



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CASINO UPDATE

As you will note in the section outlining the Monday Council meeting agenda, the casino project IGA is included for Council consideration. Final language changes on the draft document were completed earlier this week and the document has been posted on the website since this past Tuesday.

UPDATE ON LABOR RELATIONS

We continued a fairly significant dialogue among City officials as well as representatives from the Fire Fighters this week, and did reach a tentative contract settlement as noted under the Council agenda section of this Report. If the employees ratify the proposal, we will have it available to present for Council consideration at the meeting on Monday evening. The Council held a brief closed session on Thursday evening to review some of the final language changes proposed for the settlement.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

The Neighborhood Revitalization Committee also met this week. We received an update on several of our neighborhood improvement projects, with most of the time spent discussing the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The City still has a number of units for sale under the program and is in the process of acquiring another unit for remodeling under the latest funding cycle. We have a number of homes also slated for demolition, some that were acquired through the stabilization program for that purpose, and others that were acquired through the tax foreclosure process this past fall. Most of those units have been contracted and will be demolished in the next few weeks with site restorations to follow in the early spring.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012

At 6:30 p.m. the City Council will have an Agenda Review session in the 4th Floor City Manager's Conference Room.

The attached agenda is for the **Monday, March 5, 2012** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chairperson Rick McGrath and Sandra Williams, Vice-Chairperson of the Landmarks Commission, will be in attendance to present the **Annual Report** of activities and projects undertaken by the Landmarks Commission in 2011.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. A public hearing will be held on a resolution amending the **2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and Budget**. The City suffered a significant loss of grant funding, totaling some 20% of our total allocation for the 2012 grant cycle. Consequently, modifications were required to the Block Grant budget. The departure of the Director of Housing Services earlier this year created an unanticipated opportunity to allocate those duties to existing employees and eliminate that position. That change resulted in a substantial savings, although additional reductions were also required to offset the \$112,235 funding reduction. The detailed amended budget is attached to the agenda packet and has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Community Development Authority Board.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **minutes** of the Special and Regular City Council meetings of February 20 and 23, 2012.
- b. This action refers plans for the **North Riverside Park Entrance Feature** and trail relocations to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation. The item will come back to City Council at a subsequent meeting for final review and approval.
- c. Application for a **Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License** for La Kebrada Restaurant Corporation, operating at 2648 Prairie Avenue. This item is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.
- d. Application for a **Class "A" Beer License** for Star Quick Mart, 2158 Prairie Avenue. This item is also being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.
- e. Application for **Class "A" Beer License** for Liberty Gas, Inc. operating at 1407 Liberty Avenue. This item is also being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.
- f. Application for **Class "A" Beer License** for Beloit Citgo, located at 1888 Shopiere Road. This item is also being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.
- g. Resolution authorizing the City of Beloit to apply for and enter into a **Grant Agreement for the JAG Crisis Intervention Team** training grant. The grant would partner with Rock County and provide a one-time grant of \$50,000 for the Police department to use for employee training purposes.

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend section 1 of the Municipal Code related to City electoral ward boundaries. Once again, this matter comes back before Council after the City Clerk discovered that that portion of the City which comprises the

Gateway Boulevard right-of-way located south of the Gateway Business Park, was not included as being within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Beloit. Consequently, a separate ward designation had to be created and a **polling place** established, even though there are no residents living within this geographic area of the City. The ordinance is on the agenda for first reading with a request to suspend the rules for second reading and adoption.

- b. Proposed Ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 1 related to the **Meetings of the Equal Opportunities and Human Rights Commission**. The Commission is asking that their meeting schedule be altered. The ordinance is on the agenda for first reading with a request to suspend the rules for second reading and adoption.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

Andrew Janke, Economic Development Director and the Executive Director of the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation, will make a report to Council updating his various economic development activities. Councilors recently requested that Andrew provide an update about marketing and business recruitment initiatives currently underway through the City and the GBEDC.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution rescinding prior Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Casino Project and approving an **Intergovernmental Agreement** between the City of Beloit, the County of Rock, and the Ho-Chunk Nation. For many years the City has worked in conjunction with Wisconsin Tribes in an effort to obtain approval from the US Department of the Interior permitting an off-reservation Class III gaming facility at a site available in the City and located along the Interstate Highway near Colley Road. The initial Intergovernmental Agreement between the City, Rock County and the Bad River Band and St. Croix Tribe of the Chippewa Nation proved unsuccessful, with the application ultimately being denied by the US Department of the Interior. The St. Croix Tribe subsequently filed a lawsuit challenging administrative changes made by the Secretary to facilitate the rejection. The lawsuit was unsuccessful. The Tribes were subsequently unable to purchase the Trust site and the property was ultimately sold to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Ho-Chunk Nation approached the City of Beloit and suggested a similar collaborative effort to obtain project approval by the Department of the Interior. The Ho-Chunk Nation does bring some advantages to the project that were not included in the prior application, including their close ancestral tie to the Beloit area, the fact that they already own the land for which the Trust application will be made, and the Nation has a fourth full-service gaming site already authorized within their state compact.

The City wishes to continue to pursue the casino application because of the economic development opportunities and the estimated 2,000 new jobs that would be created in the community if the casino were ultimately built. Consequently, Council will need to rescind the earlier agreement with the Chippewa Tribes and enter into a new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Ho-chunk Nation as a prelude to filing another application with the Department of the Interior in the hopes of successfully obtaining the necessary approvals to take the site into Trust or a gaming facility.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) creates the partnership and sets the parameters for the relationship between the City and County and Nation who will be operating a facility on Trust lands. It will be under Tribal control and governed extensively by the sovereign status enjoyed by Native American Tribes under Federal law. The IGA includes specific waivers of sovereign immunity with regard to areas of significance to the City and the Nation. The IGA has been a work in progress. Numerous changes and modifications have been incorporated as public input and continuing negotiations have necessitated language modifications. The final draft is being submitted for Council consideration and is highlighted with numerous changes and modifications that were made to the document throughout that review process.

Of most significance are changes made to various Code Enforcement processes done in part to respond to Tribal concerns about the Department of the Interior's attitude toward Native American control over Trust land. We have been provided with a letter from the Department issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs rejecting another trust application, in large part over questions about how much control the Nation would have over the Trust land. The City, of course, is concerned about what happens on a high-profile site setting in the center of our community, and at the same time must be responsive to Native American sovereignty issues. The compromise worked out allows the City to continue to apply its standard construction related codes but would solve any impasse arising from a code enforcement application by submitting that matter to the Joint Commission comprised of City Councilors and Tribal Legislators for final resolution. Significant disputes rarely arise as a result of Code Enforcement applications, and the City is comfortable that during normal construction operations the City's health, safety and structural building standards would be uniformly applied on the Trust land.

While the IGA, like all good outcomes, is a compromise document that takes into consideration many issues of interest to the Nation, as well as issues of interest to the City and County, we believe it is a thorough yet flexible guideline that will adequately and appropriately define the relationship between the Nation's use of their Trust land, while being responsive to the host community's needs and concerns.

- b. Resolution of the Beloit City Council stating Support of Beloit Class III **Gaming Facility and the Ho-Chunk Nation's Federal Trust Application** to have the land placed into trust for use as a Class III Gaming Facility. One of the tenets of the Intergovernmental Agreement is, of course, to obtain support from the local host communities for the Nation's Federal Trust application. This resolution would specifically fulfill that requirement of the IGA and would be included in the Trust application.
- c. Resolution declaring official intent to **Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing**. As we do every year, the Director of Finance has identified those capital projects included in the 2012 budget for construction this year that will either be funded with General Obligation or TIF District bonds. As we do every year, the Director of Finance is requesting that Council confirm our authority to proceed with those projects, since the construction season will begin shortly and some expenditures may be made prior to closing on the bond sales. This is a routine request that the City does each year to meet various legal standards related to the pre-expenditure of anticipated bond proceeds. As in prior years, it is not anticipated that the City will expend a significant amount of the Capital appropriation until well after the bond issues are finalized and closed.
- d. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**. This grant is available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In prior years, grant requirements included a provision that required local municipalities to continue to pay salary and benefits out of local General Purpose Revenue once the grant period is concluded. The grant will provide funding for a period of two years and in 2012 those requirements to continue paying salaries from General Purpose Revenue were removed. Consequently, the City is now in a position to apply for this grant, which if approved, would add back the five Fire Fighters which were removed from this year's budget. The staffing would be for a minimum of two years, at which time the City would have to assess its financial capability to keep some or all of the grant funded positions going forward. Since there are no longer any "strings" attached to the grant, there is no reason for the City not to apply and make an effort to obtain funding to restore the Department's manning level to its pre-2012 levels. Obviously, we are recommending that the grant application be allowed to proceed with our aggressive support, in the hopes that we could obtain this important funding.
- e. Resolution amending the **2012 General Operating Budget** and appropriating funds to restore two positions in the Fire Department Inspection Bureau. These positions were originally removed from the budget as part of the overall reduction in staffing needed in 2012 to create a balanced budget document. At the time, there were plans for an alternative to the use of part-time staff in the Inspection Bureau that proved unworkable. Consequently, the Chief has

requested, and the Manager supports, the recommendation to add back two part-time Inspectors to add to the staff that was initially retained to ensure that we will keep pace with our required Fire Prevention inspection schedule. Since there was funding included in the budget for unemployment compensation which was not used, there are adequate funds available to restore these positions. Once again, the recommendation is to approve the part-time positions and reestablish the inspection capacity of the Bureau.

- f. Resolution adopting a **Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the City and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #583. The contract with Transit workers was settled some time ago, and we have been in fairly regular communication with the Firefighters Association over the last several weeks. At the time of this writing, the employees have not yet met and ratified the document. It is anticipated that a vote will occur prior to Monday evening, and if the agreement is ratified, the document will be presented in detail at the Council meeting on Monday evening.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR MARCH 5-9, 2012

Monday, March 5	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, March 5	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All Councilors)
Wednesday, March 7	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission , Forum (M. Spreitzer)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website: www.visitbeloit.com

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information.

Saturday, March 10	8:00 p.m.	Moonlight Bowl Fund Raiser for the Beloit Fire Department Honor Guard, Viking Lanes, 210 Oak Grove Avenue. Please see attached for more information.
Tuesday, March 13	5:30 p.m.	85th Annual Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner , The Eclipse Center, 100 Eclipse Center, Beloit. Please click here for more information.
Friday, March 16	6:00 p.m.	St. Patty's Gala Dinner and Auction to benefit the Beloit Historical Society. Please see attached for more information.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: February 29, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
City Clerk
www.ci.beloit.wi.us

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**AMENDED AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 5, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. **Landmarks Commission Annual Preservation Activities Report – 2011**
(Rick McGrath, Chairperson and Sandra Williams, Vice-Chairperson)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Resolution amending the **2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and Budget** (Christensen)

5. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Special and Regular City Council meetings of February 20, 2012 and the Special meeting of February 23, 2012 (Houseman)
- b. Construction of **North Riverside Park Entrance Feature** (Flesch)
Refer to Plan Commission
- c. Application for **Class “B” Beer and “Class C” Wine License** for La Kebrada Restaurant Corp. located at 2648 Prairie Avenue, Eduardo Cobos, Agent (Houseman)
Refer to ABLCC
- d. Application for **Class “A” Beer License** for Tristar Beloit LLC, d/b/a Star Quick Mart, located at 2158 Prairie Avenue, Narendra Patel, Agent (Houseman) Refer to ABLCC
- e. Application for **Class “A” Beer License** for Liberty Gas Inc., d/b/a Liberty Gas, located at 1407 Liberty Avenue, Gurcharan Singh, Agent (Houseman) Refer to ABLCC
- f. Application for **Class “A” Beer License** for Profuel Seven, Inc., d/b/a Beloit Citgo, located at 1888 Shopiere Road, Parvinder Singh, Agent (Houseman) Refer to ABLCC
- g. Resolution authorizing the City of Beloit to apply for and enter into a **Grant Agreement for the JAG Crisis Intervention Team** Training Grant and Partner with Rock County Policing Agencies through a regional application (Risse)

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend Section 1.13(24), to create Section 1.13(25), of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to City Electoral Ward Boundaries and to amend Sections 1.14(1) and (2) of the Code of General Ordinances pertaining to **Polling Places** (Houseman) First reading, suspend rules for second reading
- b. Proposed Ordinance to amend Section 1.82(7)(a) and (b) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Meetings of the Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission** (Christensen) First reading, suspend rules for second reading

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. **Economic Development Update** (Arft/Janke)

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution rescinding prior Intergovernmental Agreement regarding casino project and approving an **Intergovernmental Agreement** between the City of Beloit, the County of Rock, and the Ho-Chunk Nation (Arft)
- b. Resolution of the Beloit City Council in Support of Beloit Class III **Gaming Facility and the Ho-Chunk Nation's Federal Trust Application** (Arft)
- c. Resolution declaring Official Intent to **Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing** (York)
- d. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program** (Liggett)
- e. Resolution amending the **2012 General Operating Budget** and Appropriating Funds to restore two positions in the Fire Department Inspection Bureau (Liggett)
- f. Resolution adopting a **Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the City of Beloit and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #583 (Arft)
Details regarding the agreement will be presented during the meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG channel 98 or digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM
The Forum, Beloit City Hall
100 State Street, Beloit**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2012 Meeting**
3. **Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map – 3508 East Townline Road**
Review and consideration of a one-lot Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map for the property located at 3508 East Townline Road in the Town of Turtle
4. **Construction of Improvements in Riverside and Wooton Parks**
Review and consideration of proposed improvements at the north end of Riverside Park located at 1160 Riverside Drive and Wooton Park located at 1451 Fourth Street
5. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
6. **Adjournment**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Gail Riddle in the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.**

Notice Mailed: March 2, 2012

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

2011 HONOR GUARD EVENTS

- * Partnered with the Department of Military Affairs to honor our Veterans by welcoming them back from Vets Roll.
- * Assisted the American Legion by revitalizing statues and gravestones at Oakwood cemetery.
- * Provided continued support for the region by assisting other Fire and EMS agencies.
 - * Assisted two families during their time of loss by providing Honor Guard support
 - * Participated in two local parades
 - * Memorial Day
 - * Christmas
- * Stateline Firefighters' Memorial in Roscoe
- * Participated in 10-year remembrance of 9-11 at Town of Beloit FD
- * Hero's Challenge Champions in Greenbay Wisconsin
- * Two Culvers Scoopie nights



The Honor Guard continues to serve the area fire departments with Duty, Pride, and Tradition.

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6th annual
moonlight bowl
fund raiser

SATURDAY
MARCH 10, 2012



Viking Lanes
210 Oak Grove Avenue
South Beloit, IL 61080
Check in 8:00 –9:00 pm

CITY OF БЕЛОIT FIREFIGHTERS HONOR GUARD, INC.

Duty, pride, and tradition are words the City of Beloit Firefighters do not take for granted. In its sixth year of existence, the City of Beloit Firefighters Honor Guard continues to progress and is now prominently known for its professionalism and dedication to the fire service and Stateline Area.

The City of Beloit Firefighters Honor Guard includes fifteen dedicated



individuals whom volunteer their time for service at firefighter funerals (active and retiree), parade activities, Military Veteran functions, along with a host of civic and community events. It is the dedication and pride of its membership which makes this the professional organization it has become.

All training, uniforms, and equipment for use at these functions are



purchased and maintained through fundraising activities, donations, or purchased by the members.

6TH ANNUAL MOONLIGHT BOWL

Free beer for bowlers starting at 8:00 pm!



Drink Specials!



Door prizes given away all night long!



REGISTRATION FORM

Team 1

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Team 2

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Team 3

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

\$25 per team. Shoes are free.

Amount Paid _____

LANES FILL FAST!!! SIGN UP ASAP!!!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**Registration form and fee must be received by
Monday March 5, 2011**

Entries are on a "first come, first serve" basis

Two people required per team

If you are unable to attend and would like to donate please call us at (608)364-2900

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PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Date: February 8, 2012

Contact Information: Nancy Wallace 608-364-0060

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BELOIT, WI – The Beloit Historical Society is hosting an exciting event on Friday, March 16, 2012 at La Casa Grande in Beloit. The “Gala Dinner & Auction” features a live auction with well-known auctioneer Rich Ranft. Tickets are \$50 per person and include dinner, complimentary drink, raffle ticket for prizes and free admission to the live auction. All proceeds benefit the Beloit Historical Society. This event only takes place once every two years on the Friday prior to St. Patrick’s Day. You won’t want to miss it!

One item in particular being auctioned during the live auction will interest quite a few people in attendance – an autographed guitar from Lindsey Buckingham of Fleetwood Mac. Also included are weekend getaways to Milwaukee and Door County, a one-of-a-kind gold necklace from famous New York artist Robert Lee Morris, and much more! Tickets are limited. Go to the website at www.beloithistoricalsociety.com and scroll down to the Gala link for more information and to purchase tickets online.

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