

# **CITY OF BATAVIA – SPECIAL CONFERENCE MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022**

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

In attendance from the City of Batavia were Bill Davis, Dawn Fairbanks, Shawn Heubusch, Ray Tourt, Lisa Neary, Michael Ficarella, Dan Herberger, Jill Wiedrick, and Brett Frank (BDC).

## **Call to Order**

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

## **Public Comments**

None.

## **Council Response to Public Comments**

None.

## **Communications**

The Batavia Business Improvement District submitted an application for FeBREWary Beer Walk on Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 4:00 – 8:00pm at the downtown businesses. Format will be similar to the Wine Walk. Council approved.

## **Council President Report**

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council meeting to be held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Centre.

## **Selection of Architecture and Engineering Firm for the New Police Facility**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that firms were interviewed to design the new police facility and selected Ashley McGraw Architects out of Syracuse. She asked to move the item to a future business meeting to approve contract of \$615,000. Mr. Van Nest noted that he was comfortable with the changes that were made and not made to the document Council had. He felt it was fair and acceptable to both sides. Council agreed to move the item forward.

## **Creation of Temporary HR Director Position**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the current HR director was planning to retire in 12-18 months and looking at succession planning by creating a temporary HR director position. She

noted that the position was funded in the upcoming budget and thus the City wouldn't hire someone until after the passage of the budget. Council agreed to move the item forward.

### **Homeland Security Grant**

Chief Heubusch noted that they participate with the NYS police in Operation Safe Guard and asking Council to accept a reimbursement grant for that program. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

### **Schedule a Public Hearing for Pearl Street Rezoning**

Mrs. Wiedrick, Assistant City Manager, noted that this was for 145 and 147 Pearl St to rezone from a P1 to an R2. She noted that this was approved by the Planning and Development Committee so there just needed to be a public hearing scheduled. Councilmember Briggs thanked Mrs. Wiedrick for taking care of this right away and Mrs. Wiedrick thanked the Bureau of Inspection for helping her out as well. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

### **2021 STOP-DWI Budget Amendment**

Chief Heubusch noted that this was additional funding to be used for the purchase of a trailer to transport the marijuana kit. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Heidi J. Parker  
Clerk-Treasurer**