

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

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

In attendance from the City of Batavia were Ray Tourt, Chief Napolitano, Chief Heubusch, and Lisa Neary.

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

None.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Communications

Genesee Country Farmer's Market submitted an application for a public market from June 4th through October 29th in the JC Penney's parking lot. The market would be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00am – 4:00pm and Thursdays from 9:00am – 7:00pm. Council approved.

Batavia Concert Band submitted an application for the summer concert series in Centennial Park starting June 19th at 1:00pm and then Wednesdays from June 30th to August 4th at 7:00pm. Council approved.

Batavia Soccer Club requested to use Austin and Lions Park from March 20th to May 28th for youth soccer practices.

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business meeting to be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Create Temporary Position of Superintendent of Water and Wastewater

Mrs. Tabelski explained that this position was critical to the continuing operation of the City so the candidate who filled this position could work with the current superintendent for about 8 months. She noted it would affect the water and sewer budgets.

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Councilmember Canale asked how this was different since there were hiring freezes. Mrs. Tabelski noted that the freezes were on positions that were currently in the general fund and this request was for water and sewer, which are enterprise funds. She added that it was so management positions wouldn't lose the knowledge of the current employee and had done this in the past with police officers. Council agreed to move the item forward.

AARP Challenge Grant Application – Community Garden

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this request was directly from the community garden to do specific work at the garden. Mr. Tourt noted that the grant would expand the garden and material costs were estimated at \$8,000 - \$10,000. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Executive Session ... Employment Matters

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilmember Pacino

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 105(1)(f), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation..."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 7-0. Council entered executive session at 7:18 PM and ended at 7:48 PM.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**