

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL
February 4, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. - City Council Chambers
100 N. Island Ave. Batavia, Illinois

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schielke at 7:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schielke offered a brief invocation. Ald. Stark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

13 of 14 aldermen were present.

Aldermen (by ward): Michael O'Brien (1), Scott Salvati (1), Martin Callahan (2), Alan Wolff (2), Elliot Meitzler (3), Dan Chanzit (3), Anthony Malay (4), Susan Stark (4), Mark Uher (5), Lucy Thelin Atac (5), Nicholas Cerone (6), Drew McFadden (7) and David Brown (7) were present. Michael Russotto (6) was absent.

Also present were BATV and members of the press, public and the following:

City Attorney	Roman Seckel
City Clerk	Ellen Posledni
City Administrator	Laura Newman
Fire Chief	Randy Deicke
Police Chief	Dan Eul
Communications Coordinator	Chris Cudworth
Human Resources Director	Wendy Bednarek

4. REMINDER: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording

Mayor Schielke reminded all in attendance to use the microphones.

5. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Ald. Atac read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Accept and Place on File:

- A. Committee of the Whole Minutes for November 27, December 4 and December 11, 2018; January 8, 2019
- B. November and December 2019 City Council Financial Reports (PC)

Approvals:

- C. January 25, 2019 Payroll \$873,093.40
- D. Accounts Payable Check Register \$1,236,332.98
- E. City Council Minutes for January 22, 2019
- F. **APPROVAL:** Class D-1 Liquor License – Swordfish (New Ownership) (DME COW 1/29/19 11/0)
- G. **RESOLUTION 19-011-R:** Approving Task 3 With Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) In The Amount Of \$201,633 To Develop Wiring Diagrams And Procurement Of Five Fabricated Control And Relay Panels For Northeast Distribution Substation (RB 1/24/2019 COW 1/29/19 11/0) PU

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Stark, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

7. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: (For Items NOT on the Agenda)

None.

8. PRESENTATION: BHS Girls Cross Country 2018 State Team

The City Council welcomed the Batavia High School Girls Cross Country Team, who qualified for state for the fifth time in the last 10 years. Coach Chad Hillman announced that for the third time in five years, the team placed in the top 10, one of only five other programs in Illinois to achieve that feat. Coach Hillman also shared that freshman Katrina Schlenker set the record for the fastest freshman in Illinois state history. Mia Gianfresco is the first Batavia runner to place twice at state. The team was treated to a police escort out of town and back into town.

Mayor Schielke said the town has tremendous pride in this program, which is a testament to the girls' hard work. He met a family recently who was looking to buy a home in Batavia; they shared that the quality of the school was what attracted them to town, and both of their daughters are interested in running cross country here.

Ald. Wolff read off the names of each runner from the team, and Mayor Schielke presented each with a certificate. The team gave Mayor Schielke a framed photo of the day he met them to see them off to the state meet.

9. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

President and CEO Holly Deitchman shared several upcoming Chamber events:

- Ribbon cutting for Image Awards and Engraving, February 5, 9 am
- Women in Business luncheon, February 12, 11:30 am, Building a Thriving Business, at Alarm Detection Systems in Aurora
- Ribbon cutting for Great Guys Carpet Cleaning, February 12, 4:30 pm, St. Charles

- BC² morning networking event, February 13, 7:15 am, Comfort Inn & Suites
- HR educational program on Engagement, February 14, 10 am, Valley Industrial Assn.
- Networking-IT, February 20, 5 pm, St. Charles Capital Bank (benefiting LivingWell Cancer Center)
- Young Professionals Night Out, networking followed by show at the Paramount Theatre, February 21, 5:30 pm

The chamber now has 473 members, 2/3 of those are from Batavia.

Ms. Deitchman introduced Josh Mancia, president of Tru Tactical in Batavia, located in the old post office building downtown. Mr. Mancia said his company supplies a variety of tactical equipment to police departments and the military, including everything from body armor to badges. The company has been in Batavia for two years. The company is located at 106 W. Wilson Street, phone 833.486.7669 x700. Email addresses are orders@trutactical.com and info@trutactical.com.

Mayor Schielke thanked Mr. Mancia for choosing Batavia and wished him many years of success.

10. RESOLUTION 19-013-R: Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the City of Batavia and the International Association of Firefighters Local #3436 (2/4/19 WB) GS

Ms. Bednarek introduced the item relating to a collective bargaining agreement. The agreement covers 2019 wages and also includes a fitness center incentive.

Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Stark, to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newman announced that department heads would be sharing their semi-annual reports at upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings, which are open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

- February 12, Communications
- February 26, Finance and IT
- March 5, Public Works
- March 12, Community Development and Economic Development
- March 19, Human Resources, Fire Department and Police Department

In other city news:

- Excavation is nearly complete on the Windmill Landings site.
- A revised submittal for the Avenue Chevrolet site is anticipated to come before the Plan Commission on February 20.
- Changes to the plan for the Bocadito's Restaurant at 109 E. Wilson are anticipated.
- Additional restaurants are anticipated at 107 E. Wilson (Oak + Swine) and 142 W. Wilson (Riverside Pizza is under construction)
- 2019 Restaurant Madness will be March 17-March 21. Marketing materials and being developed.
- Communications has published the Budget in Brief online and via social media.

- The mission, vision and values statement will be printed and displayed in prominent locations at City Hall.

Mayor Schielke noted that at least four new restaurants are poised to open in Batavia in the near future. A couple of common themes have come up in discussions with these companies – bringing residential units downtown through the One Washington Place development has piqued a lot of interest from businesses, and people like the momentum they are seeing downtown. There has been interest in the former Chase Bank property on Route 31, and inquiries about the history of that property. Mayor Schielke did some research and put together a 27-page document with photos of the property through the years. From the beginning of the 20th century through the early 1940s, Illinois Plants had a large greenhouse on the property. A company called Chemical Heat Treating was also on the property. There has been some particular interest in the environmental impact of previous businesses. Mayor Schielke said what he’s seen as a proposal for that site is very exciting, with a mix of commercial and residential units.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ald. Brown said the next Committee of the Whole meeting is cancelled, as is the next Plan Commission meeting. Historic Preservation will meet on February 11 at 5:30 pm. The Bicycle Commission meets on February 11 at 7 pm. The next Committee of the Whole is February 12 at 7 pm, and the Batavia Environmental Commission is February 14 at 7 pm. These meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend and get involved.

Ald. Wolff reminded everyone to clear debris away from drains in the street as the snow melts.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

None

14. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Schielke hosted the Illinois State Fire Marshal at the East Side Fire Station. The marshal presented the Fire Department with a certificate congratulating the team for its ISO Class 1 rating. Only 22 Fire Departments in Illinois out of 1,260 have achieved ISO Class 1. This accomplishment is largely due to the quality of people running the department, and it is quite an honor. Mayor Schielke noted that Super Bowl Sunday tends to lead to many emergency calls, and the department received 20 calls yesterday. He added that the police were dispatched to East Wilson Street for shots fired, but learned that the “shots” were fireworks.

With five senior living facilities in Batavia, the Fire Department stays very busy. Residents at these facilities often have glowing reviews about the Batavia Fire Department and Batavia Police Department, and we are fortunate to have such a high caliber of people working for the city.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Salvati to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Ellen Posledni, City Clerk, February 11, 2019.