

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

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

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Gregory Lebens-Higgins, 540 East Main St, noted that he moved here three years ago, is a student, and believes the farmer's market is a vital part of the community. He noted it was a great place for family activities and important that it stayed downtown and didn't move to the outskirts or another town.

Council Response to Public Comments

Councilmember Pacino welcomed Mr. Lebens-Higgins to the City.

Communications

The Batavia First Presbyterian Church submitted an application to hold a Good Friday service in front of the City Centre on Friday, April 15th at 12:00pm. Council approved.

The Genesee Country Farmer's Market submitted an application to hold a farmer's market in the JCPenney's parking lot every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday starting June 3rd to October 28th from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Council approved.

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business meeting to be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Youth Board Update

Councilmember McGinnis noted that the Youth Board has served the City youth and done a great job. He explained that as the YMCA and Liberty Center became more prominent, the role of the Youth Board dwindled and didn't serve the same function as before. He thought the members could serve other boards where members were needed and didn't need to continue meeting monthly but maybe 3-4 times per year. Mrs. Tabela thought this might be a good opportunity for the Youth Board to take on other more specific projects like the inclusive playground at Austin Park. Councilmember McGinnis felt it was important as everything morphs to acknowledge those still on the board with a letter of

appreciation. Councilmember Bialkowski suggested letting the board decide when they need to meet. Councilmember McGinnis noted that the bylaws required their meetings to be monthly and set term limits and he asked Mrs. Tabelski and Mrs. Wiedrick how to get those changed. Council President Jankowski asked Councilmember McGinnis to find out from the board how they wanted to make the changes and bring those back to Council.

Client First 6 Moth Contract Extension

Mrs. Wiedrick requested to extend they contract for another six months noting that they bill as needed and are very involved with the ERP project. She also noted that they bring a lot of information and talent to the process so we use them as a resource as well. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Historian Compensation

Mrs. Tabelski explained that this would create a compensation model for the historian, Larry Barnes, who brings a lot of information to the City. She noted that he writes many books, the work he does is invaluable, and this compensation was discussed in the budget. Councilmember Pacino noted that he works very hard and is also recording current history. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Contract for Lab Bids

Mrs. Tabelski noted that one lab bid was received for sample testing and the amount was pretty much in line with previous years. Councilmember Schmidt noted a discrepancy in the amounts and Mrs. Tabelski noted she would correct that for the final resolution. Council agreed to move the item forward.

SRO Agreement

Mrs. Tabelski noted that since 2019 the City has provided an SRO to the school and thought it was going exceptionally well. She reported better communication with the school and proposed a 2-year extension. She noted that the school pays the salary and benefits of the officer. Chief Heubusch added that the current SRO loves her job so it's a win-win for both sides. Councilmember Pacino noted that the presence of the SRO has been very well received by parents and staff. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Creation of Temporary Detective Position

Mrs. Tabelski noted that in preparation for an upcoming retirement of a detective they would like to create a temporary detective position. She noted that position would then just continue on as a full-time position filling the vacancy left by the retiring detective. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Councilmember Bialkowski noted that the city would again sponsor the Memorial Day parade and invitations would be going out to various groups as in the past.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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