

**CITY OF BATAVIA**  
**MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, May 3, 2021  
7:30 p.m. – Council Chambers 1st Floor  
100 N. Island Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510  
Hybrid Meeting

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. Minutes 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. Any references to discussion and/or statements are only to provide greater clarity to the public and they may not reference all, some, or any of an individual speaker's comments.

**1. OATH OF OFFICE**

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser administered the oath of office to newly elected officials: Mayor, Jeffery Schielke; City Clerk, Kate Garrett; Aldermen: Jennifer Baerren, Christopher Solfa, Leah Leman, George Ajazi, Tony Malay, Mark Uher, Nicholas Cerone, Sarah Vogelsinger

**2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:21.

**3. ROLL CALL**

All Present at roll call

Aldermen (by ward) in attendance in person: Baerren (1), Solfa (1), Wolff (2), Leman(2), Chanzit (3), Ajazi (3), Knopp (4), Malay (4), Beck (5), Uher (5), Cerone (6) Russotto (6) Vogelsinger (7) and Miller (7)

**4. RECOGNITION**

Outgoing Aldermen Michael O'Brien, Martin Callahan, Elliot Meitzler, Drew McFadden; City Clerk Ellen Posledni And City Treasurer Gerald Miller

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Knopp, to recognize outgoing Aldermen O'Brien, Callahan, Meitzler, McFadden; Clerk Posledni, Treasurer Miller. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

Ald. Chanzit suggested that each outgoing Alderman be offered the opportunity to make a parting address to the Council.

Former Alderman O'Brien addressed the Council.

Former Alderman Callahan addressed the Council.

Former Alderman Meitzler addressed the Council.

Former Alderman McFadden addressed the Council.

*N.B. Comments in full can be accessed via the recording of the meeting.*

**5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator Newman delivered her report.

The Councilroom has an installation of two new plaques commemorating the service of all known officers of the Batavia Police Department since 1856. She noted the plaques were designed by current members of the Department and the project was initiated at the suggestion of Ald. Meitzler and Ald. Callahan.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Resolution 21-046-R Jennifer Fox as Treasurer (LN)**

Mayor Schielke brought an appointee for treasurer to the Council for approval. He recommended Jennifer Fox as an experienced and valued member of city staff, capable of filling the position of treasurer. The position has been held by Gerald Miller since 1973 and stands vacant after his retirement.

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Cerone, to approve the appointment of Jennifer Fox as Treasurer. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

Discussion ensued regarding the selection of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Council Committees.

**8. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Schielke delivered his report.

The new council may face pressure with adjustments in the federal and state financial landscape.

A number of new restaurants have opened recently in town.

The high percentage of seniors in Batavia is an attraction to new businesses that serve a senior demographic.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Ald. Knopp, seconded by Ald. Malay, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kate Garrett, City Clerk, May 3, 2021