

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016

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

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

John Roach, 116 Grandview Terrace, asked for an update regarding the new police station and the slide at Austin Park. He also asked if it was legal to provide free office space like we do for the Batavia Development Corporation (BDC). He asked what governed that, if it had to be approved by Council, and if there were agreements for it.

Frank DeMare, 314 S. Jackson St, noted that the tennis court nets at Kibbe Park were not up and was concerned that they wouldn't go back up similar to the wading pool not being replaced.

Council Response to Public Comments

Mr. Molino noted that the nets were taken down so the courts could be resurfaced and they would be going back up. Matt Worth, Director of Public Works, added that they were also going to be striped for pickle ball but he didn't have a time frame for when that would be done. Councilperson Viele asked about the BDC question and Mr. Molino noted that there is an economic development services agreement that is renewed every two years by Council. He noted that it was part of a partnership with the City and it was not uncommon.

Communications

Go Art requested to hold Picnic in the Park in Centennial Park on Monday, July 4th from 12:00 - 5:00pm. Council approved.

The Don Carroll 5K Race/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th beginning at 9:00am throughout the City. Council approved.

The Batavia Police Department and Youth Bureau are looking to host National Night Out in Birchwood Village on Tuesday, August 2nd from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Council approved.

Kiwanis Club submitted their application for a 5K on Monday, July 4th at 8:30am starting and ending at Centennial Park. Council approved.

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business and Conference meeting to be held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Councilperson Tabelski presented the 2015 Community Volunteer of the Year Award to Larry Barnes. Mr. Barnes spoke after receiving the award and noted that he accepted it with pleasure but the efforts weren't solely his own. He mentioned that Mr. Molino strongly supported the office of the historian, Mrs. Parker secured a grant for equipment and services of several thousands of dollars, and Kathy Facer, Judy Stiles, Dan Fischer, Lisa Casey and Howard Owens were just a sample of his supporters. Mr. Barnes explained that in 1919, NYS mandated an historian be appointed but only to be compensated if the municipality chose to do so. He noted that he started in 2008 as the City Historian with no place to work, no storage and a lot of material was missing because prior historians were allowed to store records at home. He stated that the Charter now references the position and he thanked the City for allowing him to serve Batavia in the manner it deserves.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Molino noted that he had been working with the BID recently and addressing certain matters. He noted that he had worked with the City Attorney in detail and had positive discussions.

Public Hearings

- a. Introduce Proposed Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2016 Entitled Amending the Business Improvement District Plan

Councilperson Canale made a motion to open the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilperson Viele and on roll call, approved 8-0.

There were no speakers who signed up or who wanted to speak from the audience.

Councilperson Briggs made a motion to close the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilperson Pacino and on roll call, approved 8-0.

- b. For Approval of a Cable Television Agreement Between Community Cable Corporation (North Penn Video) and the City of Batavia

Councilperson Viele made a motion to open the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilperson McGinnis and on roll call, approved 8-0.

There were no speakers who signed up or who wanted to speak from the audience.

Councilperson Tabelski made a motion to close the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilperson Hawley and on roll call, approved 8-0.

- c. For Approval of a Cable Television Agreement Between Empire Video Services Corporation (Empire Video) and the City of Batavia

Councilperson Viele made a motion to open the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilperson Canale and on roll call, approved 8-0.

There were no speakers who signed up or who wanted to speak from the audience.

Councilperson Canale made a motion to close the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilperson Briggs and on roll call, approved 8-0.

Authorize Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments

Mr. Molino noted that there needed to be a budget transfer from health care reserves for higher than average claims but one had stopped. He also explained that tax foreclosure expenses were high due to the foreclosure of three large commercial properties and didn't expect costs to be that high in the future. He noted that the funds to cover that would come from contingency. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Appoint Members to Various City Committees/Boards

Mr. Molino noted that, in addition to the people listed on the proposed resolution, they needed two Council members to serve on the audit committee. Councilpersons Viele and Tabelski volunteers. Council agreed to move the item forward.

2017/2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Worth noted that the federal government issued highway funds in three year blocks and that the City applied for two projects. He explained that one project was approved for around \$2.5 million. He noted that 80% would be covered by federal funds, would look for state funds to assist and keep the City portion to around 5% of the cost. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**