

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

Monday, April 3rd, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers 1st Floor  
100 N. Island Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510  
Hybrid Meeting

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Ald. Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Aldermen in attendance at roll: Miller (7), Russotto (6), Chanzit (3), Wolff (2), Solfa (1), Baerren (1), Leman (2), Ajazi (3), Malay (4), Uher (5), Cerone (6), Vogelsinger (7).

*Attending remotely: Chanzit, Ajazi, Vogelsinger.*

**REMINDER: Please Speak Into The Microphone For BATV Recording**

**4. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED**

no changes

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Accept and Place on File:

- A. Committee of the Whole Minutes March 14, 2023

Approvals:

- B. March 31, 2023 Payroll \$982,060.32
- C. Accounts Payable Check Register \$1,004,397.50
- D. City Council Minutes March 20, 2023
- E. APPROVAL: Waive Construction Hours for 185 North Randall Road, Chick Fil A Canopy Installation (JA 3/22/23 COW 3/28/23 8/o) CD
- F. RESOLUTION 23-053-R: 2023 Code Compliance Lawn Mowing Maintenance Contract (JA 3/21/23 COW 3/28/23 8/o) CD

G. RESOLUTION 23-056-R: Approve 2023-2025 IAFF Contract (WB) GS

*Ald. Chanzit read aloud the Consent Agenda.*

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.*

**7. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: (For Items NOT On The Agenda)**

Aaron Kilburg rose to address the Council. He encouraged eligible voters to exercise their right to vote in the April 4th election.

**8. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

President Margaret Perreault delivered her report on the recent and upcoming activities of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce.

She introduced her guest Marty Callahan, chair of the flag committee. Callahan spoke about the development of the community flag project. The committee received one hundred and seven design submissions, two thirds of which were from Batavia students.

Rachel Agro submitted the winning design. Callahan congratulated Agro on her selection as the winner of the design competition. Flags are now available for purchase at [bataviaflag.org](http://bataviaflag.org). 25% of the proceeds from sales of the flag will support the construction of the Flag Day Monument.

**9. PROCLAMATION: Winner Of Community Flag Contest Sponsored By The Chamber Of Commerce**

Ald. Russotto read aloud the proclamation.

*Motion by Ald. Russotto, seconded by Ald. Malay, to approve the proclamation. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.*

Mayor Shielke congratulated Agro on her selection.

**10. PROCLAMATION: Batavia High School Teacher Amber Jirsa Named North Suburbs Regional Teacher Of The Year By ISBE**

Ald. Leman read aloud the proclamation.

*Motion by Ald. Leman, seconded by Ald. Malay, to approve the proclamation. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.*

Mayor Shielke shared his congratulations and appreciation for Jirsa's contributions to education in Batavia.

Jirsa addressed the council and shared her intent to continue her good work in the Batavia school district.

**11. PRESENTATION: First Quarter 2023 Strategic Action Plan Update**

Administrator Newman delivered her update on the Strategic Action Plan. Review recording for comments in full. She opened the floor for questions and comments. None were seen.

**12. APPROVAL: Waive Formal Bidding And Award A Contract For Fiber Conduit Installation To Ray's Electric**

*Motion by Ald. Cerone, seconded by Ald. Malay, to waive formal bidding. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.*

**13. RESOLUTION 23-051-R: Approving Contract For Fiber Conduit Installation At Hall Quarry Beach (SA 3/23/23 COW 3/28/23 8/0) PU**

*Motion by Ald. Cerone, seconded by Ald. Malay, to approve the resolution. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.*

**14. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Newman delivered her report. The electric department has implemented a new line to call for electric emergencies 454-BULB. She noted the dedication and urgency with which the city staff responded to the weather emergencies of Friday, March 31st. She recognized Mark Davis, the City's emergency management manager and addressed the guidelines used to determine whether or not to engage the warning sirens. Please review recordings for comments in full.

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

none

**16. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Schielke delivered his report. He spoke about the damage he witnessed from the weather event on Friday, March 31st. He informed the council that City staff are taking daily photographs to document the construction of the Flag Day Monument. He encouraged Batavians to vote in the upcoming April 4th election. Review recording for comments in full.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Malay, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kate Garrett, City Clerk, April 3rd, 2023.