

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 17th, 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 7:03 pm.

2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ald. Lanci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Aldermen in attendance at roll: Lanci (6), Beck (5), Pieper (4), Chanzit (3), Wolff (2), Solfa (1), Baerren (1), Leman (2), Ajazi (3), Malay (4), Uher (5), Cerone (6).

4. REMINDER: Please Speak Into The Microphone For BATV Recording

5. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED

No changes.

Ald. Vogelsinger arrived at 7:06 pm.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals:

- A. July 7, 2023 Payroll \$1,005,113.40
- B. Accounts Payable Check Register \$4,815,272.69
- C. Ordinance 23-30: Amendment To The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map (DR 7/7/23)
- D. Ordinance 23-31: Amendment To The Official Zoning Map To Rezone Property To The R4 – Multiple Family Residential, Medium Density District And To Add A Planned Development Overlay District (DR 7/7/23)
- E. Ordinance 23-32: Conditional Use Permit For A Nursing Home In A R4 Multiple Family Residential, Medium Density District (DR 7/7/23)

- F. Resolution 23-088-R: Approving The Preliminary/Final Plat Of Deerpath And Main Consolidation Subdivision (Preliminary & Final) (2349 Main Street And 2399 Main Street - City Of Batavia) 2349 (Formerly 38W284) Main Street - Kimley Horn & Associates, Applicant (DR 7/7/23)
- G. Ordinance 23-25: Amending Title 3 Chapter 4 Of The Municipal Code Relating To Amusements In The City Of Batavia (MW/LN 6/13/23 COW 6/27/23 13/0 6/13/23) GS
- H. Resolution 23-089-R: Authorizing Execution Of A Contract With Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc. For The 2023 Donovan/Wilson St Bridge – Cleaning And Painting Steel Railing Project For An Amount Not To Exceed \$101,000 (AP 6/23/23) CS
- I. Resolution 23-093-R: Requesting a permit from IDOT for the closure of Rt. 31 for 2023 August 5th Fireworks Display (GH/CH)
- J. Approval of a Fireworks Permit for the 2023 August 5th Fireworks Display (CH)

Ald. Chanzit read aloud the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

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

Barbara Bunge, 118 Lake Street, Batavia rose to address the Council regarding the resolution on the garbage collection contract. She said that the new contract has doubled her costs for garbage collection. She noted that the messaging regarding the sticker program is not consistent. She asked if it were true that it was not an option to use stickers only. Ald. Solfa responded that the contract was not written to permit a sticker based program. Ald. Cerone also responded. Discussion ensued.

David Peebles, 525 North Avenue, Batavia rose to address the Council regarding the garbage collection contract. He said that the contract presents a burden to the senior citizens of Batavia. He suggested that there be a drop box for payments for senior citizens who cannot afford the postage to pay the bills.

8. Appointment Of Thomas Connelly To The Historic Preservation Commission

Motion by Ald. Leman, seconded by Ald. Malay, to approve the appointment. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

9. Resolution 23-092-R: Authorizing The Sale Of Municipally Owned Real Estate At 1359 Brandywine Circle (SCB 7/7/23-No COW)

Scott Buening, Director of Community & Economic Development, introduced the Resolution.

Motion by Ald. Malay, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the Resolution. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

10. Resolution 23-091-R Approval Of Permit Processing Analysis Study And Permit Fee Analysis Study (SCB 7323 COW 71123 95)

Scott Buening, Director of Community & Economic Development, introduced the Resolution. Ald. Cerone, Ald. Malay, and Ald. Chanzit all noted that they will not approve the unbudgeted expense associated with this Resolution. Ald. Leman said that she approves of bringing in outside eyes to review long standing procedures. Ald. Cerone agreed.

Motion by Ald. Cerone, seconded by Ald. Leman, to approve the Resolution. Motion carried 8 yea/ 5 nay/ 1 absent.

11. MAINSTREET MINUTE

Director Beth Walker delivered her report on the recent and upcoming events of Batavia MainStreet. Please review recordings for comments in full.

Walker introduced her guest Kayt Casey, who owns Benton & Main, one of the Boardwalk shop owners. Her business specializes in front door and interior decor. She spoke about the wonderful opportunity that the Boardwalk Shops have afforded her to have a business and care for her family.

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newman delivered her report. She reported on the new date for the Batavia Fireworks Sky Concert (August 5th), and the projects of the City staff. She offered a special thanks to the city workers who have taken care of the utility service during the recent severe weather. Please review recordings for comments in full.

Ald. Uher asked if North Aurora were also considering extending the Road Diet project into their city limits. Administrator Newman said that it was under consideration.

Ald. Barren thanked the city staff for providing consistent updates on their efforts so that all Aldermen can best respond to constituents.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Ald. Leman thanked Ms. Bunge for her questions and asked if there are relief programs for qualified individuals who might need financial help purchasing utility services. Administrator Newman said that there were no existing programs at present. Ald. Leman said she would like to pursue a program in the future.

Gary Holm said that he may request additional funds from the City Council to spend on tree trimming in this budget cycle.

Ald. Pieper inquired about the opportunity to move to a pay-per-tip service for garbage service. Discussion ensued.

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schielke delivered his report. He commended Batavia Public Works, Batavia Police Department and Fire Department for their good work during the recent severe weather. He said that he is optimistic about the future of the City as he sees continued growth in businesses and residential areas in Batavia. View recording for comments in full.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Solfa, seconded by Ald. Malay, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kate Garrett, City Clerk, July 17th, 2023.