

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023
7:00 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 7:02 pm.

2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ald. Wolff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Ald. Chanzit attended the meeting remotely.

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

5. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED

None seen.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Accept and Place on File:

- A. Historical Preservation Minutes July 24, 2023

Approvals:

- B. September 1, 2023 Payroll \$988,089.92
- C. Accounts Payable Check Register \$1,390,683.71
- D. ORDINANCE 23-41: Amending the Official Zoning Map from Ro, Single Family To PFI, Public Facilities And Institutional For 1535 South Batavia Avenue (ZE 8/17/12 COW 8/22/2023 12/o) CD
- E. RESOLUTION 23-105-R: Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Everlast Blacktop, Inc for the 2023 CDBG New Sidewalk Installation project in an Amount

Not to Exceed \$132,590.70 which includes 10 percent contingency amount (CB 8/15/2023 COW 8/22/2023 12/0) PU

- F. RESOLUTION 23-104-R: Authorizing an Agreement with Qualtrics for Resident and Business Experience Management Software (MW 8/22/2023 COW 8/22/2023 12/0)
- G. RESOLUTION 23-108-R: Authorizing Purchase of Two Fire Department Administrative Vehicles (CH 8/18/23 COW 8/22/23 12/0) CS
- H. APPROVAL: Class E-1 – Club Unlimited Liquor License for Batavia Moose Lodge #682 – located at 1535 W. Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL (SM 8/22/23)
- I. APPROVAL: Class G Special Use Liquor License – Batavia Park District - Pints by the Pond Event on September 23, 2023 (SM 8/18/22)

Ald. Chanzit read aloud the Consent Agenda.

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

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

none seen

8. OATH OF OFFICE Sergeant Richard J. Hall

Mayor Schielke invited Chief Mazza to address the Council. Chief Mazza introduced Richard Hall and spoke about his excellent qualifications to serve the City of Batavia as Sergeant.

Mayor Schielke administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Hall.

9. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Schielke elected to advance the business of agenda item 10 and present the proclamation on the Batavia Chamber of Commerce 70 Year Anniversary before the report. He read aloud the proclamation.

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

President Margaret Perreault delivered her report on the recent and upcoming activities of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce. She thanked the City Council for the proclamation in recognition of its 70 year Anniversary. Please review recordings for comments in full.

She invited her guest, Sarah Whitt, owner of House of 423 to speak about her business and her experience with the Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Center program. Whitt told the Council about the benefits of having completed the program, including a better understanding of the financial pieces of running a small business. She advised that she would not have known about the program without her involvement in the Batavia Chamber of Commerce.

Andy Parker Executive Director of the Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Center and who facilitates the Grow Your Business Scholarship that Batavia Chamber of Commerce participates in. He spoke about the history, services, and success of the FVEC.

10. PROCLAMATION: Batavia Chamber Of Commerce 70 Year Anniversary

Mayor Schielke elected to advance the business of item 10 and read the proclamation before President Perreault delivered her report. Refer to item 9 for the actions relevant to this item.

11. APPROVAL: Video Gaming License – Batavia Moose Lodge – 1535 S. Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL

Chief Mazza presented the application for a video gaming license from the Batavia Moose Lodge.

Ald. Uher said that he would continue to vote no on video gaming licenses without distinction of the worthiness of the applicants. Ald. Malay concurred and noted that this license will approve 6 terminals where before only 5 had been approved.

Motion by Ald. Solfa, seconded by Ald. Wolff, to approve the license. Motion carried 9 yea/ 3 nay/ 2 absent.

12. ORDINANCE 23-43: Authorizing Execution Of A Lease Agreement Between The City Of Batavia And Chicago Industrial TT, LLC For 431 N. Raddant Rd., Batavia, Illinois (LN 8/30/23) GS

Administrator Newman presented the ordinance and explained the need to find a temporary location for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry.

Ald. Uher asked for context on the pricing for the lease. Newman responded that the utilities at the present rental location is \$12,000 a month

Ald. Wolff asked if the funding for this temporary location will be reimbursed by the grant. Newman responded that the costs will not be able to be reimbursed from the grant

Motion by Ald. Solfa, seconded by Ald. Malay, to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 12 yea/ 0 nay/ 2 absent.

13. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newman delivered her report. She notified the Council that IDOT has reviewed the speed limit posted at Route 31 and will not approve lowering the speed limit rate. Please review recordings for comments in full.

Ald. Uher asked about the timeline for road work at 31 and McKee, which is currently blocking a lane of traffic.

Ald. Baerren asked about speed tables, which she has experienced in her travels.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

none seen.

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schielke delivered his report. He said that he recently sat in a meeting with IDOT where he was informed that Illinois is on course to set a record for traffic related fatalities. He encouraged drivers to slow down and pay attention to posted speed limits. Please view recording for comments in full.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kate Garrett, City Clerk, September 5th, 2023.