

MINUTES
July 17, 2018
Committee of the Whole
City of Batavia

Please **NOTE:** These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Brown; Ald. Russotto, Atac, Stark, Wolff, Salvati, Callahan, Meitzler, Uher, Cerone and McFadden

Members Absent: Aldermen Chanzit, O'Brien, and Malay

Also Present: Mayor Schielke (entered at 8:18pm); Laura Newman, City Administrator; Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Rahat Bari, City Engineer; Peggy Colby, Director of Finance; Anthony Isom, Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator; Chris Cudworth, Communications Coordinator; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

2. Items to be Removed/Added/Changed

Item number six was discussed prior to item number five during the meeting.

3. Matters from the Public (For Items NOT on Agenda)

There were no matters from the public at this time.

4. Presentation: City of Batavia 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Presented by Brian LaFevre, Partner, Kikich, LLC (PC)

Colby introduced Brian LaFevre, Sikich LLP, to the Committee of the Whole (COW). She noted that our year ends December 31, 2018 and the documents referred to tonight are available on the City's website and have been available since June. LaFevre discussed the audit process with the COW and overviewed the two booklets distributed to the Committee. The booklets distributed to the Committee were titled: 'City of Batavia, Illinois, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal year Ended December 31, 2017' and 'City of Batavia, IL, Auditor's Communication to the Members of the City Council and Management for the Year Ended December 31, 2017'.

LaFevre announced that this is the tenth year that the City has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

5. Resolution 18-92-R: IGA between City of Batavia and Batavia Public Library (CC 7/12/18) GS

Cudworth discussed the partnership with the Batavia Public Library to inform a digitally produced guide that could be built into the website about all the windmills around town. The goal is to make this a tourist attraction and open up the research on how strongly Batavia played a role in agricultural activity all across the west. An app would also be produced with this information and would be very similar to what was done with the Bulldogs Unleashed program. This will hopefully become another destination item for the City of Batavia. The partner goal is to use this opportunity to educate our community about the value of these windmills. We would like to broaden our profile and create annual funding to provide for the upkeep of these windmills and purchase of additional windmills that might come down the line. Brown suggested adding the public art, specifically the works of art on the bridge, to educate people. Cudworth discussed the many opportunities on creating a Destination Batavia page on the website as well as an app.

Alderman Atac noted that the memo refers to 18-89-R but the resolution states 18-92-R.

Motion: To recommend to Council approval of Resolution 18-92-R: IGA between City of Batavia and Batavia Public Library
Maker: Stark
Second: Meitzler
Voice Vote: 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent
Motion carried.

6. Presentation: Avant Energy – Summary of Services Provided to Batavia and NIMPA (GH)

Representatives from Avant Energy presented a PowerPoint titled ‘Overview of Services Provided to the City of Batavia and the Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency’ and included the following:

- Avant Overview
- Avant Experience
- Avant and Batavia
- NERC Consulting
- Operations Services
- Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency (NIMPA)
- Advisory Services
- Financial Management Services
- Operations Services

Holm announced that Avant will be here tomorrow for the monthly NIMPA meeting. Next week will be the Prairie State tours in which the Committee members are invited. The Committee discussed MISO, PJM, capacity markets, pseudo tie process, renewable energy ROI, subsidized and unsubsidized renewable energy, and a possible crossover point when we get more for the power than what we sell it for. David (last name?) answered that in the near future and mid-term probably not, however if environmental regulations are changed that would raise the value of energy also supply would have an impact as older units retire. The COW discussed competitive

pricing, lithium ion investments, and investing in power resources (capital costs, fixed operating and maintenance costs, variable operations and maintenance cost) with Avant Energy.

Holm announced that it is time for another public presentation on Prairie State. The last presentation was in 2014. The plant has continued to perform better and better. The last rate increase was in April of 2015. We have gone three years without rate increases. He hopes that we could change people's perceptions and overall feelings on our electric utility.

Newman asked if the Committee would like an annual presentation from Avant Energy. The consensus of the Committee was in favor of an annual presentation with Avant Energy.

7. Project Status

Newman reported on the following:

- The Slow down campaign project is underway. A design for the sign has been found and was previously used in another city in Canada. Newman has contacted them today to see if we could utilize their same design. The price per sign is four dollars. We plan on doing an initial printing of 500 signs, double sided. The signs would be 18x24 in size and yellow and black in color.

8. Other

Brown asked that an update on the river and dam be added as a line item on each agenda. He noted that this was requested at an earlier meeting.

9. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm; Made by Salvati; Seconded by Uher. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary, July, 18, 2018.