

The Batavia City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2026 at City Hall with Tom Drish presiding. Council members answering roll call were Michael Britt, Aric Jensen, Cindy Franklin, Dave Speas, and Jody Trenary. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular minutes and bills. Motion by Franklin to approve the minutes and bills, second by Trenary, all aye, motion carried.

Petitions and Communications – Corbin Shy was present to discuss installing solar panels on his property at 301 2nd Street. The city will check county ordinances regarding solar panels. Consensus of the council was to proceed with Alliant Energy and obtain a building permit.

Nick Adam was present to discuss nuisance abatements. Discussion was held on the paving of a road that he plans to build two homes on.

Motion by Speas to authorize the ABD permit for Wally's, second by Jensen, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Carrie Teninty updated the city council on required reports, fund balances, accounting, payroll, and utility billing.

Public Works – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Appointment of positions:

Mayor Protem: Aric Jensen

City Attorney: Lucas Helling

City Engineer: Garden and Associates

Legal Publications: Union

Appointments of committees:

{1} Finance and Personnel: Cindy Franklin and Aric Jensen

{2} Streets and alleys: Cindy Franklin and Aric Jensen

{3} Buildings and grounds: Dave Speas and Michael Britt

{4} Judiciary and urban development: Michael Britt and Jody Trenary

{5} Sanitation, waterworks, and Sewer: Dave Speas and Jody Trenary

Discussion was held on the garbage in ditch on 4th Street & Old Hwy 34. Rob Martin will collect the garbage.

Motion by Speas to authorize LL Pelling street repair bid, second by Franklin, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Speas to authorize Resolution 2026-1: A Resolution setting a public hearing regarding voluntary annexation of real property, second by Trenary, roll call vote taken, Michael Britt yes, Cindy Franklin yes, Aric Jensen yes, Dave Speas yes, Jody Trenary yes, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Jensen to authorize Resolution 2026-2: A Resolution providing for the financial support to Area 15 Regional planning commission, second by Trenary, roll call vote taken Michael Britt yes, Cindy Franklin yes, Aric Jensen yes, Dave Speas yes, Jody Trenary yes, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Speas to authorize wage increase for Rob Martin, second by Trenary, all aye, motion carried. The wage is set at \$25.50 and shall become effective February 1, 2026.

Discussion was held on changing bank signers. Tom Drish, Aric Jensen, Tyra Audas, and Carrie Teninty shall be authorized to be bank signers.

PUBLIC FORUMN – None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION –

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty