

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

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

In attendance from the City of Batavia were Ray Tourt, 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 Viele led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

John Roach, 16 Grandview Terr, noted that at the last meeting he had asked if any money had been spent on the city manager search and had to FOIL the information to get answers. He wondered if there were any costs for the interviews and noted they were told this was going to be free.

Council Response to Public Comments

Councilmember Christian asked Mrs. Tabelski if there was an answer and she noted that she couldn't answer because she was a candidate. Councilmember Canale noted that he didn't have that exact information but thought that Council President Jankowski said there would be minimal costs. Councilmember Canale noted that after Thursday they would make sure to gather those numbers. He also noted that travel costs would be minimized because of COVID.

Communications

Franco's Food Service submitted a liquor license application for use at Dwyer Stadium. There were no objections from the police department and Council approved.

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business meeting to be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Councilmember Bialkowski presented a proclamation, declaring March 2021 to be Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, to Donna Saskowski. He noted that this affects more than seven million Americans and their families and they can be vital and vibrant members of their communities. He noted that Council proudly recognized ARC of Genesee and Orleans County in their efforts. Mrs. Saskowski noted that developmental disabilities awareness month was established in 1987 under the Regan administration and

ARC is one of the leading employers in the community.

Public Hearings:

- a. A Public Hearing to Adopt the 2021/22 Budget Ordinance #001-2021

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Viele, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, and on roll call approved 9-0.

John Roach, 116 Grandview Terr, felt that as long as any public safety positions were vacant then the City shouldn't be funding the BDC. He also stated that if GO Art didn't have their Picnic in the Park this year that they should give back any money given to them from the City for that event.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Bialkowski, seconded by Councilmember Viele, and on roll call approved 9-0.

- b. A Public Hearing to Adopt and Amendment to Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2021 §184-41 (A), (B), (C), and (O) of the Batavia Municipal Code to establish New Water Rates, Meter Fees and a Capital Improvement Fee

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Canale, seconded by Councilmember Pacino, and on roll call approved 9-0.

There were no speakers.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Bialkowski, seconded by Councilmember Canale, and on roll call approved 9-0.

- c. A Public Hearing to Adopt an Amendment to Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2021 Entitled "Amending the Business Improvement District Plan"

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Karas, seconded by Councilmember Viele, and on roll call approved 9-0.

There were no speakers.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Karas, seconded by Councilmember Bialkowski, and on roll call approved 9-0.

2021/22 Budget Ordinance

Mrs. Tabelski noted there was a proposed \$0.14 increase in the tax rate and this was to move the ordinance forward for adoption. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Adoption of Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2021 §184-41 (A), (B), (C), and (O) of the Batavia Municipal Code to establish New Water Rates, Meter Fees and a Capital Improvement Fee

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the proposed water rate increase was \$0.20 with a total impact on the average resident of about \$17.00 annually. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Adoption of Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2021 Entitled “Amending the Business Improvement District Plan”

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this plan reflected capital fund updates to make downtown better along with assessment updates. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Enter into Agreement with YMCA for Youth Bureau Services and Summer Recreation

Mrs. Tabelski noted that three firms responded to the RFP and the YMCA came in with the lowest bid. She noted that it would be a four-year agreement and believed it was the right way to provide services to the City. She stated that the contract would be \$175,000. Jeff Townsend, YMCA, noted that their intention was to incorporate all of their services at the YMCA to the youth of the City and their plan was pretty robust. He noted that no *less* services would be provided and it actually should be *more* services that are provided. Councilmember Christian felt that the County should provide money towards this agreement. Council President Jankowski noted that he was really excited about the partnership because they are a local organization, are building a new facility in downtown, and thus are fully invested in our community. He felt there were many possibilities. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Annual Resolutions

Mrs. Tabelski reviewed each of the following end-of-year housekeeping resolutions:

- a. Strategic Plan
- b. Establish and Update Current Capital Projects and Transfer Funds for Capital Project Budgets
- c. Investment Policy
- d. Purchasing Manual
- e. Parking Permits
- f. Employee Accrued Liability Reserves

Council agreed to move the resolutions forward.

Appoint Members to Various City Committees/Boards

Councilmember Pacino noted that these were appointments to the Community Garden. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Capital Project Close Out

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was an annual resolution to close out various capital projects that were completed. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Dissolve the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Genesee County for Youth Bureau Operations

Mrs. Tabelski noted that if we contract with the YMCA, she suggests terminating the agreement with the County for a shared youth director. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Enter into an Agreement with Firland Management for Operations at the Batavia Ice Rink

Mrs. Tabelski explained that she had been working with Firland over the past four months and came up with an amended payment schedule and amounts. Councilmember Viele stated that the rink is the best it's ever looked and that they do a great job. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Water Chemical Bids

Mrs. Tabelski noted that bids were issued in January and recommended awarding contracts as noted in the resolution. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Lime Sludge Removal

Mrs. Tabelski stated that no bids were received for this service and DPW would issue another request for bids and hopefully receive some back this time. She suggested moving the resolution to a future meeting so when a responsible bid is received it can immediately be voted on. Council agreed to move the item to a future business meeting.

Lead Service Replacement

Mrs. Tabelski noted that in May 2020 the City authorized this replacement, construction bids were advertised in February and suggested moving the resolution forward to the March 8th meeting. Council would be notified of the low bid before it is on the resolution for a vote. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Councilmember Christian thanked Mrs. Tabelski for her updated information on the COVID situation and the clinics.

Executive Session...Real Estate Matters

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilmember Pacino

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 105(1)(h), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof..."and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Batavia, that upon approval of this Motion, the City Council does hereby enter into Executive Session.

Seconded by Councilmember Viele and on roll call approved 9-0. Council entered executive session at 8:25 PM and ended at 8:56 PM.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**