

The Batavia City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2026 at City Hall with Mayor Aric Jensen presiding. Council members answering roll call were Cindy Franklin, Jody Trenary, and David Speas. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. Michael Britt joined the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Motion by Franklin to approve the agenda, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of regular minutes from May 11, 2026, and current bills for payment. Motion by Speas to approve the minutes and bills for payment, second by Franklin; all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Nick Adam was present to discuss the clean up of the property on 4th street, he does not see that progress is being made. Property owner is present to discuss his progress and next steps, during the public forum. Mr. Adam also provided a brief update regarding his building plans for the year. As of now, he does not foresee building any homes, and if he does, it will be only one. Mr. Adam discussed his plan to connect to the city sewer, for service at his location on 4th street. The council has requested time to discuss the matter with engineers, and will be in contact with Mr. Adam following discussions.

City Clerk: Tyra Audas provided the council with an update regarding the online payment system, updates made, and ongoing, to the city's website, as well as CCR report to be included with the June water billing.

Public Works: Rob Martin updated the Council regarding water meter and meter reader replacements. Ten additional replacements have been ordered and are in the process of being installed. Installations will continue regularly until complete.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding the replacement of the chlorine meter (tabled from April 13, 2026 meeting). Rob Martin advised a replacement meter is not needed at this time. Will revisit the matter at a later date, if it is deemed necessary.

Clarification was provided regarding who has access to utilize the tree farm for brush disposal. This service is available to Batavia residents whom reside inside city limits, only.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2nd reading of Ordinance 1-2026 – Amendment regarding service charge imposed on garbage collection. Motion by Franklin to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1-2026 - Amendment regarding service charge imposed on garbage collection, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried. Roll Call: Jody Trenary – Yes, Cindy Franklin – Yes, Michael Britt – Yes, David Speas – Yes.

Motion by Speas to waive to 3rd reading of Ordinance 1-2026 – Amendment regarding service charge imposed on garbage collection, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried. Roll Call: Jody Trenary – Yes, Cindy Franklin – Yes, Michael Britt – Yes, David Speas – Yes.

Notice regarding the amendment will be included within the June water billing.

Discussion regarding Library recommendations from State of Iowa – Discussion was held regarding the oversight of Library operations, as recommended by the State of Iowa. Aric Jensen and Tyra Audas will be added as signers to all Library bank accounts. Library operations will continue in their current manner; however, the library will be required to submit a monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts, including invoices or other pertinent documentation for any payments made, or income received, to the City Clerk. Trenary, as Library board President will discuss during the next scheduled Library board meeting.

Discussion regarding additional traffic safety measures near the ballpark – Discussion was held regarding traffic safety measures near the ballpark. The city provided barricades during a recent ball game; however, there was much pushback regarding their use. There were concerns pertaining to parking, and distance patrons may have to walk,

with the barricades in place. Further research will be conducted, and this matter is tabled until the July 13, 2026 council meeting.

Discussion regarding vacancy within City Council – Discussion was held regarding the vacancy created within the city council, due to Jensen’s appointment as Mayor. One resident has expressed interested in filling the vacancy.

Motion by Trenary to hold a special Meeting Monday June 22, 2026, at Batavia City Hall, to fill the vacancy by appointment, second by Franklin; all aye, motion carried.

Discussion regarding adding hand rail to concrete steps at cemetery – Discussion was held regarding the need for a handrail to be installed to the concrete stairs at the cemetery. Rob Martin will consult with Pierce Fence Company and Michael Britt will consult with Red Rooster Welding regarding handrail options, and installation, and this matter is tabled until the July 13, 2026 council meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM: John Hidy was present to discuss the progress being made to clean up his property. Mr. Hidy’s advised he has removed two full loads from the property, and has a third ready to be removed. Mr. Hidy shared photos of his progress with the council members. The council has advised Mr. Hidy the building requiring tear down, the building requiring siding, and the clearing of trees and brush must be complete prior to the July 13, 2026 council meeting, to avoid fines being assessed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held regarding the mobile home on 4th street, and fines being assessed. Motion by Speas to assess fines at \$650.00 per day, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding additional properties within the city which are becoming nuisance. The Judiciary and Urban Development committee will tour the town to compile a list of properties, and obtain photos.

Motion by Speas to adjourn, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Attest: Tyra Audas