

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL
September 3, 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. Chanzit led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

11 of 14 aldermen were present.

Aldermen (by ward): Scott Salvati (1), Martin Callahan (2), Alan Wolff (2), Elliot Meitzler (3), Dan Chanzit (3), Tony Malay (4), Joe Knopp (4), Mark Uher (5), Abby Beck (5), Michael Russotto (6) and Keenan Miller (7) were present. Michael O'Brien (1), Nicholas Cerone (6), and Drew McFadden (7) were absent at roll call.

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

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| City Attorney | Roman Seckel |
| City Clerk | Ellen Posledni |
| City Administrator | Laura Newman |
| Deputy Fire Chief | Craig Hanson |
| Finance Director | Peggy Colby |

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.

Ald. Cerone arrived at the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Ald. Chanzit read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Accept and Place on File:

- A. 2018 Municipal Compliance Reports for the Fire and Police Pension Funds
- B. 2019 Tax Levy Requests for Collection in 2020 for the Fire and Police Pension Funds
- C. July 19, 2019 City Council Financial Report

Approvals:

- D. August 23, 2019 Payroll \$845,824.78
- E. Accounts Payable Check Register \$1,224,552.73
- F. City Council Minutes for August 19, 2019
- G. **APPROVAL:** Class F Liquor License Request for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Water Street Studios (DME 8/27/19)

Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Knopp, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

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

None.

8. PROCLAMATION: Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Ald. Chanzit read the proclamation declaring September 2019 Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Batavia. Several aldermen and the mayor shared their own experiences losing people in their lives and in this community to suicide. They discussed how important it is to reach out if you are having suicidal thoughts, and that people, especially children, need to know there is always another way and there is help.

Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Meitzler, to approve the proclamation as presented. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

9. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber President and CEO Margaret Perreault noted that one of the Chamber's functions is to help business celebrate grand openings and anniversaries. Coming up:

- BEI 60-year anniversary ribbon-cutting, September 5, 4 pm, at BEI on 1st St.
- Water Street Studios 10-year anniversary ribbon-cutting, September 13, 4 pm, Water Street
- Elderday Center grand re-opening ribbon-cutting, September 19, 4 pm, Wilson Street
- Neat Life Design, new business ribbon-cutting, September 27, noon, Chamber office
- BC² morning networking event, September 11, 7:30 am, at Comfort Inn and Suites in Geneva
- Women in Business after-hours gathering, September 12, 5 pm, Aquaviva
- Networking-It, September 18, My Place Hotel in North Aurora (raising funds for Marklund)

The Harvest Celebration at Abbey Farms is coming up. Former president and CEO Holly Deitchman will be awarded the Donna Dellasasse Award for her service to the Chamber and the community. Call 630.879.7134 or go to bataviachamber.org to register.

Shumway Studio is a new Chamber member, and owners Ed Plamondon and Thad Vassmer presented information to the Council regarding their partnership, which brings together two media production companies in one space on Shumway Ave. They have produced two high-profile videos telling Batavia stories, including one on the Peace Bridge that has garnered 80,000 views. They shared a shortened version of the video. They are also working with Energy City Brewing on a video now. The company is located at 30 S. Shumway on the second floor. The website is shumwaystudio.com.

Mayor Schielke shared some local history about the Shumway Foundry creating the first Oscar awards and a former greenhouse that supplied roses for the Rose Bowl Parade.

10. ORDINANCE 19-058: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, to issue Water Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in evidence of loans issued pursuant to the Public Water Supply Loan Program (PLC 8/23/19 COW 8/27/19 13/0/1 absent) PU

Ald. Salvati introduced the item related to the replacement of water mains along with the stormwater/sewer separation project in Area 3. The item allows the city to apply for a loan for the work through the IEPA.

**Motion by Ald. Salvati, seconded by Ald. Wolff, to approve the ordinance as presented.
Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.**

11. RESOLUTION 19-095-R: Authorizing a Representative to Sign Loan Documents (PLC 8/23/19 COW 8/27/19 13/0/1 absent) PU

Ald. Salvati noted that this item relates to the previous item and allows Peggy Colby to sign loan documents. Ald. Chanzit asked if there was a rate set for the loan yet. Director Colby said the current rate is 1.76% so our rate should be close to that.

**Motion by Ald. Salvati, seconded by Ald. Uher, to approve the resolution as presented.
Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.**

12. RESOLUTION 19-098-R: Authorizing Execution of Task Order #16 with Engineering Enterprises, Inc. for Carriage Crest Recharge Basin Dewatering Well Analysis (GH 8/22/19 13/0/1 absent) CS

Ald. Wolff introduced the item relating to work that would re-engineer the basin in order to help keep the water level down and help avoid flooding in the area.

**Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Meitzler, to approve the resolution as presented.
Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.**

13. RESOLUTION 19-092-R: Approve and Amend Resolution 19-092 Adopting a City of Batavia Logo Design with color and font decided at City Council (GP 7/11/19 COW 8/20/19 6/6 Mayor voted Aye 7/6) GS

Ald. Chanzit said while he was not at the Committee of the Whole for the discussion of this item, he did watch the meeting and feels that for something this important, the item should go back to committee for further discussion because the Council is clearly split.

Ald. Salvati agreed that they will know the right logo when they see it, but this design isn't it.

Administrator Newman clarified that with no directive to staff, they should just wait for further guidance. Ald. Chanzit said they need to discuss it again at the next COW. Administrator Newman reminded the Council that some signage around town needs replacing and is being held up because of the logo.

Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Malay, to table the item. Motion carried 12 yeas/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

14. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newman reminded everyone that garbage pickup would be delayed by one day because of the Labor Day holiday.

In honor of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, she also shared gratitude to the United Way and Batavia School District for bringing 211 to the community. Anyone in crisis can call 211 to be connected with the resources they need.

She encouraged everyone to attend both major Chamber events – the Harvest Celebration and the Aspire Awards, where Batavia's Citizen of the Year is honored. These are excellent opportunities to meet businesspeople in the area.

Ald. Salvati noted that Chamber membership nearly doubled under Holly Deitchman, and Administrator Newman added that she also added innovative and important education and programs to serve members and the community.

The Holmstad was recently in the news for an outbreak of Legionnaire's disease. The source is still being investigated, but there is no reason to believe it is a problem with the public water supply. The state recently increased the chlorine requirements for public water, and Batavia had just tested above that level. The city also enforces the state law to maintain water containment devices so that private water systems can't flow back into public systems. These devices must be tested annually, and the city is vigilant about enforcing this.

Upcoming tours and open houses at the new wastewater treatment plant will be held soon now that construction has ended and employees have moved in to their new space. Old equipment has been replaced and new, efficient processes are in place.

In other news:

- The Mahoney Creek project is underway.

- Work in Area 3 continues.
- A new bucket truck was received last week.
- IDOT is reviewing the city's request for upcoming closures of River Street.
- The Batavia Environmental Commission holds cleanup efforts in the area and requested the purchase of tools for this purpose. The tools have been purchased, and Suncoast Corp. has graciously agreed to store the tools in a shed on their property.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ald. Callahan said there is no COW this week and the Plan Commission meeting is cancelled. Historic Preservation meets on Monday.

Ald. Wolff said the next COW will include a community conversation on the opioid crisis.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Ald. Callahan acknowledged the passing of New York Senator Bill Larkin, who was one of the last living veterans of World War II and who dedicated himself to veterans' causes.

17. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schielke said a power outage this morning resulted from a downed tree limb in the 300 block of North Van Buren Street, which appeared to be a straight-line event that also hit the 300 block of College. Several area residents came out to praise Public Works and the 911 response for keeping residents safe and getting the power back on.

The first home football game was last Friday and some spectators caused trouble requiring police intervention, which the department handled very well. While other cities struggle with perception of their police force, our department is highly respected in the community and has high visibility, which makes residents feel safe.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Salvati, seconded by Ald. Wolff, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Ellen Posledni, City Clerk, September 10, 2019.