

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

Monday, May 17, 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. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alderman Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

All Present at roll call

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

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

**5. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED**

The Mayor proposed to strike item 8: Presentation from Flag Day Committee.

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Miller, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent*

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda read by Ald. Chanzit.

Accept and Place on File:

A. Building Reports April 2021

Approvals:

- B. May 14, 2021 Payroll \$908,065.19
- C. Accounts Payable Check Register \$3,614,662.94
- D. RESOLUTION 21-049-R: Requesting a Permit from IDOT for the Closure of Various Roadways for the BHS Homecoming Parade Special Event (Gary Holm 5/5/21 COW 5/11/21 13/o) CS
- E. RESOLUTION 21-047-R: Approving an Intergovernmental Master Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for State Maintained Traffic Signals (GH 5/03/21 COW 5/11/21 13/o) CS
- F. RESOLUTION 21-048-R: Approving an Intergovernmental Master Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Governmental Body Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices (GH 5/03/21 COW 5/11/21 13/o) CS
- G. RESOLUTION 21-050-R: Authorizing Dynamic Ratings Inc to provide and perform monitoring equipment installation at Paramount Substation and Main Substation for an amount not to exceed \$139,328 (RB 5/7/21 COW 5/11/21 14/o) PU
- H. ORDINANCE 21-27: Declaring Certain Property to be Surplus and Authorizing Sale Thereof (Scott Haines 4/27/21 COW 5/04/21 12/o) CS
- I. RESOLUTION 21-045-R: Authorizing Purchase of a 2019 TRUVAC Prodigy Hydroexcavator from Standard Equipment Company for \$342,454.88 (Scott Haines 4/29/21 COW 5/04/21 12/o) CS
- J. ORDINANCE 21-26: Demolition COA for 14 N Washington Ave (JA 4/30/21 COW 5/04/21 12/o) CD
- K. RESOLUTION 21-043-R: Upgrade Electric Service on S. Water Street to accommodate Amplified Entertainment (LN 4/30/21 COW 5/04/21 12/o) GS

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Knopp, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

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

A Suicide Prevention Services run will be held on June 5th

**~~8. PRESENTATION: Flag Day Committee~~**

**9. PRESENTATION: Casa Kane County – Gloria Kelly, Executive Director**

Gloria Kelly offered a presentation on the work and volunteer needs of Casa Kane County, a guardian ad litem organization that steps in whenever a child comes into abuse and neglect court, and stays with them through the legal process. Her call to action was to take one or two volunteer fliers and share them with the community.

**10. RE-APPOINTMENT:** Batavia Plan Commission – Sarah Harms, Tom LaLonde and Thomas Gosselin for a Three Year Term – Term Expires 6/01/24

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Russoto, to approve re-appointment. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

**11. PROCLAMATION:** National Public Works Week

Proclamation read by Ald. Chanzit.

City Administrator Laura Newman spoke in special recognition of the teams who adjusted to the pandemic and prevented any outbreaks among the crews.

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Wolff, to proclaim National Public Works Week. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

Alderman Beck left the meeting at 7:56 PM.

**12. APPROVAL:** Class F Special Event (Not for Profit) Liquor License for Elderday Center for Pearls Around the World Food Extravaganza and Celebration Fundraising Event Held at 328 W. Wilson St, Batavia IL 60510 (DE 5/13/21)

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Cerone, to approve the license. Alderman Beck Absent. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.*

Alderman Beck returned to the meeting at 7:58 PM.

**13. MAINSTREET**

Beth Walker and Bob Hanson delivered a report on the recent and anticipated activities of MainStreet.

**14. MOTION:** Approve of Bids to Purchase Parcels 1 and 2 of Old Railroad Parcels South of Bernadette Lane (SCB 4/22/21 COW 5/11/21 13/0) <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Majority Vote Required

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Miller, to approve bids. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

**15. RESOLUTION 21-044-R:** Award of Bid for Demolition of 916 Park St to Fowler Enterprises LLC for an amount of \$25,200 plus Alternate #1 of \$4.25 per square foot. (JA 4/30/21 COW 5/04/21 12/0) GS

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Cerone, to approve the bid. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/ 0 absent.*

**16. APPROVAL: DRAFT** Batavia Bullet Point Outreach to Local Legislators (GH)

City Administrator Newman explained that the letter outlines 4 points of concern for Batavia in relation to the Clean Energy and Jobs Act. Ald. Wolff suggested to amend the opening paragraph

to say, "we do not support the **early** closure of Prairie State." Ald. Beck asked what was meant by early. Wolff clarified that early was to mean any time before the repayment of the bonds.

Ald. Miller suggested reframing the beginning of the letter to indicate support as long as concerns are met. Gary Holm stated that he believed the drafted letter reflected the direction he received from the council.

Ald. Chanzit proposed the change to delete sentence 2 and 3 and replace with: "However, the city cannot support the closure unless the following concerns are addressed."

Ald. Beck asked if there were specific relief measures sought in relation to the second point of the letter. Administrator Newman clarified that allowing for Prairie State to remain open until the fulfillment of the bonds would provide relief on point 2.

Ald. Chanzit clarified that a bailout or debt restructuring would also satisfy point 2.

Ald. Ajazi suggested removing three sentences regarding the rate increase process. Administrator Newman clarified that the point they address is not addressed elsewhere in the letter. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Schielke suggested that more revisions might be needed. Administrator Newman noted that there may be very little time before the legislation comes up for a vote in Springfield. Discussion ensued.

Ald Solfa motioned to accept changes as they currently stood and send the letter. Ald Russotto seconded.

Ald. Leman suggested removing the language that Batavia does not support the proposed legislation. Discussion ensued.

*Motion by Ald. Solfa, seconded by Ald. Russotto, to approve an amended letter to be sent to local legislators outlining Batavia's position on proposed Clean Energy and Jobs Act legislation. Motion carried 13 yea/ 1 nay/ 0 absent. Ald. Beck opposed.*

## **17. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator Newman delivered her report.

## **18. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **19. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ald. Chanzit clarified which flag should be addressed during the pledge of allegiance.

Ald. Baerren asked if retailers on the east side of town would be stocking garbage stickers.

Ald. Miller requested a continuance of the conversation regarding Prairie State at a future meeting.

**20. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Schielke delivered his report.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Beck, 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 17, 2021