

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Present were Council President Hawley and Councilpersons Canale, Briggs, Pacino, Deleo, Jankowski, Christian, and Deleo. Councilperson Cipollone was absent.

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Richard Richmond, 20 Washington Ave, thanked Councilpersons Deleo and Briggs for visiting the remains of 35 Swan St and making the City Manager do his job. He noted that he had spoken at the last meeting about favoritism given to certain citizens regarding code violations and was thankful for Councilpersons Briggs and Deleo for trying to do something about the Swan St property.

Council Response to Public Comments

Council President Hawley asked Mr. Molino if the City was doing everything they could do as a City to alleviate the problem and Mr. Molino stated they were. Councilperson Deleo noted that they hadn't forgotten about the situation and thanked Mr. Richmond for continuing to bring it to Council's attention. Councilperson Jankowski noted that there was a completion date or it was going to court. Councilperson Christian noted that she was also there and the owner had been working on the cleanup but was trying to get some financing to assist. Councilperson Briggs had no sympathy as the owner had 4 ½ years to save for the improvements.

Sewer Meter & Capacity Purchase Agreements with Town of Batavia

Sally Kuzon gave a presentation explaining the Town's request for more sewer capacity. She noted that the City and the Town had worked together on the agreement and that the Town currently owned 6.36% of the total capacity and wanted to increase that percentage to 15.45. She showed the cost calculations and explained all of the factors that went into determining the cost to the Town. Councilperson Christian asked when the change would be complete and Mr. Molino said hopefully within 12 months. Mr. Molino also explained that the approximately \$2 million that would be received from the Town for the purchase would be incorporated into the reserves and capital improvement plans for the sewer fund. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Cable Franchise Transfer

Mr. Molino had talked previously about the change in ownership of the cable franchise and noted that the first step was to authorize the transfer from Time Warner to Comcast. He noted that the franchise agreement would be the second step of the process. He explained

that some benefits were included in the transfer including a definition of gross revenue, quarterly reporting and reimbursement for a portion of the legal fees relating to the transfer. Councilperson Jankowski asked if the potentially increased fee paid to the City would be passed onto the customers. Mr. Molino noted that he had specified to Comcast that they didn't want that to happen. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Lighting in Jackson Street Alley

Mr. Molino noted that the City wanted to put a light on the pole in the Jackson Street alley so light would shine down into the alleyway. He noted that National Grid needed approval from the City so the light could be erected. Council wanted to make sure that the light was positioned so not to blind drivers in the alleyway or shine into any windows directly. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Resolution Scheduling Regular Council Meetings through December 31, 2015

Mr. Molino explained that the resolution was simply to schedule the next year's meetings with one meeting in July, August and December and some Tuesday meetings for those Mondays that were holidays. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

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Councilperson Briggs thanked Sally and her employees for doing a great job keeping up with the recent snow storm.

Councilperson Christian noted that someone was upset that the City didn't get enough money for a surplus vehicle but wanted to let them know that the value of the vehicle was looked up in the Kelly Blue Book and she felt the price the City got was fair. She asked, however, if the vehicles could be sold to the general public. Mr. Molino noted that the vehicles were surplus by Council and sold at an online public auction so anyone could have purchased the vehicles. Councilperson Jankowski asked how the auction was publicized noting that if it was publicized more, the City may get more for the items being sold. Mr. Molino noted that the auctioneer advertised the auctions but he could find out what exactly they do.

Councilperson Doeringer thanked Sally and her department for their work on the water main break on North St on Sunday. He also thanked the fire department and police department for helping the community with that situation.

Councilperson Pacino wanted to remind everyone that Christmas in the City was on December 5th from 5-9pm and there was going to be a great parade with lots of participation and Santa and Mrs. Claus. She said it was a major event, hoped everyone would support it and felt it was very exciting.

Councilperson Jankowski noted that Council had decided a while back that it wanted to see financial reports from Vibrant Batavia but hadn't seen any. He wanted to know if he could get those. Mr. Molino noted that the financial report was included in the October packet but he could send it again.

Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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