

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilpersons Bialkowski, Briggs, Pacino, McGinnis, Canale, and Christian. Councilperson Viele and Tabelski were absent.

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

John Roach, 116 Grandview Terr, noted that at East Ave and Clinton St there are bike logos in the road and wondered why they are there and how much it cost for the paint and the metal signs.

Council Response to Public Comments

Mr. Moore noted that the City had to decide, as part of a federally funded grant project, if we wanted a dedicated bike lane and opted for the markings instead. Mr. Worth noted that if the City went with a dedicated bike lane then there could be no parking in that area so now it is considered a shared lane with motorists. The logos are to notify motorists that they may see bikes in the lane as well. Mr. Worth noted that it went along with the comprehensive plan for a more bike-able and walkable city and the laws require the various signage.

Communications

GOW Opioid Task Force requested to hold an Opioid Awareness Day on Wednesday, August 28th from 4:00 – 7:30pm in Austin Park. Council approved.

The Batavia Ramble is looking to perform their music festival on Saturday, July 6th from 11:00am – 10:00pm in Jackson Square. Councilperson Christian was not in favor of the event but the rest of Council approved the application.

The Kiwanis Club of Batavia has requested to hold their annual 5K on Thursday, July 4th from 8:00 – 11:00am in Centennial Park and around City streets. Council approved.

GO ART! requested to hold Shakespeare in the Park (Shake on the Lake) on Thursday, August 8th from 6:30 – 8:00pm in Centennial Park. Council approved.

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business meeting to be held on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Council President Jankowski presented a proclamation to Detective Rich Schauf, Youth Detective, who retired after 32 years of service to the City of Batavia. He noted that Detective Schauf began in 1987 as a police officer and has demonstrated dedication and commitment to the City since then. He stated the Det Schauf positively impacted the lives of all he has touched and sincerely thanked him for his service to our community. Detective Schauf thanked God for the safety he provided him in the job and he thanked his wife for taking care of the home front while he was working. Finally, he thanked the City for being his stability and providing him a job for all those years. To his fellow officers, he noted that he would be with them in spirit.

Schedule Public Hearing for Local Law Amendment to Residency Requirement

Mr. Moore asked staff to work collectively on something they could live with regarding residency requirements and are proposing employees must live in Genesee County or the immediate township adjacent to it. Councilperson Bialkowski asked why it was being changed. Mr. Moore noted that situations had been arising where waivers were needed so decided to look at the law again. Chief Heubusch noted that recruitment and retention had become a problem and various waivers had been brought to Council a few months ago so staff met to find a compromising solution. Councilperson Bialkowski noted that he would like to see department heads live in the City but that was just his personal opinion. Council agreed to move the item forward to the next business meeting.

Councilperson McGinnis wanted to honor and thank Councilperson Bialkowski for his efforts with this year's Memorial Day parade and prior year's parades. He noted that he had done a great job and done a great service to this country and the City of Batavia. Councilperson Bialkowski thanked him for his kind words.

Batavia Muckdogs Sublease Amendment and Budget Amendment

Mr. Moore noted that there is a request in the original lease for \$25,000 in years one, two and three for improvements to the stadium. He noted that there had been more inspections by the Miami Marlins and they were looking for a commitment to do cleanup in the bullpen, locker rooms and concessions stands so the Muckdogs were looking for an advance of \$25,000 to take care of those improvements. They provided a letter saying that the funds would be repaid if the second season didn't happen. They noted they would look for grant funds to help replace the money they were getting in advance. Council agreed to move the item to the special business meeting immediately following.

Three+one Cash Liquidity Analysis Services

Mr. Moore noted that this service would provide an extra set of eyes and ears on our cash funds for determining what to do regarding investment of those funds. He felt it was a great opportunity for increasing revenue, we had a presentation from three+one at the last meeting, and recommended moving forward with the service. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Audit Advisory Board Council Selection

Mr. Moore noted that the audit advisory committee needed two Councilmembers to serve on that board. Councilperson Bialkowski offered to serve and Councilperson Canale offered if neither Councilpersons Viele or Tabelski (who weren't at the meeting) didn't want to serve. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Moore noted that not all budgets balance naturally at year end so we have to use contingency for overages. He noted this would balance those budgets and amounted to approximately \$61,000. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Budget Adjustment – STOP DWI

Chief Heubusch recommended amending the STOP DWI budget to accept fund that would be used to purchase a marijuana driving experience kit. He noted that it would be used across the County and is anticipation of the legalization of recreational marijuana. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Award Replacement Contract of Mall Roof

Mr. Worth noted that the mall roof went back out to bid and bids would be opened two weeks from today. He noted that several changes had been made to the bid documents so they would hopefully come in closer to budget. He explained that the bid documents were crafted in a way that's more appealing. Council agreed to move the item forward and that names and amounts would be provided once known.

Empire State Development Grant City Centre Feasibility Study

Mr. Moore noted that they were looking to do a study to see what could be done with the City Centre property and were asking National Grid for an additional \$40,000 match. That would bring the total amount for the study to \$80,000. He noted that the study would provide guidance as to how to spend the DRI funds and want to get it out to the state as soon as possible. He noted that the \$10,000 City match would come from contingency. Council agreed to move the item to the special business meeting immediately following.

Inter-Municipal Agreement with Batavia City School District – City Facility

Jocelyn Sikorski, Youth Bureau Director, noted that this agreement would allow the the school to occupy the MacArthur drive location once the City vacates. She noted that the City would still own the building and this would just allow the school to use it. Council agreed to move the item forward.

MOU with Batavia City School District for Transportation

Ms. Sikorski explained that this agreement would go before the school board for approval for transportation from the school to Teen City. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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