

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

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

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

Call to Order

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Briggs led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Betty Carr, 46 Vernon Ave, noted that she was the manager of the public market and wanted to find a pathway to keep the market at its current location in the Alva Pl parking lot. She suggested finding a new home for the police department so the market could stay put. She handed out statistics relating to the market to Council and noted that the market has moved locations 11 times in the past 15 years. She noted that there is a booth at the market that assists with EBT recipients and low income individuals to eat better, the market helps the farmers make money, and keeps the food dollars in Batavia. She would like an open dialogue to work together as she feels that moving the market will hurt the community. She asked Council to help make Alva and Bank the market's forever home.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Communications

Just Kings requested to hold a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Alva Pl parking lot. It would be a drive-thru style to keep gatherings to a minimum and the police would be there to monitor the event. Mrs. Tabelski asked everyone to be safe so we don't move backwards in the fight against Covid and have our economy shut down again. Council approved.

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business meeting to be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Public Hearing – A Public Hearing Amending Ordinance Under Chapter 190 Entitled “Zoning” of the City of Batavia Municipal Code to Amend I-1 Industrial Zone to Include Public Garage Business with Special Use Permits.

Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Viele, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, and on roll call, approved 8-0. There were no speakers. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Viele, seconded by Councilmember McGinnis, and on roll call, approved 8-0.

SEQR Lead Agency Determination and Negative Declaration Determination

Mr. Worth noted that this was the last step of the change to the ordinance and would declare the City as lead agency. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Change

Mr. Worth noted that this is just moving the ordinance forward to the next meeting for adoption. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Design Consultant Jackson Square

Mr. Worth noted that 11 proposals had been received and were being reviewed and that this was one of the DRI projects. He noted that he would come back with the recommended firm at the November or December meeting. He explained that there was a general concept for the Square submitted when going through the DRI process and once a firm is selected, a meeting with the stakeholders about the details would take place. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Carolwood Drive Extension – Clinton Gardens Subdivision Park 21A

Mr. Worth explained that there was an extension of a subdivision with street construction, water, sewer, etc all in place. He noted that this would mean new housing can go up in the City and we now have to accept these improvements and maintain them going forward. Mr. Worth noted the contractors have to build to our specs and testing and it's been a very positive project. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Ellicott Trail Project – Final Costs Adjustments

Mr. Worth noted that the Ellicott Trail project was complete, the Town was the administrator of the project and we had an inter-municipal agreement with them to split the unfunded costs. The final projects costs ran over and the City is required to pay \$26,000 but CHIPS funds can be used to pay. Councilmember Bialkowski asked what the annual cost to maintain would be. Mr. Worth noted that it should be minimal, mostly labor, and would lessen as the trail matures. Councilmember Canale noted that there were several naysayers years ago but now all he hears about is how great this is so nice to see a vision that came to fruition. Council President Jankowski noted that there was one section that did not allow pets and heard some complaints about that but could be addressed in the future. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Natural Gas Commodity Contract

Mr. Worth explained that this is to purchase the commodity as the current contract expires

at the end of the year. He noted that they went out to bid, the lowest bid was from New Wave Energy out of Buffalo, and is cheaper than the previous three years. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Budget Amendment for National Grid Urban Corridor Grant

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was a housekeeping resolution to recognize the revenue from a grant for a trail going through the Savarino property. The grant was accepted by Council in 2018 but the budget amendment to record it was never made and it doesn't affect the bottom line. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Adoption of LGS-1 Retention and Disposition Schedule

Mrs. Parker, City Clerk, explained that NYS Archives issued a new schedule to use for records management and this would replace the MU-1 schedule that is currently used. The MU-1 will be expiring at the end of the year so a new schedule needs to be adopted. She noted that once this new schedule, which basically just combines several schedules into one since many items were handled the same, would go into effect once it is adopted by the City and the schedule identifies how long records need to be kept. Council agreed to move the item forward.

2020-2021 STOP-DWI "Crackdown" Award

Chief Heubusch noted that we received an award for an additional STOP-DWI program for \$5,000 and this is to accept that award. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Permission to Accept Rotary Grant & Amend Youth Bureau Budget

Jocelyn Sikorski, Youth Bureau Director, noted that Rotary approached her to give us a grant of \$6,000 for kayaks and other equipment for Dewitt Park. She noted that a safe boat launch would be added and the County would be part of this as well and everything would be moved over to the County once the project was complete for them to maintain. Council agreed to move the item forward.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

10/26/2020