CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

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

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

None.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Communications

Game of Throws submitted a liquor license application. There were no objections from the police department. Council approved.

Council President's Report

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

Divide NY Legislation – Rose Mary Christian

Councilmember Christian noted that a bill came out from Assemblyman Hawley with nine sponsors to divide New York state and wanted to support this bill which would allow all residents to see what it was all about. Mr. Van Nest explained that this matter has to be taken up by the state legislature to be put on a ballot and it was not a local referendum. He restated that it was not for local municipalities to put on a ballot.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Presentation

Mrs. Tabelski reviewed proposed uses of the ARPA funds noting that the City will receive a total of $1.474 million of federal funds. She noted that the funds needed to be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. She explained that there are specific rules on how to spend the federal money and reviewed the restrictions on the use of funds. She then discussed in detail the seven projected identified to use the funds. The next five items on the agenda were approved and moved forward as these were the specific resolutions for the projects presented.

Amending the Capital Projects Resolution
Headworks Study Proposal – GHD Engineers
Water System Study Proposal – GHD Engineers
Sewer Camera Purchase
Water Reading Equipment Purchase

Mrs. Tabelski explained that moving these forward allowed the City to start the projects.

Ice Rink Compressor Purchase

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the compressor failed at the ice rink so the other one is working extra hard to get the ice down. She noted that the purchase would use ice rink reserve funds. Council approved to move the item to the next business meeting.

National Grid Street Light Authority to Add Lights Operationally

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this would allow the City Manager to request National Grid to add or change street lighting through a written request instead of first having to go through Council. She noted that, at the next meeting, she would report when that happens and it was to allow a more timely process. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Fund Balance Policy

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was just to clear up an error that was found during review at the audit committee meeting. She noted that the numbers said 15-25 but the written words said fifteen to twenty. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Accept NBRC Grant and Execute Agreement

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was for the Bank Street water project that was applied for in April 2021 and awarded. She noted that it would upgrade pipes to 8-inch diameter and was on Bank St from Main St to Washington Ave. Council agreed to move the item forward.

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MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilperson Pacino

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 105(1)(d), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "…proposed, pending or current litigation…"

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 Councilperson Viele and on roll call approved 9-0. Council entered executive session at 7:55 PM and ended at 8:23 PM.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

                        Respectfully submitted,

                        Heidi J. Parker
                        Clerk-Treasurer