

CITY OF BATAVIA

SPECIAL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilmembers Viele, Twichell, Canale, McGinnis, Briggs, Schmidt, Richmond, and Bialkowski. Councilmember Canale arrived at 7:10 PM.

Call to Order

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Viele led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Dawna Slocum, 22 Columbia Ave Upper, noted that she has lived in Batavia for 12 years, doesn't own a vehicle, and walks most places. She noted that she met with Councilmember Schmidt to discuss sidewalks not being cleared in the winter requiring her, and others that walk, including children, to walk in the streets. She asked why people were written up for not mowing their grass but weren't written up for not clearing their sidewalks. She noted that Councilmember Schmidt suggested she form a committee to help come up with some ideas about clearing sidewalks but she didn't understand why that was suggested.

Council Response to Public Comments

Councilmember Schmidt noted that Ms. Slocum had a plan about getting kids involved with shoveling for senior citizens since many can't shovel their own sidewalks. She also explained that the City wasn't responsible for plowing the sidewalks and didn't have the funding to do so. She noted that Ms. Slocum had several good ideas which was why she suggested the committee to have further discussions. Councilmember Bialkowski felt that a one page list of unknown rules and responsibilities be given to landlords and realtors to hand out to new residents so they know such things and wanted to confirm that residents were responsible for maintaining their sidewalks. Mr. Frank confirmed that property owners were responsible for maintaining sidewalks and the City tries to plow sidewalks when they have a chance but the machines are old and break down a lot. Council President agreed that it was a situation that should be given some thought to. Mrs. Tabela noted that it had been discussed in the past to send out a list of rules but there were timing issues and will revisit.

Communications

EverPresent Church submitted an application for a Men's Conference on Saturday, October 28th from 9am-3pm in the City Centre concourse outside the church. Set up would begin

on October 27th at 3pm. Council approved.

Council President Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next City Council meeting to be held on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Ice Rink Refrigerant Emergency Purchase

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the City had to make two emergency purchases for the chiller and recommended using reserves for these costs. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Bank Street Reserve Funding

Mrs. Tabelski noted that significant work was going on and got bids back for this project. Mr. Frank noted that the original estimate was low and wanted to use \$84,000 but now the estimate is over \$300,000 and would like to use water reserves to get the project completed. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Bank Street Water Bid Award

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was to award the bid to Rochester Pipeline. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

City Centre Silo Project Bid Award – General Contractor

Mr. Fix noted that this was for the demolition and rebuilding of the mall silos. He noted that this resolution and the next two were to award bids for general contracting, HVAC, and electrical. He noted they also want to set a contingency of 7.5% and the total project was expected to come in under budget. Council agreed to move all three resolutions forward (See other two below) to the business meeting immediately following.

City Centre Silo Project Bid Award - HVAC

See approval above with General Contractor.

City Centre Silo Project Bid Award - Electrical

See approval above with General Contractor.

Car Seat Grant

Fire Chief Graham asked to amend the budget to reflect acceptance of car seat grant for \$3,500. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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