

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

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

In attendance from the City of Batavia was Chief Herberger, Chief Heubusch, Erik Fix, Brett Frank, Michael Ficarella, Lisa Neary and Dawn Fairbanks.

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

None.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Communications

The Business Improvement District submitted an application for Christmas in the City on Saturday, December 3rd on Main and Center Streets from 2-6 pm and a parade starting at 6pm. There will be food, drinks, caroling and other entertainment. Council approved.

Batavia Players submitted an application for indoor activities related to Christmas in the City on Saturday, December 3rd from 10am – 8pm in the City Centre concourse. There will be vendors, refreshments and Santa. Council approved.

Council President Report

Council President Pro-Tem Viele announced the next regular City Council Business meeting to be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Presentation – Robbie Nichols – Dwyer Stadium

Robbie Nichols, owner of Can-USA along with Marc Witt, manager of the Muckdogs, recapped the season at Dwyer Stadium. They presented a list of the 2022 events, showed pictures from their community events, and listed what they did for the Dwyer Stadium property. They offered some comparisons to prior ownership and talked about what they want to do next. Mr. Nichols noted that he hoped to extend the lease beyond its current term and announced that on March 31, 2023 they would be bringing in the World

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Championship Xtreme International Ice Racing to the ice arena. He noted that motorcycles race on ice at 60 mph and is something the area has never seen before.

Animal Restriction Ordinance - SEQR

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the SEQR is always done by code enforcement for Council review and this was to appoint Council as the lead agency and agree that there were no negative environmental impacts related to the proposed local law change. Councilmember Bialkowski asked if a public hearing would be held for the SEQR. Mrs. Tabelski explained that public hearings were held for the local law change but not for the related SEQR. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Replacement of City Phones Ring Central Agreement

Erik Fix, Assistant City Manager, noted that the current phone system is no longer being serviced by the phone company and the City, after reviewing several options, selected Ring Central for phone service. He noted that they, along with AIS, would be involved with getting the phones set up and it was a cloud based system. He reviewed the estimated cost over the 60-month agreement. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Deferred Compensation Provider Selection

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the City did an RFP every five years to select the deferred compensation provider. Dawn Fairbanks, Director of Personnel, added that this is a 457b voluntary compensation plan that goes out to bid every five years. She noted that four providers responded and she recommended continuing service with Empower. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Use of Reserves for Ice Rink Chiller

Mrs. Tabelski noted that there continued to be issues with the chiller and have been working with the new operator on these issues. Michael Ficarella, Superintendent of Water and Wastewater, noted that upon start up they found major leaks of refrigerant that makes the ice. He noted that the rink is now operable but they will need more refrigerant and suggested reconsidering use of reserves for locker room renovations and instead use for ice rink chiller.

Electrical Preventative Maintenance Contract

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the City solicited bids for electrical preventative maintenance. Mr. Ficarella noted that a technician comes in looking for inappropriate heat sources to prevent damage to buildings or injuries. He noted that the previous contract was up and needed to be renewed. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Marchiselli Funding Agreement – Richmond & Harvester Avenue

Mrs. Tabelski noted that 80% of this project was funded with federal money and 15% was

awarded from Marchiselli leaving just 5% to be paid from the City. She stated that that allowed more improvements to be made because of the receipt of Marchiselli funds. Council agreed to move it item forward.

Purchase of Folding Machine

Mrs. Tabelski explained that the Finance and Clerk's departments use a folding machine for various mailings but the current folding machine was no longer working. Mrs. Neary, Deputy Finance Director, noted that we would like to purchase the model that is a step down from what we currently have. She noted that, due to the volume of work we now have that would go through the machine, the lesser model would be sufficient. She noted that other departments could be trained on the machine and use it for their mailings as well and that administrative reserves would be used for the purchase. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Bullet Proof Vest Grant

Chief Heubusch noted that the police department applies for a grant each year and this year was awarded \$5,667.30 towards the purchase of bullet proof vests. This was just a resolution to accept the grant. Council agreed to move the item to the special business meeting immediately following.

Car Seat Grant Resolution

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this resolution had come to Council, and was voted on, at the prior meeting but some of the amounts needed to be fixed. This was the same resolution as previously presented but with the correct amounts. Council agreed to move the item to the special business meeting immediately following.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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