

MINUTES
January 8, 2019
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 7:05pm.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Brown; Ald. Stark, Wolff, Salvati, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay (entered at 7:05pm), Cerone (entered at 7:45pm) and McFadden

Members Absent: Aldermen Russotto, Atac, Chanzit, O'Brien, Uher

Also Present: Mayor Schielke; Shawn Mazza, Deputy Chief of Administration, Batavia Police Department; Laura Newman, City Administrator; Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Scott Buening, Director of Community Development; Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; Joel Strassman, Planning and Zoning Officer; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

2. Reminder: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording

3. Items to be Removed/Added/Changed

There were no items to be removed, added or changed.

4. Matters From the Public (For Items NOT on the Agenda)

There were no matters from the public for items not on the agenda.

5. Discussion: Annexation of Unincorporated Islands – Update (SCB 12/4/18) CDC

Stark overviewed the memo. Buening showed the Committee of the Whole (COW) PowerPoint slides titled 'City of Batavia Annexations.' Buening explained that there was a commitment to annexing unincorporated islands into the City and there is substantial revenue that we could get for these properties once they are annexed both in property tax and head taxes, provided they are annexed prior to the next census. Buening stated that this would be done over the course of the year. Now is the right time, particularly with the census deadline. Buening stated that existing residential would be worked on first. He asked the COW for their direction.

Mayor Schielke expressed his concern with annexing Sunny Side Park due to the narrow and difficult streets. Other than that he is supportive of the annexation of unincorporated islands. Callahan asked if the annexation has to be contiguous. Buening answered that it has to be contiguous and completely surrounded by the municipality or other boundaries (river or forest preserve). The consensus of the Committee was to move forward with annexation of unincorporated islands.

6. Resolution 19-001-R: Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate Located at 2150 Main Street (SCB 12/26/18) CDC

Stark overviewed the memo.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Resolution 19-001-R: Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate Located at 2150 Main Street
Maker: Salvati
Second: Meitzler
Voice Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Absent
Motion carried.

7. Ordinance 19-01: Proposing Establishment of a Special Service Area Number 65 for the Barkei Farms P. D. Subdivision (Phases I, II, & III) (JLS 1/3/19) CDC

Stark summarized the memo.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Ordinance 19-01: Proposing Establishment of a Special Service Area Number 65 for the Barkei Farms P. D. Subdivision (Phases I, II, & III)
Maker: Meitzler
Second: Malay
Voice Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Absent
Motion carried.
CONSENT AGENDA

8. Ordinance 19-03: Police Surplus Property (SRM 12/17/18) CS

Wolff overviewed the memo. Brown asked what fund the money would go into from the sale of the surplus property. Deputy Chief Mazza answered the proceeds would go into the General Fund.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Ordinance 19-03: Police Surplus Property
Maker: Salvati
Second: Stark
Voice Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Absent
Motion carried.
CONSENT AGENDA

9. Resolution 19-002-R: Towing Contract (SRM 12/17/18) CS

Wolff overviewed the memo and stated that it would be the same three companies.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Resolution 19-002-R: Towing Contract
Maker: McFadden
Second: Stark
Voice Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Absent

Motion carried.
CONSENT AGENDA

10. Resolution 19-003-R: Accepting Warranty Deeds for Parcels on the Deerpath Road & Main Street Intersection Improvement Project (CCB 12/31/18) CS

Motion: To recommend approval of Resolution 19-003-R: Accepting Warranty Deeds for Parcels on the Deerpath Road & Main Street Intersection Improvement Project
Maker: Malay
Second: McFadden
Voice Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nay, 6 Absent
Motion carried.

11. Resolution 19-004-R: Approving Plats of Dedication for Parcels Conveyed as Right-of-Way on the Deerpath Road & Main Street Intersection Improvement Project (CCB 12/31/18) CS

Holm overviewed the memo and explained that the first resolution is to accept the deeds. Chair Brown stated that it would behoove the City to mention the hard work Mayor Schielke contributed to get eighty percent of this project funded.

Motion: To recommend approval of Resolution 19-004-R: Approving Plats of Dedication for Parcels Conveyed as Right-of-Way on the Deerpath Road & Main Street Intersection Improvement Project
Maker: McFadden
Second: Stark
Voice Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Absent
Motion carried.
CONSENT AGENDA

12. Resolution 19-005-R: Authorizing Execution of Tsk Order #10 with Engineering Enterprises Inc. in the amount NTE \$39,522.00 for S. Prairie St. Water Main Replacement IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) Documentation and Project Plan (JPB 12/28/18) PU

Holm overviewed the memo with the Committee.

Motion: To recommend approval of Resolution 19-005-R: Authorizing Execution of Tsk Order #10 with Engineering Enterprises Inc. in the amount NTE \$39,522.00 for S. Prairie St. Water Main Replacement IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) Documentation and Project Plan
Maker: Meitzler
Second: Stark
Voice Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Absent
Motion carried.

13. Resolution 19-006-R: Authorizing Execution of Task Order #11 with Engineering Enterprises Inc. in the amount NTE \$275,000.00 for WTP #1 & #2 IEPA Public Water

Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) Documentation, Project Plan, and Design Engineering (JPB 12/28/18) PU

Holm stated that this project is an over three million dollar project that will be completed over several years. This resolution is for improvements to the Water Treatment Plant as well as some of our wells. We are seeking low interest loan funds for these improvements. This is the initial engineer's estimate.

Motion: To recommend approval of Resolution 19-006-R: Authorizing Execution of Task Order #11 with Engineering Enterprises Inc. in the amount NTE \$275,000.00 for WTP #1 & #2 IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) Documentation, Project Plan, and Design Engineering

Maker: Stark

Second: Malay

Voice Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Absent
Motion carried.

14. Project Status

Newman reported on the following:

- There is a meeting tomorrow with Dave Patzelt of Shodeen to finalize the environmental identification agreement and also the second amendment to the RDA.
- The meeting information and RDA will hopefully be brought to Council on January 15th.
- Prairie State is planning their first lobby day in Springfield. The lobby day is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th in Springfield.

15. Other

Callahan stated that Fabyan and Batavia Avenue has a very dangerous intersection, as most are aware. He understands that inquiries have been done in the past to make the intersection safer and the response has been the State has no funding. Callahan shared details of an accident at that intersection he witnessed earlier. He asserted that the accident did not occur due to someone running the red light, on the phone or not paying attention. The issue is line of sight on the left turn. Callahan asked if the City could ask the County to do a left turn protected arrow only at that location. He understands that there is a concern with the backup on the bridge but we will have backups due to accidents or traffic. Callahan stated that he would prefer traffic backups over accident backups any day.

Callahan requested that the County be asked to turn the left turn into a protected arrow only. He emphasized that the intersection should be a protected left turn. Meitzler joined Callahan with his request. Meitzler explained that we have discussed this intersection many times before and it is one of the worst intersections that we deal with in this town. We recognize it is not City of Batavia jurisdiction but anything we could do to make the intersection safer he would gladly support. Wolff suggested getting support from Geneva's City Council and Mayor to do this as well. Wolff continued that he would like to see the speed limits reduced approaching the intersection on all sides as well.

Holm stated that he has had discussions with the County in the past regarding this intersection. He stated that the best way to approach this is to have something prepared in written form and

Geneva's Council could be included in it as well. Mayor Schielke noted that the State's Transportation Secretary is leaving office on Monday and the new governor has not yet appointed someone. Mayor Schielke suggested a motion be made in support of this and for the Police Department to provide accident information on this particular intersection to be added to the record. Deputy Chief Mazza stated that in 2017 it was the leading intersection with 29 crashes, in 2015-2016 there were 20 crashes there. He stated that they could put more details on the intersection crashes together for the Council. Callahan expressed interest in knowing how many of the crashes involved the left turn. Deputy Chief Mazza answered probably most of them. Callahan noted that there are a lot of near misses they see all of the time at that intersection. Chair Brown asked City Administrator to work with the Police Department and Mayor and then get a resolution in front of the City Council.

Stark stated that people are complaining about on-street parking. She noted that she will always support no on-street and overnight parking and not parking over sidewalks but she is wondering if our technology could be updated so that people could register their car online for overnight parking. Stark stated that this might be an easy fix to a lot of complaints. Newman stated that they could look into an automated system.

Mayor Schielke reported that there is progression with the State regarding the legalization of marijuana. Mayor Schielke stated that he will be inquiring on the issue of the legal age to purchase marijuana and if this will be taxed could any City apply their own tax to it and what percentage of the revenue from taxes be used towards drug education and enforcement in Illinois.

Holm thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance this past weekend. There was an employee who was injured at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and was transported to the hospital. The employee is now out of the hospital.

Callahan announced that the Flags and Flannel event that is the fundraiser supporting the Flag Day Monument is Friday, March 1st and tickets are available on Eventbrite.

16. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm; Made by Salvati; Seconded by Meitzler. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary, on January 13, 2019.