

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

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

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Deb Kerr Rosenbeck, 13 Lewis Ave, noted that she was not in favor of giving away fund related to the loan fund grant policy. She asked Council to pay close attention to open ended areas and consider how the fund would be replenished once all the grant funds are given. Mrs. Kerr-Rosenbeck noted that she wasn't against Genesee Dental moving to a vacant building but was confused that the City was spending money to fix the mall roof yet helping someone move out of the mall.

John Roach, 116 Grandview Ter, noted that with regards to residency, some committees make big decisions that affect the City so that was why the Charter required board members be City residents. For employees, Mr. Roach felt that the best should be hired and where they lived shouldn't make a difference. He noted that most line employees don't make big decisions and he just wanted to make the difference clear.

Council Response to Public Comments

Council President Jankowski asked if someone could explain the Revolving Loan Fund again. Rachael Tabelski, BDC, noted that the funding had been around since the 1980's and the BDC would administer the revolving loan fund, which currently has a balance of approximately \$319,000. She noted that those funds are sitting there and could be used for economic development. She explained that the funds have to be used for improvements to the building, the grants are scored by the BDC to see if it makes sense, and Council has final approval. Councilperson Bialkowski noted that they used to get loan reports and would like to get those again. Mrs. Tabelski stated that she would look into what was sent before and start that up again. Council President Jankowski noted that Genesee Dental wanted to stay in the City Centre but it just didn't fit their needs. Councilperson Bialkowski noted that the City Centre businesses own their own roof and the City is just doing the concourse roof.

Communications

The Batavia Business Improvement District submitted an application for Beertavia Craft Beer Festival on Saturday, August 10th from 2:00 – 6:00pm in the Bank and Alva St parking lot. Councilperson Christian was not in favor but the rest of Council approved.

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee requested to hold a Children's Carnival on Friday, August 16th from 11:00am – 2:00pm in Lambert Park. Council approved.

Island Hawaiian Grill submitted a liquor license application. There was no objection from the police department. Council approved.

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business and Conference meeting to be held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Council Update on Ellicott Station from GCEDC

Steve Hyde from GCEDC wasn't able to make it to the meeting for the update but would do so at a future meeting.

Rachael Tabelski noted that they are looking for one more letter to go to the Governor from the BP2 members (City, County, BDC, GCEDC, and School) letting him know we are still here and the state agencies need to get their funding together. Councilperson Bialkowski noted that he was disappointed with the condition of the property as there are a lot of broken windows and debris.

Public Hearing for NYS OCR CDBG Small Business Program Request to Submit Application for Genesee Dental

Councilperson Viele made a motion to open the public hearing, Councilperson Bialkowski seconded the motion, and on roll call, approved 9-0.

There were no speakers.

Councilperson Christian made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilperson Viele seconded the motion, and on roll call, approved 9-0.

Public Hearing Authorizing a Resolution for Budget Adjustment – Dwyer Stadium Repair Reserve and City Manager to Make the Needed Fiscal 2019/20 Budget Adjustments

Councilperson Pacino made a motion to open the public hearing, Councilperson Viele seconded the motion, and on roll call, approved 9-0.

Councilperson McGinnis noted that he was strongly opposed to giving any City money for stadium business. He understood that we have a mortgage and intend to pay that but didn't think we should be paying for major league development. He stated that they also have the lowest attendance in the NY-Penn League. Council President Jankowski noted that they are going into our building and it needs to be in proper condition and this is for repairs to the stadium. Councilperson Canale noted that this wasn't approval to spend additional money but rather to spend next year's money this year. Councilperson McGinnis understood but noted that it was still our money.

Councilperson Bialkowski made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilperson McGinnis seconded the motion, and on roll call, approved 9-0.

Establish a K-9 Program

Chief Heubusch noted that to accept donations for a K-9 unit the K-9 program first had to be established. Councilperson Christian stated that it's a great program and Councilperson Briggs noted that she supported the program. Councilperson Bialkowski asked what was involved, annual cost, and about a vehicle. Chief Heubusch noted that the cost of the dog was about \$10,000 and was looking for federal funds for that cost. He also explained that training cost approximately \$5,000 and both the officer and the dog attend. He noted that there would be one dedicated vehicle that would need to be outfitted for approximately \$5,000. He felt the initial layout would be around \$22,500 and annual cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Council President Jankowski reminded Council that with federal assistance with the funding, if they needed help, and had to use the K-9, we would have to provide it. Council agreed to move the item forward.

MOU with Monroe Crime Analysis

Chief Heubusch noted that he had been in contact with the Monroe Crime Analysis center and they analyze trends. He noted this resolution would allow sharing, both ways, of information that would help us develop trend analysis for our City and become a member of the Monroe Crime Analysis. He also noted that there is no cost. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Administrative Equipment Reserve Funds – Computer Software Conversion

Mr. Moore reminded Council that we have been working since 2017 to bring our software conversion to fruition and been negotiating to get some discounted costs. He noted that he is requesting additional funds from reserves for the software conversion as this is the core of our business operations. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Administrative Equipment Reserve Funds – Phase II Computer Hardware and Technical Services

Mr. Moore noted this was to get updated hardware so it could handle the processing needs of the new software. He explained that the cost is approximately \$200,000 to replace the hardware and asking to use reserve funds for that purpose. He noted this would also allow the City to be able to store old KVS information as well. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Award ERP Computer Software Conversion Contract

Mr. Moore explained that this was to award the contract to Tyler Technologies. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Award ERP Computer Software Project Management Contract

Mr. Moore noted this was to award the contract for project oversight to Client First. 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**