

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL
August 5, 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. Uher 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), Tony Malay (4), Joe Knopp (4), Mark Uher (5), Abby Beck (5), Nicholas Cerone (6), Michael Russotto (6) and Keenan Miller (7) were present. Drew McFadden (7) was absent.

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

City Attorney	Edward Boula
City Clerk	Ellen Posledni
City Administrator	Laura Newman
Deputy Fire Chief	Craig Hanson
Police Chief	Dan Eul
Community Development Director	Scott Buening
Director of Human Resources	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. Chanzit read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Accept and Place on File:

- A. Plan Commission Minutes for June 19, 2019
- B. Committee of the Whole Minutes for June 25, 2019, July 9, 2019 and July 16, 2019
- C. Building Reports June 2019
- D. June 2019 City Council Financial Report

Approvals:

- E. July 26, 2019 Payroll \$863,178.57
- F. Accounts Payable Check Register \$5,337,732.87
- G. City Council Minutes for July 15, 2019
- H. **APPROVAL:** Mike Rusotto as City of Batavia Representative on the Tri-Comm Board (JDS)
- I. **ORDINANCE 19-52:** Annexing 2S129 Hart Road (SCB 7/15/19 COW 7/23/19 13/0) CD
- J. **ORDINANCE 19-53:** Annexing 2S676 Hart Road (SCB 7/15/19) COW 7/23/19 13/0) CD
- K. **ORDINANCE 19-54:** Annexing 1S776 and 1S808 Deerpath Road (Involuntary) (SCB 7/24/19 COW 7/30/19 12/0) CD
- L. **ORDINANCE 19-55:** Annexing 2S801 through 2S876 Hart Road (Involuntary) (SCB 7/24/19 COW 7/30/19 12/0) CD
- M. **RESOLUTION 19-086-R:** Authorization to purchase a 2019 Versalift VO260RR Bucket Truck from Versalift Forestry in the amount of \$144,067.00 (SH 7/24/19 COW 7/30/19 12/0) CS
- N. **RESOLUTION 19-087-R:** Authorizing Purchase of One 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe from Currie Motors Chevrolet of Forest Park Illinois For an Amount Not to Exceed \$35,900 (RD 7/24/19 COW 7/30/19 12/0) CS
- O. **ORDINANCE 19-50:** Authorizing the Renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Batavia and the Geneva Park District for Providing Police Protection Services at Park District Properties within the City of Batavia (DME 7/10/19 COW 7/16/19 13/0) GS
- P. **RESOLUTION 19-085-R:** Authorizing Purchase of New Ford F150 Truck (BR 7/19/19 COW 7/30/19 12/0) PU

Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Knopp, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

Mayor Schielke noted that item N approved the purchase of a GMC vehicle, which is the first time the city has purchased from GMC since it terminated its contract with Batavia's Avenue Chevrolet when Obama was President. Ald. Wolff noted that the Ford Explorer was not available.

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

None.

8. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Executive Director Margaret Perreault reported that the Chamber partnered with the Park District for this year's Windmill City Fest by bringing local food vendors to the event, which garnered a positive response from attendees.

The recent Chili Cook-Off downtown had record attendance.

The Chamber is currently assembling its annual guide to Chamber businesses for residents in Batavia and North Aurora. The guide will list all 480 Chamber members, with contact information.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held today for D & M Home Improvements in Warrenville. The Chamber continues to attract companies outside of Batavia that want to be part of the Batavia business community.

On August 1, a ribbon-cutting was held in celebration of Gaetano's adopting its new name, Verita.

The Women in Business luncheon will be held August 13. It is a speed networking event with about 100 attendees. Contact the Chamber to register.

August 14 is the BC² morning networking event at Country Inn and Suites in Geneva.

August 21 is Networking-It at Crosstown Pub from 5 to 7 pm. The event will benefit Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence.

August 22 from 8 to 11 is a workplace safety presentation at Water Street Studios.

August 28 from 8 to 9:30 am is the next program at Valley Industrial.

Ms. Perreault introduced Rob Sarra from Controlled FORCE, a Chamber member company located on River Street in the Challenge building. Mr. Sarra said the company does safety and security training and consulting, and they work with law enforcement, military and civilians. The company is interested in offering training to Batavia schools to help keep them safe. The company can be reached at 630.365.1700 or controlledforce.com.

Mayor Schielke welcomed Mr. Sarra to Batavia.

9. APPROVAL: Class I Caterer Liquor License Application for Fernando's Street Kitchen, Inc. (DME 7/10/19 COW 7/16/19 13/0) GS

Ald. Chanzit introduced the item, noting that appropriate steps have been taken and there is nothing preventing the applicant from receiving the license. Applicant Freddie Martinez, who operates the catering business, addressed the Council. He explained that his company is looking to sell alcoholic beverages at events and through its catering service. He added that business is brisk, and he is already booking graduation parties for next summer.

Mayor Schielke recalled Mr. Martinez's father starting out in Batavia selling fajitas at an art show. The business eventually expanded to become El Taco Grande, which has now been sold. He noted that the Martinez family has always been a great asset to Batavia.

**Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to approve the item as presented.
Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.**

10. APPROVAL: Class G Liquor License for Fernando's Street Kitchen, River's Edge & Verita for a Special Event 2019 "Music Matters Summer Festival": August 9 and 10, 2019 (DME 7/29/19)

Mayor Schielke introduced the item requesting liquor licenses for the upcoming music festival.

Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Wolff, to approve the item as presented. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

11. RESOLUTION 19-081-R: Authorization for a Master Service Agreement with Paymentus for Online Utility Bill Presentment and Payment Processing (PC 7/11/19 COW 7/16/19 13/0) GS

Ald. Chanzit introduced the item relating to a new option for utility bill payments. He said St. Charles has been using this system as well. There is no cost for implementation, and it will be a cost savings for residents. Implementation will take a couple of months.

**Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Knopp, to approve the resolution as presented.
Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.**

12. ORDINANCE 19-51: Regulating 2019 Payment for Emergency Service Disaster Agency (ESDA) Volunteer members of the Fire Department (WB 7/12/19 COW 7/16/19 13/0) GS

Ald. Chanzit introduced the item related to payment for ESDA volunteers. He noted that ESDA volunteers often provide services such as weather spotting and traffic control, and typically they receive a stipend, but the stipend has not been codified. This would codify it.

**Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Knopp, to approve the ordinance as presented.
Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.**

13. RESOLUTION 19-084-R: Authorize contract with Dowdy Recruiting, LLC (GH 7/18/19 COW 7/23/19 13/0) PU

Ald. O'Brien introduced the item related to the hiring of a recruiting company to assist in the search for a new Manager of Electric Operations. The position has been open since May and the company will help find qualified candidates.

**Motion by Ald. O'Brien, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to approve the resolution as presented.
Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.**

14. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newman announced that Barbara Jeffers from the Kane County Health Department would attend tomorrow night's COW to discuss the opioid epidemic and the county's efforts to combat it.

City staff met today with other government agencies to discuss the 2020 census. Participation is going to be essential for every Batavia resident in order to protect funding and Home Rule status. The city will work with the Batavia Public Library, Batavia Park District, Batavia School District and BATV to support census efforts.

The Winding Creek subdivision has conditional approval from the Plan Commission and will be discussed at the COW.

Proposed changes to the ordinance regarding short-term rentals will be discussed at the COW.

Interior renovations continue at the Eastside Community Center.

Building of the new industrial building on Nagel continues.

Per Public Works, repairs to city-owned windmills throughout the city should be complete by Labor Day.

Mahoney Creek stabilization work is underway.

Area 3 storm-sewer work is set to begin and will continue into 2020. The city is grateful to the residents in Area 1 for their patience while the project was completed there. City staff will apply learnings from the Area 1 project to help prepare residents in Area 3 and minimize disruptions.

Communications will present a proposed new logo at the COW tomorrow night. The city's new website is ready to launch tomorrow morning.

Ald. Callahan asked about the status of the chalets on River Street. Administrator Newman said staff is having difficulty finding a base unit at a similar price to what Muskegon is using. Their target was less than \$10,000 per unit, but the prices are coming in at \$15,000 to \$20,000 per unit. Ald. Callahan noted that a local business owner has some ideas to lower the cost. Administrator Newman said she would call tomorrow to inquire.

Ald. Cerone asked if River Street would be on an upcoming agenda. Administrator Newman noted that she would add it to the next COW agenda.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ald. Chanzit said a liquor license for Oak & Swine would be on the August 13 COW agenda.

Ald. Wolff said brush pickup would begin on the East Side August 12 and on the West Side August 19.

Ald. Callahan said the next COW would consider the Winding Creek annexation and a grant for Funway. The next Plan Commission meeting is cancelled. Historic Preservation is scheduled for Monday but there is nothing on the agenda yet. At next week's COW will be an item related to beekeeping and industrial landscaping as well as River Street.

Mayor Schielke noted that another tattoo parlor has expressed a desire to move into Batavia, but the current ordinance restricts the number of tattoo parlors to two. The applicant may come in and speak to the Council.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

17. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor thanked everyone who participated in the recent walk through downtown, which yielded the sharing of great ideas and possibilities.

He encouraged an updated traffic study be considered. It is something the city does every 10 to 15 years. The last time the city considered an additional bridge was 20 years ago, and it was voted down. If there is desire for a new bridge, the city is going to need to determine where the money will come from. If the city has an updated traffic study and plan for construction, and state financing becomes more realistic in a few years, they would be in a better position to be awarded grant money. He encouraged the aldermen to consider funding this traffic study in the next budget.

Mayor Schielke praised members of the Batavia Fire Department for their efforts to assist with a major fire at a Sycamore apartment complex last weekend. They responded at 6:40 p.m. and returned to Batavia at 4:40 a.m. It speaks to how respected and trusted our department is.

The Tri-City Ambulance Board operates two ambulances in Batavia, two in St. Charles and one in Geneva, and they are all very busy. Batavia averages 10 or 12 ambulance calls per day, and sometimes it's as high as 20 calls. Many calls are for senior citizens who have fallen. The board has now voted to add a sixth ambulance, which will begin part time and be stationed at the Geneva West Side Station Monday through Friday. The Mayor anticipates it will be needed full time eventually. Past governors have cited the board as a great example of government consolidation.

Mayor Schielke also expressed gratitude to the Batavia Police Department for covering all of the special events in Batavia, including having an increased presence at yesterday's Community Dinner Table because of recent national mass shootings. He said Chief Eul and all of the staff are doing a great job supporting all of these events.

Mayor Schielke also thanked the City Council for their hard work and dedication that has helped transform Batavia into such a wonderful community.

Ald. Cerone added that he recently witnessed a Batavia Fire truck respond to a car accident. Once the scene was clear, the firemen stayed on site to interact with kids and let them check out the truck. He echoed the Mayor's appreciation for all of Batavia's first responders.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Ellen Posledni, City Clerk, August 13, 2019.