeting and going through different kinds of aid to businesses in the County. He noted that city employees have been doing their best to keep socially distant and some working from home. He noted there is a new directive requiring masks for essential employees and those should be available by tomorrow or Wednesday. Mr. Moore noted that we will have Zoom meetings getting information to the public about use of parks and other information, DRI projects are still moving along, and with the Governor's budget sometimes the aid can be taken back. He noted that our budget is finalized and if the VLT money shows up we will be careful with it and it will probably be used to replace lost sales and use tax. Council President Jankowski noted that we don't want to exceed the tax cap two years in a row so we need to start planning ahead today.

Mr. Moore noted we are also very busy with the software conversion at this time. Councilmember Christian noted that she didn't want to count on the VLT money whatsoever and felt sorry for our community at this time. Councilmember Bialkowski feels that the hit on sales tax will be more dire than we thought and we will be facing some really tough times coming up.

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Committee Reports

Councilmember Pacino said that BID is still meeting and working and very much available. Councilmember Christian noted that the neighborhood task force could not meet this month but hopefully can resume in May.

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Unfinished Business

None.

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#36-2020

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020/2021 BUDGET RESERVE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS FOR CHANGE TO BATAVIA CITY CENTRE ROOF ALTERATIONS AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Motion of Councilmember Bialkowski

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law 6-c the City of Batavia has an established Facilities Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Reserve Fund has a current balance of \$238,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Centre roof plans were not in accordance with what was built and to accommodate the existing structure of the roof a change order in the amount of \$13,040 has been created; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to move forward with the change order and \$17,000 for contingency to accommodate other areas of the roof that were not built in accordance with the City's records; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Batavia that the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized on behalf of the City to execute the change orders for the City Centre Roof Alterations and Replacement Project with Grove Roofing Services, Inc..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Batavia to authorize the City Manager to amend the 2020/2021 budget by increasing the accounts as follows:

Revenue 001.0001.0511.2106 Facility Reserves \$ 30,000.00

Expense 004.0004.0105.1804 City Centre Construction \$ 30,000.00

Seconded by Councilmember Viele and on roll call approved 9-0.

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#37-2020

A RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE THE PUBLIC USE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN AGREEMENTS FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY AUCTIONED ON MARCH 14, 2020

Motion of Councilmember Pacino

WHEREAS, the City foreclosed on 697 East Main St for non-payment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, ads were placed in the Batavia Daily News and documentation was sent to Bontrager Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc. regarding the properties; and

WHEREAS, a Public Real Estate Auction was held at Bontrager's Auction Center on March 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the highest bid received for the auctioned property is as follows:

Property	Highest Bidder	Highest Bid
697 East Main St	Joshua Doll	\$10,000

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Batavia, that it discontinues the public use of said properties and authorizes the City Council President to sign all necessary and appropriate closing documents, including Quit Claim deeds, to convey the property to the highest bidders for all properties, subject to purchasers' execution of Contracts of Sale that are satisfactory to the City Attorney's Office.

Seconded by Councilmember Christian and on roll call approved 9-0.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**