

# **CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES**

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021**

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilmembers Bialkowski, McGinnis, Briggs, Viele, Schmidt, and Pacino. Councilmember Karas was absent and Councilmember Canale arrived at 7:13 PM.

In attendance from the City were Captain Herberger, Lisa Neary, Dawn Fairbanks, Bill Davis, Angela Dickson, Assistant Chief Camp, and Jill Wiedrick.

### **Call to Order**

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM immediately following the special business meeting.

### **Public Comments**

Rose Mary Christian, 2 Holmes Ave, spoke on behalf of the new Councilmember, Tammy Schmidt, and felt that she was going to do an outstanding job for the sixth ward. Ms. Christian thanked her for taking the position.

John Roach, 116 Grandview Ter, wondered if the ponds had renewed themselves and if the O-At-Ka issue was resolved. He also noted this was the last meeting of the year and wondered if Council was approving the marijuana issue noting it was their last chance to say yes or no.

### **Council Response to Public Comments**

Mr. Van Nest noted that O-At-Ka was subject to constant review and the City has been on top of it. He noted that he couldn't discuss matters that could result in pending litigation and thus couldn't comment further. Council President Jankowski noted that he had received no complaints about the marijuana issue and that people just wanted the City to get the tax money. He felt it was better to have the money to cover any issues that may arise. Councilmember Bialkowski noted that he had received positive comments and any councilmember could have put it on the conference agenda to discuss but no one did so there was nothing to discuss.

### **Communications**

None.

### **Council President's Report**

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Conference and Business meeting to be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Centre.

### **POK-A-DOT Lease Termination**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this lease was put into place in 1965 and the Pok-A-Dot had paid \$40 per month each month since then due to the right-of-way encroachment. She noted that in 2020, the owners asked about the lease and wanted to do an improvement project on the building but it was going into DOT property. Because of that, they are now paying the state so asked if the lease with the City could be terminated. Council agreed to move the item forward.

### **2021 Stop DWI Award**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the police participate annually with the County Stop DWI program. Assistant Chief Camp added that this money assists officers to be out on patrol and cover overtime and purchase of small equipment. Council agreed to move the item forward.

### **Appoint Members to Various City Committees/Boards**

Mrs. Tabelski explained that this was to appoint Bernie Penfield to the Board of Assessment Review until 9/30/2026. Council agreed to move the item to tonight's business meeting immediately following.

### **Chemical Bids**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that these are usually bid right before the budget but due to the nature of the chemical and price increases, they were rebid to lock in a price. Council agreed to move the item to tonight's business meeting immediately following.

### **Use of Reserves – Ice Rink Purchase of Refrigerant**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the rink was low on refrigerant and needed 400 pounds and thus approved an emergency purchase. She was asking to use reserves to make that purchase. Council agreed to move the item to tonight's business meeting immediately following.

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**Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Heidi J. Parker  
Clerk-Treasurer**

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