



THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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BUDGET INFORMATION

The 2013 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget was presented to the City Council this past Monday evening at their regularly scheduled meeting. The next review process will be a daylong workshop scheduled for next **Monday, October 8, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Beloit Public Library Community Room**. It is anticipated that this will be a full day workshop, possibly going beyond 5:00 p.m. as we attempt to cover the proposed budget.

Just a reminder that the public hearing on the budget will be a week from **Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum**, as part of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

INMAN PARKWAY PROJECT UPDATE

On Thursday evening, September 27, 2012, the Rock County Board, after reviewing various alignment options for the Inman Parkway Extension, voted to table consideration of the project until February 13, 2013. Tabling of the alignment decision was done primarily at the request of the Town of Turtle, who asked the Board to hold the project pending an agreement with the City of Beloit on a number of mostly unrelated issues. City officials were disappointed, because this motion in effect killed the project, since State funding availability is contingent on construction of the connector prior to the start of the interstate widening. State funding was not only for the Inman Parkway extension, but also widening Prairie Avenue from Hwy. 11 to Inman Parkway to a four-lane arterial. This new bi-pass route would help local traffic avoid the upcoming Interstate construction and also truck traffic to access the construction site without having to drive through the City of Beloit. It was preparation, in fact, for that interstate widening and reconstruction that created a high enough priority to made significant State funding available for this project in the first place.

City officials were also dismayed that the County Board would delay an important public policy decision that impacts thousands of people in order to create negotiating leverage for a third party on unrelated issues. To their credit, those County Board members who voted for the motion did not realize that they had killed the project, and indicated a willingness to reconsider it at the next County Board meetings, scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012. The Board asked that City officials meet with Town officials to see if we could reach accommodation on some of the Town issues as a prelude to the County Board reconsideration of this project.

Council President Haynes and I met with representatives from the Town this past week to ascertain the exact nature of their request of the City. Council President and I had a very positive discussion with the Town of Turtle representatives and agreed to a general outline of a written commitment to the Town that the City would, in fact, engage in various negotiations they were requesting regarding the existing Boundary Agreement, as well as our sewer system service area, which is currently under review.

On Thursday evening, the City Council met, heard a presentation regarding the status of the project and the request of the Town of Turtle. After the presentation and some lengthy discussion, the Council moved to approve a resolution making certain commitments to the Town of Turtle regarding negotiations for a new, longer term Boundary Agreement and consultation on the City's Sewer Service Boundary designations. In reality, both of these issues will likely be negotiated together and hopefully the process will result in a final resolution of these matters.

That resolution was distributed today to all the parties of interest, including every member of the County Board. City of Beloit representatives will again be in attendance at the County Board meeting on the 11th to formally present the resolution and agreement with the Town and to request that the Inman Parkway extension, following the preferred alignment option as originally designed, be approved by the County Board so that we can proceed to engineering and final plan development for this project.

NEW ELECTRONICS INSTALLED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

We are still "debugging" the new electronics recently installed in the Council Chambers. The first cable broadcast using the new technology was this past Monday, for the October 1st meeting. We received very positive feedback regarding the quality of the picture, the ease of viewing PowerPoint's and other documents presented during the meeting. There are still some issues with the sound system and the technicians have been back to work on those this week. The new electronics will be used during Municipal Court, as well as a number of board and commission meetings, in addition to the regular City Council presentations.

ABSENTEE VOTING

The City Clerk's office sent out a press release this past week with information on casting an absentee ballot in person for the November 6, 2012 Presidential and General Election. Please see [attached](#) press release for more information.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR OCTOBER 8 - 12, 2012

Monday, October 8	8:00 a.m.	City Council Workshop , Beloit Public Library (All Councilors)
Monday, October 8	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conf. Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, October 9	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, October 9	7:00 p.m.	Board of Appeals , Forum
Wed., October 10	6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission , 2351 Springbrook Court (S. De Forest)

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.

Saturdays throughout the fall offer an opportunity to attend the **Farmers Market**, at the intersection of State and Grand, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13	11:00-4:00 p.m.	Fire Department Annual Survive Alive House Fundraiser , Pizza Hut on Prairie Avenue.
Friday, October 19	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Public skate at Edwards Ice Arena, Telfer Park
Friday, October 26	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Halloween Skate at Edwards Ice Arena, Telfer Park. Games, candy, costume contests and music. Free skate rental to those in costume. Regular admission fees apply.
Saturday, October 27	10:00 a.m.	Halloween Costume Parade and Party during the last Farmer's Market of the season. Carnival rides and activities, treats from participating vendors and businesses. For more information, contact the Downtown Beloit Association at 365-0150.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
Rebecca S. Houseman, City Clerk
(608) 364-6680

Absentee Voting In Person for the Presidential and General Election
Available Starting October 22, 2012

October 1, 2012 – Beloit, WI: Beginning Monday, October 22, 2012, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the November 6, 2012 Presidential and General Election. Electors who are not registered to vote and those who need to change their names and/or addresses must bring proof of residence to register. Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence on the following page.

Late registration and absentee voting in person will only be available from **Monday, October 22 through Friday, November 2**. Special Voting Deputies, who have been deputized by the City Clerk, will be assisting voters with absentee ballots and registrations on the first floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511, outside of the Forum.

Electors who would like an absentee ballot to be mailed to them must make the request in writing in person in the City Clerk's office, via email at housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us, or via mail at 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

Photo identification or other proof of identity will **not** be required to obtain an absentee ballot or to obtain a regular ballot on Election Day at the polling place for this Election.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office by phone at (608) 364-6680 or by email at housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

One of the following is required to register to vote in the Clerk's office during the closed registration period or on Election Day at the Polling Place:

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- Any other Official ID Card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body
- An ID card with your photo issued by an employer during the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A real estate tax bill or receipt (for the current year or year before the election)
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder by the university, college or technical college dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented
- A utility bill for a period starting no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- A bank statement or current pay check
- A government check or any other official document issued by a unit of government

NOTE: all of the above must contain a current and complete name, including both first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality. If the form has an expiration date, it must be valid on Election Day. **An individual may not register or vote without one of the above forms of proof of residence.**



Beloit City Council
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beloit City Council will hold a workshop on Monday, October 8, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library, located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the proposed **2013 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets**. A quorum of City Councilors will be present.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

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Dated: October 2, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
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**CITY OF BELOIT
APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 8, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting September 10, 2012
3. Review of City Council appointments September 17, 2012
4. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

1 resident (Berkley) – term to expire June 30, 2015

Appointment Review Committee

1 resident (Forbes) – term to expire December 31, 2013

Board of Appeals

1 resident, 1st Alternate (Bussan) – term to expire May 31, 2014

1 resident, 2nd Alternate (Gaul) – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014

1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2013

Business Improvement District

1 Property Owner (Schlicting) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Community Development Authority

1 resident (Smith) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council

1 resident (Ware) – term to expire October 31, 2015

1 resident (Johnson) – term to expire October 31, 2013

1 resident (Green) – term to expire October 31, 2015

Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission

1 resident (Bosshart) – term to expire June 30, 2014

Landmarks Commission

1 resident (Vater) – term to expire October 31, 2015

1 resident (Johnson) – term to expire October 31, 2015

Municipal Golf Committee

1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2012

Municipal Library Board

1 resident (Vavrus) – term to expire June 30, 2015

1 resident (Witkins) – term to expire June 30, 2015

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

1 youth (Patel) – term to expire September 30, 2013

Traffic Review Committee

1 resident (Fryar) – term to expire September 30, 2013

1 resident (Walsh) – term to expire September 30, 2014

5. Member Participation

6. Citizen Participation

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7. Adjournment

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**NOTICE & AGENDA
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Beloit City Hall - The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI
October 9, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll call
2. Motion for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2012
3. Application of Rollette Oil Co., Inc. to add "Class A" Liquor to an existing Class "A" Beer License for 1451 Madison Road, Paul R. Simon, Agent/Owner.
4. Application of Samra & Singh Inc. d/b/a Beloit Mobil, to add "Class A" Liquor to an existing Class "A" Beer License for 1902 Shopiere Road, Harjinder Samra, Agent/Owner.
5. New application by S & S Express Mart, Inc. for a Class "A" Beer License for 1407 Liberty Avenue, Harjinder Samra, Agent/Owner.
6. New supplication by Mexico Dominicana LLC for a Class "B" Beer License for 854 Henry Avenue, Juan Carlos Taveras, Agent/Owner.
7. Application for Change of Agent at Holiday Inn Express, 2790 Milwaukee Road from Brenda Gould to Kelsey Szudy.
8. Discussion relating to possible election of new officers due to a change in the membership of the committee.
9. Citizen Comments
10. Committee Comments
11. Police Department Comments
12. Attorney Comments
13. Motion to Adjourn

October 3, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
City of Beloit City Clerk

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BELOIT BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

7:00 PM

The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the September 11, 2012 Meeting
3. Community Action, Inc. - 1328 Porter Avenue
BOA-2012-07 Area Variance to Sections 6.3.4(a) and 6.3.5(a) of the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of an accessory building on a zoning lot without a principal building, for the property located at 1328 Porter Avenue.
4. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at (608) 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

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Approved: Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012
6:30PM
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: September 12, 2012
- 3.) Citizens Participation
 - a.) Nicki Meyers, Director of Friends of the Riverfront
- 4.) Director's Report
 - a.) Correspondence
 - b.) Parks Report
 - c.) Horticulture Report
 - d.) Grinnell Hall Senior Center Report
 - e.) Special Projects
 - f.) Leisure Services/Recreation Report
- 5.) Old Business
 - a.) Consideration and approval of the proposed rules for the Dog Park.
- 6.) New Business – Action Report Item
 - a.) Consideration and adoption of the 2012-2016 Parks & Open Space Plan.
 - b.) Consideration and appointment of a new Chairperson for the Commission.
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

* *Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Brian Ramsey @ 608/364-2919 or the Parks Administrative Secretary @ 608/364- 2929 prior to the meeting.*

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*** *For additional information or to request this service, please contact the Parks & Leisure Services Division located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by calling 608/364-2929.*