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# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### BUDGET PREPARATION

The proposed 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets were posted to the City's website this past Wednesday afternoon, and the entire budget is now available for review by residents and other interested parties.

As previously noted, the budget will be initially presented to City Council and the community this coming Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum here at City Hall, during the regular City Council meeting. We will also suggest to Council that full day budget workshops be scheduled for Monday, October 10 and again on Monday, October 17, 2011. Both workshops would begin at 8:00 a.m. It is anticipated that the October 10th workshop will be located in the main conference and training room of the Utilities and Engineering building, located at 2400 Springbrook Ct. The session on Monday, October 17 will be held in the Beloit Public Library Community Room, located at 605 Eclipse Blvd. Both workshops are contingent on Council's approval at the regular meeting this coming Monday evening.

### SENIOR HEALTH FAIR ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011

The City's traditional and very popular Senior Health Fair is scheduled again this year at Central Christian Church, located at 2460 Milwaukee Road. The Senior Fair will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In addition to educational information and exhibitors, there will also be flu shots available for seniors as a part of this event. Please see [attached](#) flyer for more information.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The weather this week slowed construction on the **downtown streets**; however, the contractor has been working around the weather and continues to make progress. Hopefully, next week the remaining concrete streets will be paved. Additional cure time will be required before streets can be reopened to traffic. We still anticipate completion of all the street work downtown by mid-October.

The contractor is making final preparations to begin paving on **Cranston Road**. Hopefully next week they will start forming up for the paving. A great deal of work remains to complete that project and construction is not likely to come to an end until sometime in November.

Construction has been proceeding on the **Henry Avenue Bridge**, although that project is just beginning. It is not scheduled for completion until early September of 2012. Driver adjustments to the use of the detour routes, combined with some changes in traffic signal timing seem to have mitigated some of the traffic back-ups associated with the construction. The City very much appreciates everyone's patience and assistance in helping to minimize inconvenience due to the detour.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION UPDATE**

The City has now initiated the final steps required to acquire the tax foreclosure properties from Rock County which were recently approved by Council. Three of those properties were in the appropriate area and will be taken by the CDA for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The City is also acquiring additional properties, most of which will likely be demolished.

The City's Neighborhood Revitalization Coordination Committee has also been discussing what to do with the four units that were remodeled under Phase I of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Because of income limitations and other restrictions associated with the program, no potential buyers that are qualified under the program have been able to obtain the necessary mortgage financing. Staff is checking with WHEDA and other organizations to determine whether or not there are mortgage guarantees or first time homeowner programs that might assist in making mortgage financing available for qualified buyers.

## **URBAN ALLIANCE MEETING ON FRIDAY**

The City Manager traveled to Manitowoc, Wisconsin on Friday morning to attend the September Urban Alliance meeting. The Urban Alliance is a division of the Wisconsin League of Municipalities that includes member cities with a population of 10,000 or more. The primary purpose of the Urban Alliance is to deal with specific public policy issues relevant to the State's larger urban places.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

At 6:30 p.m. the City Council will have an [Agenda Review](#) session in the City Manager's Conference Room.

The [attached](#) agenda is for the **Monday, October 3, 2011** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

### 3. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation declaring October 3-7, 2011 as **National Fire Prevention Week**. Chief Liggett will be in attendance to accept the proclamation.
- b. Proclamation declaring October 15, 2011 as **White Cane Safety Day**.

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow indoor alcohol sales in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District. This application was made by the owner/operator of the convenience store at 1407 Liberty Avenue. The Plan Commission reviewed the case from a land use perspective and are recommending approval of the Conditional Use Permit by a vote of 5-1.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular and special meetings of September 19, 2011.
- b. Resolution approving a **Class "A" Beer License** for Liberty Quick N Save, located at 1407 Liberty Avenue. This license application accompanies the Conditional Use Permit appearing earlier on the agenda. Because of the zoning district, both the land use permit and the liquor license permit are required before liquor sales can be made from this location. This operator has had a spotty history with regard to previous compliance with liquor statutes and licensing requirements. After being rejected for a beer and wine package sales licenses last year, the applicant has reapplied for a beer license only. Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee recommends approval by a vote of 3-1.
- c. Resolution approving a **Certified Survey Map** for the property located at 1452 Townhall Road. This is a Certified Survey Map to separate platted residential lots from a large, undeveloped parcel. The applicant is MLG, the City's developer partner in the Gateway Business Park. The purpose for the map is to separate these lots so the balance of the land can be sold for agricultural use. The Plan Commission has recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.
- d. Resolution rejecting a single bid received for **Public Works Contract** to add a salt shed facility. This project was included in the City's Capital Spending Plan for this year. Plans and specifications were prepared; unfortunately, only a single bid was received at a price well in excess of the Engineer's estimate and the available budget allocation. Staff is recommending the bid be rejected. The project will be reconsidered and possibly bid again at a future date.
- e. Final payout for the Public Works contract to install a new water main on Clary Street. This project was completed as a prelude to the reconstruction of the roadway itself. The work is concluded and the project is ready for final payment.

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to repeal and recreate several sections of Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances related to **Emergency Management and Continuity of Government**. This ordinance has been on the books for many decades and was in need of revision and updating. Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger led the effort and has done most of the research and work on this project. The ordinance basically outlines the powers and duties of various individuals during an emergency response situation. The ordinance also identifies a succession in command to ensure continuity of government, even under the most rigorous emergency management conditions. One of the totally new sections added this year, which is compliant with the State Statute, provides for a succession for the City Council itself in case the Council, for whatever reason, does not have enough members left in an emergency situation to reach a quorum. The Assistant City Attorney will be in attendance to present the proposed ordinance and answer questions from Council. The item is on the agenda for a first reading and we anticipate holding that over until the second meeting in October to provide additional time to review the document.
- b. Proposed Ordinance to amend a section of the Code of General Ordinances pertaining to **Polling Places**. This ordinance modifies the Municipal Code to make it compliant with Council's recent approval of the polling places following the redistricting process. This ordinance is confirming an earlier action of the City Council and is on the agenda for both first and second reading at this meeting.

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Initial presentation of the **2012 Proposed Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets** for the City of Beloit. The budget was posted to the City's website concurrent with the agenda publication this past Wednesday afternoon. The City Manager and Finance and Administrative Services Director will provide Council and the community with an overview presentation of the entire Operating and Capital Improvement Budget document.
- b. The City Manager would also like to **schedule budget workshops** with the City Council to continue work on the 2012 proposed budget. Monday, October 10 and Monday, October 17 are suggested. Mondays seem to work better for most Councilors and we could hold the entire day open to afford ample time for Council to continue its review of the proposed budget document.

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing a deferred extension for outstanding **special assessments** for Acorn Development. This past year, Council amended the Special Assessments Ordinance to allow developers that had received deferred assessments for public infrastructure related to their projects to apply for three year extensions of the deferred assessment. The ordinance was amended in reflection of the current economic situation and the near shut down of new housing construction in the Stateline area. Although experiencing considerable success in building out Deerfield Estate Subdivision, Acorn Development has several lots remaining and unsold. Hopefully, the three year extension will provide them adequate time for market recovery.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR OCTOBER 3-7 , 2011

Monday, October 3	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Agenda Review</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (All Councilors)
Monday, October 3	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">City Council Meeting</a> , Forum (All Councilors)
Wednesday, October 5	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (K. Leavy and J. Van De Bogart)
Wednesday, October 5	Cancelled	<a href="#">Plan Commission</a> , 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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

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

Saturday's through Oct. 29		<b>Downtown Beloit Farmer's Market</b> , 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. State and Grand. Over 100 vendors participating.
October 1 & 2	10:00—4:00 p.m.	<b>Beckman Mill's Pioneer Encampment</b> . Local historical re-enactors will depict a primitive settlement in Beckman Mill Park. Please see <a href="http://www.beckmanmill.org/">www.beckmanmill.org/</a> for more information.
Tuesday, Oct. 4	10:00—2:30 p.m.	<b>Beloit Senior Fair</b> , Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road. Over 60 exhibits, door prizes, flu and pneumonia shots and more. Free bus rides by Beloit Transit. For more information, contact the Beloit Senior Center, 364-2875.
Wednesday, Oct. 5	3:00—6:00 p.m.	<b>Public Open House</b> on Stateline Area Transportation Study Updated Sections to the Long-Range Plan, 2012 Transportation Improvement Program, and 2012 Unified Work Program at the Rotary River Center, 1100 Riverside Drive, Beloit.
Saturday, Oct. 29	9:30 a.m.	<b>Downtown Beloit Halloween Parade</b> . Meet at Horace White Park at 9:45 a.m. to line up for the parade down Grand Avenue.

# **Beloit Senior Fair Super Bowl**

## **XXIV**

### **“ Touchdown to**

### **Health & Wellness”**

**Tuesday October 4th, 2011**

**10:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Central Christian Church**

**2460 Milwaukee Rd.**

**Beloit, WI 53511**

**\*Over 60 Exhibits**

**\*Door Prizes-Health Screenings**

**\*Flu & Pneumonia Shots**

**\*Rx Round Up**

**\*Free Bus Rides By Beloit  
Transit**

**\* Wheel Chairs Available**

**Presentations:**

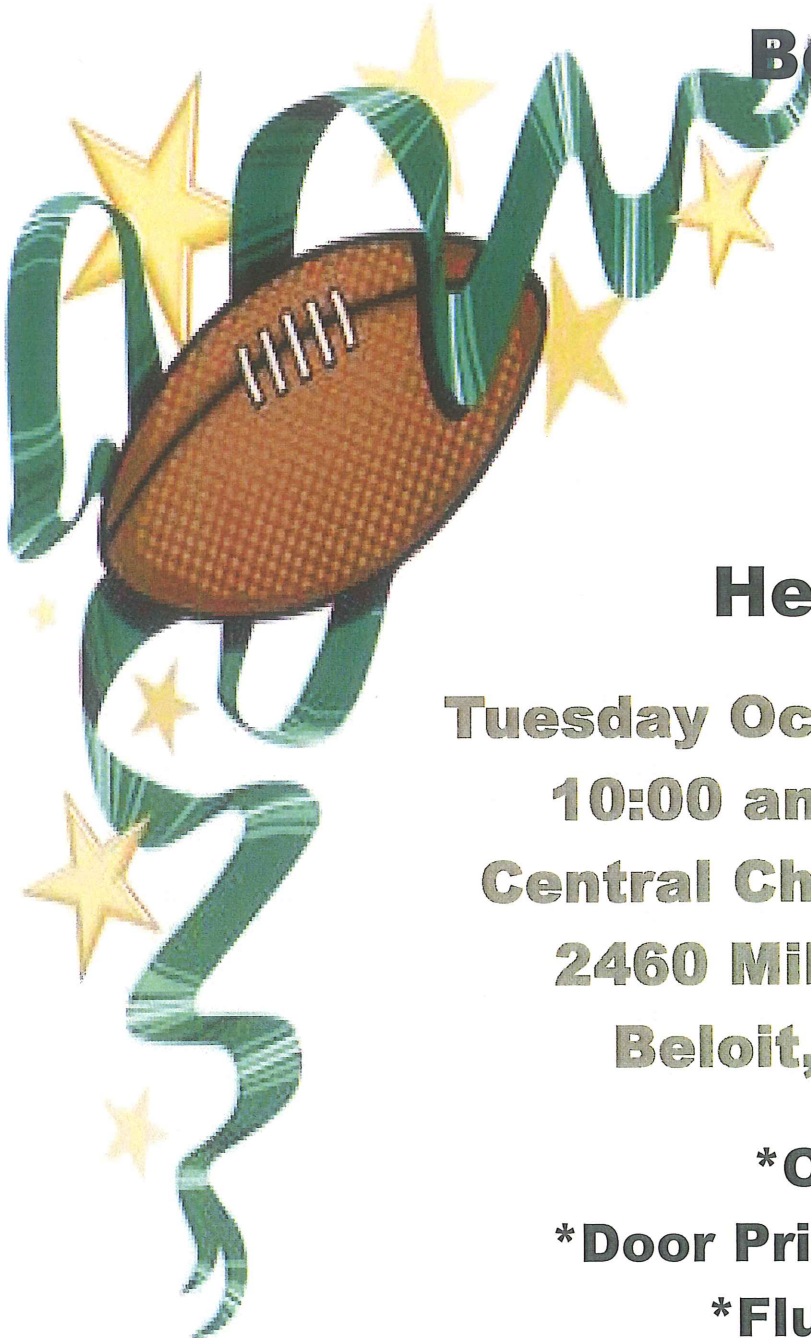
**Consumer Fraud at  
11:00 AM**

**and**

**Physicians Orders  
(Polst) at 1:00 PM**

**This Event is Sponsored By:**

**Riverside Terrace, Rock County Council on Aging,  
Homecare Pharmacy, and Beloit Area Community Health Center**





## PUBLIC NOTICE

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The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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: September 28, 2011  
Rebecca S. Houseman  
City Clerk  
[www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us)

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**AGENDA**  
**BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**  
**City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, October 3, 2011**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Proclamation declaring October 3-7, 2011 **National Fire Prevention Week** (Liggett)
  - b. Proclamation declaring October 15, 2011 **White Cane Safety Day** (Leavy)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow Indoor Alcohol Sales in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District, for the property located at 1407 Liberty Avenue (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-1
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 Regular and Special Meetings of September 19, 2011 (Houseman)
  - b. Resolution approving a **Class "A" Beer License** for Shree Raj LLC, d/b/a Liberty Quick N Save, Saroj V. Patel, Agent, located at 1407 Liberty Avenue (Houseman) ABLCC recommendation for approval 3-1
  - c. Resolution approving a **Certified Survey Map** for the property located at 1452 Townhall Road (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0
  - d. Resolution rejecting the single bid received for **Public Works Contract C11-28**, Addition to the Public Works Operations Salt Shed Facility (Flesch)
  - e. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment of Public Works Contract C11-22 Clary Street Water Main** (Flesch)
7. ORDINANCES
  - a. Proposed Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Sections 1.10 and 1.11 and to amend 25.04(4)(c) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Emergency Management and Continuity of Government** (Krueger) 1st reading,
  - b. Proposed Ordinance to amend Section 1.14 of the Code of General Ordinances Pertaining to **Polling Places** (Houseman) 1st reading, suspend rules for 2nd reading



8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation of **Proposed 2012 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets** (Arft/York) (Budget available for review at [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us))
- b. Schedule **Council Budget Workshops** for 8:00 a.m., Monday, October 10, 2011 in the Large Conference Room at 2400 Springbrook Court and 8:00 a.m., Monday October 17, 2011 in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library (Arft)

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing Acorn Development LLC an extension for outstanding **Special Assessments in Deerfield Estates Subdivision** (Casper)

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.



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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Plan Commission Members

**FROM:** Julie Christensen

**DATE:** September 28, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **October 5, 2011** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **October 19, 2011**.

Please contact me at 364-6703 with any questions or comments.