

MINUTES
November 19, 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 Wolff called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Wolff; Ald. Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Salvati, O'Brien, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, and McFadden

Members Absent: Ald. Miller

Also Present: Mayor Schielke (entered at 7:06pm); Chief Deicke, Batavia Fire Department; Laura Newman, City Administrator; Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Peggy Colby, Director of Finance; Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; Joel Strassman, Planning and Zoning Officer; Griffin Price, Communications Coordinator; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

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

3. Approve Minutes for October 29, 2019

Motion: To approve minutes for October 29, 2019

Maker: Uher

Second: Salvati

Voice Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion carried.

4. Items to be Removed/Added/Changed

Colby stated that no Public Hearing was scheduled or published regarding the 2019 Tax Levy and therefore, item six could be removed.

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

There were no matters from the public at this time.

6. Public Hearing on the 2019 Tax Levy

This item was removed from the agenda since there was no Public Hearing scheduled for the 2019 Tax Levy.

7. Ordinance 19-81: Conditional Use for U-Haul Commercial Vehicle/Equipment Sales and Rental in the GC General Commercial District, 1921A West Wilson Street (JLS 11/14/19) CD

Strassman overviewed the memo. The Committee discussed rental vehicle distance from street frontage and procedure when there is an overflow of vehicles in the parking lot. In case of an overflow, extra vehicles will be transported to another location offsite.

Motion: To recommend to City Council to approve Ordinance 19-81: Conditional Use for U-Haul Commercial Vehicle/Equipment Sales and Rental in the GC General Commercial District, 1921A West Wilson Street

Maker: Knopp

Second: Salvati

Voice Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion carried.

8. Ordinance 19-77: Amendment to Video Gaming Code (SCB 11/15/19) GS

The Committee considered the amendment to the Video Gaming Code. Salvati commented that if anyone could do this properly it is Funway. He is not in favor of gambling but since it is allowed in Batavia and he has confidence in how this would be run at Funway he would support it. Callahan agreed. Mietzler stated that he thinks the world of Funway and the owner has done a tremendous job but the simple fact is he does not want to see gambling expand in town so he is not in favor of it. Uher agreed. Beck stated that she feels that this is the most ideal application for this in town but she does not want to see gambling expand. She understands the interest with it expanding but she would not like to see gambling spread more and more. Therefore her votes have to reflect that. McFadden shared that when we first voted to legalize video gaming in town he was opposed to it then and he is opposed to seeing it expand. He would support the other half of the ordinance, which is increasing the fees. He would like to see that broken out into two separate ordinances. Callahan noted that he is not in favor of expanding video gaming into other entities because they are an unwarranted expansion. This entity is going to be dealing with the unfunded mandate, which is the minimum wage increase, and he needs to figure out how to do that. Malay understands the challenges coming up with his business. Malay stated he is opposed to video gaming and opposed to expanding it. This is a tough decision. He is in favor of increasing the fee. Cerone stated that he is in support of both. He made a motion for approval of both the video gaming license approval for Funway and the increase in licensing fees. Chair Wolff noted that if the vote fails the Committee could direct staff to divide the ordinance into two separate ordinances. Chanzit stated that he has confidence that this would be done right at Funway. He generally does not support video gaming but he will be in support of this, just for this particular case.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Ordinance 19-77: Amendment to Video Gaming Code

Maker: Cerone

Second: Callahan

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Cerone, Russotto, Knopp, Chanzit, Salvati, Wolff, O'Brien, Callahan
Nay: Beck, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, McFadden
8-5 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

9. Resolution 19-114-R: 2020 Budget (PC) GS

Colby summarized the past few budget discussions with the Committee. O'Brien stated that it is a slippery slope to operate at a negative. The reserves going down are unacceptable. The coming years we need to be more diligent. Callahan commented municipal funding is a marathon not a sprint. He would agree to a small increase this year as long as there could be a promise to not have a big increase next year, but there is no guarantee that even if we do every year small we won't still need to do a large increase. This year on these circumstances, we could give a breather to our residents. Callahan stated he is looking at what we could do this year with this year's spending and this year's revenue coming in. Next year will be different and we will evaluate the conditions at that time. O'Brien stated that the City continues to have a lot of work to do and the cost for materials and equipment rarely ever go down. Costs will continue to increase every year and he feels that we will be having this discussion next year with a lot more costs and we will just have to do an increase next year. Colby stated that some variables that will make an impact next year will be sales tax, depending on how shopping goes online and at physical stores. We get the Home Rule portion of sales tax at the second half of the year. We might see some funds with the cannabis sales tax. Chanzit stated that he would approve this budget with the understanding that next year's discussion will be quite different.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Resolution 19-114-R: 2020 Budget

Maker: Chanzit

Second: Callahan

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Chanzit, Salvati, Wolff, O'Brien, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden, Russotto, Beck, Knopp

Nay:

13-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

10. Ordinance 19-73: 2019 Tax Levy (LP) GS

Colby discussed the EAV estimate and actual for 2019 and the breakdown of the funding with the Committee. The rate is expected to be the same as last year.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Ordinance 19-73: 2019 Tax Levy

Maker: Chanzit

Second: Callahan

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Chanzit, Salvati, Wolff, O'Brien, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden, Russotto, Beck, Knopp

Nay:

13-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

11. Ordinance 19-74: SSA #30 Tax Levy (LP) GS

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Ordinance 19-74: SSA #30 Tax Levy

Maker: Chanzit

Second: Callahan

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Chanzit, Salvati, Wolff, O'Brien, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden, Russotto, Beck, Knopp

Nay:

13-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

12. Ordinance 19-75: SSA #62 Tax Levy (LP) GS

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Ordinance 19-75: SSA #62 Tax Levy

Maker: Chanzit

Second: Callahan

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Chanzit, Salvati, Wolff, O'Brien, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden, Russotto, Beck, Knopp

Nay:

13-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

13. Update: City Logo Project

Salvati reported that a small group was formed to discuss the City Logo project. Salvati discussed the process in which they evaluated fifty logos from around the country. From that evaluation, they got a good idea on what we were looking for in a City logo. Griffin and Christopher returned with a few different directions for the City logo. Salvati stated that no action is required from this meeting.

A handout containing three different proposed City logos were distributed to the Committee. Griffin Price presented a PowerPoint slides with the proposed logos for the Committee to review. The Committee discussed all three logo designs, colors and fonts. Some of the critiques of the proposed logos were: Simpson's cartoonish clouds in the background, too busy, and the white river does not convey a river. Some positive attributes to the proposed designs were: forward movement in the cursive font and simplicity is key. Callahan and O'Brien stated that all three of the proposed logos are fine with them. Beck stated that she likes the motion of the windmills. She stated that the cursive featured logo reminds her a lot of the MainStreet logo and their tagline, Always Moving by Nature, is a fantastic tagline. Salvati stated that the group would reconvene and discuss next steps.

14. Project Status

Newman reported on the following:

- Brush pick ups: Final leaf collection, west side in progress, east side final pick up week of 11/25; City-wide Brush Collection will be the week of December 2nd
- Video gaming was changed to a Conditional Use in September of 2018 and the licensing is handled by the Police Department. The application process should include those two processes simultaneously and the license should not be granted until the Conditional Use is approved by City Council. Acquaviva has machines in their location but they do not have a Conditional Use. Staff will be advising Acquaviva to go through the Conditional Use process. This process will be corrected to become simultaneous.
- The business 'Occasions on the Avenue' fundraiser event for CASA planning is underway. This will be a 2020 event happening in the month of April.

- Dementia Friendly City- Last week St. Charles hosted an event in their library and representatives from neighboring cities were in attendance. The certification process and collaboration was discussed.

15. Other

Newman stated two business items could be brought to City Council if no one objects. One is the community survey. The other is a fairly minor item, the replacement of the projectors and screens and installation of a monitor to better able to accommodate the viewing audience. Newman explained that if these two items move forward to City Council there would be no need for a Committee of the Whole meeting next Tuesday. Newman noted that there is sufficient funding in the 2019 budget to accommodate both projects. There was no objection from the Committee to bring these items to City Council. There would be no Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, November 26th.

16. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Wolff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm; Made by O'Brien; Seconded by Salvati. Motion carried.