

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

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

In attendance from the City of Batavia was Angela Dickson, Lisa Neary, Michael Ficarella, Chief Heubusch, and Brett Frank.

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

None.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Communications

GLOW YMCA submitted an application for their healthy living campus groundbreaking on Monday, July 11th at 10 am at 211 East Main St. Council approved.

The BID submitted an application to hold a box car derby on Saturday, August 27th at 9:30am on Ellicott Ave where kids would race their built cars down the street. Council approved.

Council President Report

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

LED Street Lights Acquisition from National Grid

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the City has the opportunity to buy back street lights from National Grid so they can be replaced with LED lights. She noted that she was seeking Council approval to move forward with the purchase, felt it would be budget neutral, and would have a contract to deal with more involved issues that our staff can't handle in-house. She felt this was a great opportunity to take responsibility and ownership of the lights. Council President Jankowski noted that the lights would be brighter, it would be less costly, and we can take control of them and fix them more timely. Mrs. Tabelski noted that NYPA

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finances the entire project until we are ready to bond the project. She noted that she is seeking approval to send the letter saying the City wants to buy the lights. Council agreed to move the item forward.

CFA Grant Application and SEQR for Water Meter Replacement Program

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this would replace the old meters with radio read meters and that approximately one-third of the City meters are already radio reads. She noted that LaBella was writing a grant to help with the cost and was asking permission from Council to submit the grant application. She also noted that this is just a replacement, or a Type II action under SEQR, and no further review is required. Councilmember Viele asked if workers would have to get into people's homes and the response was yes, they would because we would be replacing the actual meter as well as the box on the outside of the home. Council President Jankowski suggested considering work to be done on weekends and evenings to accommodate those who work during the day and wouldn't be there to let someone in. Mrs. Tabelski noted that this would also allow the City to find if there are any lead pipes in the homes which could then be replaced. She did note that the City isn't mandated to fund the replacement of lead pipes but was looking for funds to help homeowners pay for such replacement. Council agreed to move the item forward.

SRO Contract

Council President Jankowski noted that this contract was not quite complete and would be moved to a future meeting.

Bid for Jackson Square Rejection

Mrs. Tabelski noted that bids were opened on April 22nd and one was approved but they later increased their bid over the budgeted amount so looking to declare Cerrone in default of their bid bond. She explained they want to rescind the bid from Cerrone and reject the other two bids. Mr. Van Nest noted there was some concern with communications that took place and this was the best path to move forward. Council President Jankowski noted that it seemed ironic that the amount they increased their bid to was just below the next lowest bid. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Audit Committee – Council Member Appointments

Mrs. Tabelski noted that Councilmember Bialkowski would like to serve again and Councilmember Schmidt volunteered to be on the committee as well. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Health Insurance Budget Amendment

Mrs. Tabelski noted that there was a lags claim report that came in over the last two weeks and was asking for a budget amendment to use health insurance fund recovery to balance the fund. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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