

The Batavia City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026 at City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Aric Jensen presiding. Council members answering roll call were Cindy Franklin, Jody Trenary, and David Speas (via telephone). The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Council Member Michael Britt joined at 6:35 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 March 9, 2026 and minutes from special meeting held March 4, two special meetings held March 23, 2026, as well as the special meeting held April 8, 2026, and current bills for payment. Motion by Franklin to approve the minutes and bills for payment, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Chris Bowers, Executive Director - Area 15 Regional Planning Commission was present to discuss tax abatement and derelict building grant programs available to the city.

Nick Adam was present to discuss his purchase of the horse track, and the water and sewer service to be run to the location, as well as his potential plans for the development of this property.

City Clerk: Discussion was held regarding pay for required appointed/elected official training(s). Motion by Franklin to pay council members, as an "other" meeting, for any trainings required to be attended to hold a council seat, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried.

Public Works: Discussion was held regarding the status of water meters that are not currently reading. Additional supplies are needed to repair and/or replace any Smartpoint units which may be damaged or out of date.

Discussion was held regarding the possible replacement of the Sensus Command Link used when reading water meters, and the potential replacement of chlorine meter. The current command link appears to be functioning appropriately. We will revisit this matter, at a later date, should the unit no longer function appropriately. Rob Martin is currently looking into whether the chlorine meter is a leased item, or city owned. Replacement of chlorine meter was tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of 510m Smartpoint units. Motion by Speas to authorize the purchase of fourteen (14) units at this time, second by Franklin; all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding building up the area near the creek to ensure the creek is no longer overflowing into the sewer with heavy rains.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of weed control supplies from Nutrien. Rob Martin will obtain a quote for the purchase.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consider/Approve purchase and installation of backpack for sharp printer for fax capabilities – tabled until next regular council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the next steps regarding the nuisance property located at 503 4th St. Jensen will follow up regarding next steps.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding minor subdivision for Batavia (Valley View Subdivision) – tabled until next regular council meeting

No additional discussion regarding the horse track property was held, following Mr. Adam's earlier discussion.

Discussion was held regarding dogs belonging to mobile home on 4th street, running at large. A letter will be sent to the resident(s).

Discussion was held regarding resignation of Mayor, Tom Drish effective April 1, 2026. Mr. Drish expressed his appreciation for his time as Mayor, and to the council for their collaboration and support.

Discussion was held regarding setting a special meeting to appoint mayor. A special meeting is unnecessary, and the matter will be discussed at the next regular council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding updating bank signers. Motion by Franklin to remove Tom Drish as a bank signer, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried.

Review/approval of City investment policy – motion by Franklin to approve the investment policy, second by Speas; all aye, motion carried.

Review/approval of building permits – Motion by Britt to approve the building permits for 203 2nd St., 210 1st St., 400 1st St., and 1407 3rd St., second by Speas; all aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: John Hidy was present to discuss the progress being made to clean up his property. Mr. Hidy will begin tearing down the building next to the alley, removing overgrown trees and brush, and working to secure the second building located on the property. Mr. Hidy will have this work complete by June 1st, and will attend the next regular council meeting, to provide an additional update to his progress.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Attest: Tyra Audas