

The Batavia City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2026 at City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Aric Jensen presiding. Council members answering roll call were Cindy Franklin, Jody Trenary, Michael Britt and David Speas (via telephone). The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 April 13, 2026, and current bills for payment. Motion by Franklin to approve the minutes and bills for payment, second by Britt; all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Christine Fields, Aflac – Not present.

Joyce Calhoun was present to discuss the potential sale of parcels of her property. No requirements from the city to proceed with sale.

Shannon Eakins was present to discuss her request for the city to place speed bumps and stop signs near the ballpark. Various options were discussed regarding the matter. Committee will review and research potential options further. Council member Franklin will lead the committee review.

Jonathan Vice was present to discuss his building permit submission for a home to be built at 407 1st Street. Motion by Britt to approve building permit, second by Franklin; all aye, motion carried.

Nick Adam – Not present.

City Clerk: Tyra Audas updated council regarding online utility payments.

Discussion was held regarding vacation time accruals. All accruals will begin with the start of each fiscal year. Clerk's accrual began on the date of hire. Motion by Franklin to allow a one-time carry forward of any vacation time accrued from Clerk's date of hire to the end of the 26 Fiscal Year, and to be used by December 31, 2026, second by Jensen; all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding IPERS withholding for council members. IPERS will be withheld twice from the next scheduled payroll for council members, due to payroll system error, with 1st quarter payroll.

Public Works: Rob Martin updated the Council regarding the tree farm. The gate at the tree farm has been repaired, and the tree farm will be now officially open by appointment only, during regular business hours only (Monday – Friday 7:00AM-3:00PM) going forward due to misuse.

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.

Consider/Approve purchase and installation of backpack for sharp printer for fax capabilities (tabled from April 13, 2026 Meeting) An alternative option to purchase a stand-alone fax machine from Quill for \$164.99 was presented. Motion by Franklin to authorize the purchase of the stand-alone fax machine, second by Britt; all aye, motion carried.

Discussion regarding minor subdivision for Batavia – Valley View Subdivision (tabled from April 13, 2026 meeting) Update was provided to the council regarding the matter. Will revisit the matter at a later date, if it is deemed necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Action on Appointment of Aric Jensen as mayor, to fill vacancy. Motion by Speas to appoint Jensen as mayor to fill vacancy; second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried. Roll Call: Jody Trenary – Yes, Cindy Franklin – Yes, Michael Britt – Yes, David Speas – Yes.

Proposal and 1st reading of Ordinance 1-2026 – Amendment regarding service charge imposed on garbage collection. Motion by Franklin to approve the first 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 – Absent.

Discussion and review of Resolution 2026-5 – Authorization of certain stipend payments being issued outside of council meeting. Motion by Franklin to authorize Resolution 2026-5 – Authorization of certain stipend payments being issued outside of council meeting, second by Trenary; all aye, motion carried. Roll Call: Jody Trenary – Yes, Cindy Franklin – Yes, Michael Britt – Yes, David Speas – Absent.

Discussion regarding complaints submitted to City – 202 Alto St., and 402 3rd St (vacant lot), as well as pet waste not being cleaned up by owners, and garbage from neighboring homes not being cleaned up by responsible parties.

202 Alto St. – Discussion was held regarding the clutter beginning to accumulate in the back yard. Photos will be obtained, and the nuisance committee will review.

402 3rd St. – Complaint was submitted May 6, 2026 regarding the property not being maintained. As of May 11, 2026, the property has been mowed. No action necessary.

A complaint was submitted regarding loose garbage blowing into yards, and pet waste in yards not being cleaned up by the responsible parties. Clerk will include a reminder within the next water billing, reminding residents to help to maintain blowing garbage, and to properly clean up after their pets.

PUBLIC FORUM: John Hidy was present to discuss the progress being made to clean up his property. Mr. Hidy's progress has been delayed due to injury/illness. He has had siding delivered as of last week. He hopes to have all clean up complete by July 1, 2026. The council advised Mr. Hidy he was given until June 1, 2026 to have the cleanup complete, at the last regular city council meeting and is therefore provided with one additional week, with cleanup to be complete by June 8, 2026. Mr. Hidy will also attend the city council meeting on that date with another update.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Franklin discussed the status of the property at 801 3rd St. Clutter is accumulating, and the property has not been maintained. Photos of the property will be taken, and committee will review.

Britt discussed options for simple zoning within the city. Research will be done regarding the process and requirements, and council will discuss again, at a later date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Attest: Tyra Audas