



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**November 2,  
2012**

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### **VICE-PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN VISITS BELOIT**

We were pleased and honored to learn that Vice-President Joe Biden was in Beloit speaking at Aldrich Middle School this Friday, November 2 as part of a campaign trip through the state. It is always an honor to welcome one of our nation's leaders and it is great to see Beloit getting this kind of attention, and of course, the national recognition which goes along with a visit from a person of this stature.

### **BUDGET PREPARATION**

As we conclude the 2013 budget preparation process, a series of resolutions required to adopt various elements of the budget and supporting plans have been compiled and are included on Council's agenda for this coming Monday evening for consideration. The entire budget, along with the agenda packet which includes a PowerPoint presentation outlining the few changes made to the budget during the review process, are available at the City's website at [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us) with links to both documents available from the home page.

### **BOUNDARY LINE NEGOTIATIONS WITH TOWN OF TURTLE**

This past week, Council had a special Closed Session meeting and devoted the entire evening to a discussion of various issues, including negotiating strategies and parameters for the upcoming discussions with the Town of Turtle regarding a long term extension to the Boundary Agreement currently in place between the two jurisdictions. Town and City officials have discussed a joint meeting of the two governing boards as the first step in the process of discussing an expanded and revised Boundary Area Agreement. Work is progressing at this time to establish a mutually convenient meeting date when the two boards can meet. Items included on the agenda will certainly be introductions and an opportunity for those who do not know each other to get acquainted. We also anticipate some general discussion on joint service delivery activities, as well as some overview comments regarding the upcoming Boundary Area discussions. Obviously, the selected day will be announced well in advance and the meeting will be open to the public.

### **2013 CITY COUNCIL NOMINATION INFORMATION**

Any City of Beloit resident interested in running for a two-year term on the Beloit City Council may pick up a packet of information. Please click [here](#) to read the full press release with more detailed information.

## **POHLMAN FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**

The City is currently working with the Beloit Snappers to make various improvements to the City owned Pohlman Field in preparation for the arrivals of the Oakland Athletics, the Snappers' new major league affiliate, next spring. A contractor has been hired and the outfield is currently being replaced. City staff have been working with the Snappers to coordinate a series of improvements to the interior spaces used by the team, as well as patrons during the season. The City's Engineering Division is also working on the best and most affordable means of making improvements to the pedestrian concourses, which were originally paved in asphalt and have deteriorated significantly in recent years. We hope to start on some of that work this fall and will likely have to include those improvements next year, either before or after the conclusion of the season. The Pohlman Field facility is old and there are limits to what can be done, both because of its age and condition, as well as the City's financial ability to invest in this facility. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to address some of the major problems with the facility that were cited by the Minnesota Twins as their reason for pulling their minor league affiliate out of the City of Beloit. Hopefully, we will make a good first impression on the Athletics, which will lead to a more sustainable relationship with this major league affiliate.

## **INTERSTATE 39-90 WIDENING AND I-43 INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION**

We continue to provide preliminary briefings to major stakeholder groups regarding the upcoming reconstruction of the Interstate highway system through the City of Beloit. This week, I met with the I-90 Business Connection group and provided a preliminary briefing on the various alignment options available to the City regarding this project. Obviously, the reconstruction of the Interstate system will probably be the biggest infrastructure project in the City's history, and a strategic opportunity for the City to make sure that the design configuration works well for the community, as well as for the traffic utilizing the interstate system while passing through our city each day. The State Department of Transportation is actually forming a stakeholders committee to participate in that design process, and the City will be posting a number of meetings that will be open to the public where stakeholders will be invited to review plans. At the present time, we are waiting for a few more plan adjustments from the consulting engineers and will likely be able to begin scheduling those meetings by late November.

## **YARD WASTE REMINDER**

Residents are reminded that raking leaves into the street is prohibited in the City of Beloit. Raking leaves into the street can cause the storm sewer to plug and cause flooding. Moving yard waste into the street is a violation of City of Beloit Ordinance 15.20, "Littering Prohibited: No person shall place yard waste on the streets, alleys, highway, public parks or other property of the City." Violators of this Ordinance are subject to tickets and fines.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

The City Council will hold a workshop at 6:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, 4th Floor, on Monday, November 5 for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

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

**3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There are no special orders or announcements

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There are no public hearings on this agenda.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Special and Regular Meetings of October 15 and the Special Meeting of October 16, 2012.
- b. Resolution approving an amendment of the **Agreement** between the City of Beloit and VantageCare Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan. This is a minor amendment to our contract regarding the Retirement Health Savings accounts that are administered through VantageCare. The modification changes the minimum age for using benefits from age 55 to age 50. The purpose for this change is to allow retiring employees with a younger spouse to fully take advantage of their Retirement Health Savings account. There are no other changes to the plan administration.
- c. Application for **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for BMC Property Management, LLC, operating as Rivals Bar and Grill, located at 443 East Grand Avenue. "Rivals" is the new business which will replace the former Denali's restaurant on the corner of Pleasant and Grand. The building has been completely remodeled with a tasteful, more contemporary exterior and a completely remodeled interior. This application is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License and Control Committee for review and recommendation.

**7. ORDINANCES**

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend Section 6.19 of the Code of General Ordinances to allow the Fire Department to charge **Fees** for more of the specialized services provided by the department. There will be no charges for responding to fire calls; however, the Department regularly responds to specialty calls and has, for many years, charged a fee for providing services related to extrication and rescue services and responding to hazardous materials calls. The ordinance modification has a number of other services related to responding to motor vehicle accidents, pipeline incidents, fire and gas investigations, additional special rescue services, and helicopter landing services to the schedule of specialized services for which a fee can be assessed. The department will also be charging for responding to vehicle or trailer fires, but only when the vehicle is not registered to a City of Beloit residence. The City responds to numerous vehicle fire calls out on the interstate each year and, at this time, is unable to charge for those services, resulting in the local taxpayers footing the bill. The specific fees for the charges are included in the City's fee resolution, which is routinely adopted each year as part of a budget approval process.

**11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS**

- a. Resolution approving 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Budget and Annual Action Plan. This is the first of several resolutions that need to be acted on by Council to approve the 2013 annual Capital and Operating Budget. This first resolution approves the allocation for the Block Grant program, which includes both the 2013 grant and various program income.

- b. **Resolution approving 2013 HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Budget.** This is another HUD administered program that is used by the City and its Community Housing Development organization partner, Neighborhood Housing Services. Once again, the agenda includes specific amounts for this grant, which will be used during the 2013 budget year.
- c. Resolution approving the **2013 Business Improvement District Plan and Budget.** This operating plan and budget was compiled by the Downtown Beloit Association, which is our Downtown Business District. The plan and budget was recommended for approval by the DBA governing board and will be overviewed during the Council meeting.
- d. Resolution authorizing changes to the **2013 Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates** for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin. As noted above, this resolution is routinely adopted as part of the annual budget adoption process. This resolution establishes any change in fees authorized to be charged for services provided by the City of Beloit. This year's resolution provides for increases to the existing ambulance fee structure, adds additional Fire Department special service fees, and includes adjustments in fees for the use of various recreation facilities, including the Golf Course, as well as for services provided at the City owned cemeteries.
- e. Resolution approving the **Operating Budgets, Appropriating Funds and Levying Property Taxes necessary for the Operation and Administration of the City of Beloit for the Year 2013.** This is the final resolution related to the adoption of the 2013 budget. The resolution includes the Capital Improvements budget, Beloit Public Library budget, and authorizes the City Treasurer to spread the City property tax, along with the appropriations certified for other jurisdictions upon the current tax role of the City. This is the master resolution approving both the Capital and Operating budgets for the next fiscal year. Attached to the resolution is an extensive staff report, including a PowerPoint presentation that explains the few changes that were made to the budget document during the review process. The final proposed budget being submitted to Council for their review on Monday evening includes an increase in the General Fund of 2.93%; a reduction in the debt service fund of 8.94%, with the total operating budget increasing 1.42%. Capital spending for the year is actually reduced by over 18% so that the total budget for 2013 will actually be a reduction of \$940,000 or slightly more than a 1% decrease in spending for the next year.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR NOVEMBER 5–9, 2012

Monday, November 5	10:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Joint Policy and Technical Advisory Committee</a> Meeting, Stateline Area Transportation Study, Rotary River Center, 1100 Riverside Drive (C. Kincaid)
Monday, November 5	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Agenda Review</a> , City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, November 5	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">City Council meeting</a> , Forum (All Councilors)
Wed., November 7	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast meeting (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Wed., November 7	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (K. Leavy and D. Luebke)
Wed., November 7	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Plan Commission</a> , Forum (C. Kincaid)

## 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. The Library is collecting new home-made or purchased children's mittens, scarves, or hats for distribution to local families in need. If you would like to donate to the **9th Annual Mitten Tree**, please drop off your donations during regular library hours from now until December 3rd.

November 5-17

**Food for Fines.** Pay your Beloit Public Library fines with food! One non-perishable food item equals \$1 in fines (good up to \$10). Please make sure your donation is unexpired and unopened. All donations will be given to Beloit's food pantry, Caritas.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

**2013 City Council Nomination Information**

**October 16, 2012 – Beloit, WI:** Any City of Beloit resident interested in running for a two-year term on the Beloit City Council may pick up a packet of information including nomination papers beginning **Monday, October 29, 2012**. The packets are available in the office of the City Clerk on the second floor of City Hall during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- There are seven members on the Council and three seats will be on the ballot.
- Candidates must file required forms with the City Clerk before forming a committee and raising funds.
- The first day to circulate nomination papers is **Saturday, December 1, 2012**.
- Between 200 and 400 valid signatures of City of Beloit residents must be submitted.
- Nomination papers and all forms must be completed and filed with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 2, 2013**.
- An informational session will be held in January for all candidates who have gained ballot access.
- The Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2013**.
- Newly-elected Councilors will take office on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, November 5, 2012, 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.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: October 31, 2012  
Rebecca S. Houseman  
City Clerk  
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**AGENDA  
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL  
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511  
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 5, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS- none
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 Meetings of October 15, 2012, and the Special Meeting of October 16, 2012 (Houseman)
- b. Resolution approving an amendment of the **Agreement** between the City of Beloit and VantageCare Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan (Arft)
- c. Application for **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for BMC Property Management, LLC, d/b/a Rivals Bar & Grill, located at 443 East Grand Avenue, Michael Jero, Agent (Houseman) Refer to ABLCC

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend section 6.19 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit as it relates to the **Fees** for the Fire Department Services (Liggett) First Reading, suspend the rules for a Second Reading

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. **Resolution approving 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Budget and Annual Action Plan** (Christensen)  
Community Development Authority recommendation for approval 4-0
- b. **Resolution approving 2013 HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Budget** (Christensen)  
Community Development Authority recommendation for approval 4-0



- c. Resolution approving the **2013 Business Improvement District Plan and Budget** (El-Amin)
- d. Resolution authorizing changes to the **2013 Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates** for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin (York)
- e. Resolution approving the **Operating Budgets, Appropriating Funds and Levying Property Taxers necessary for the Operation and Administration of the City of Beloit for the Year 2013** including the 2013 Capital Improvement Budget, the Beloit Public Library Budget; and further authorizing the City Treasurer to spread the City Property Tax along with the apportionments certified for other Jurisdictions upon the current tax roll of the City (Arft/York) (Budget available for review at [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us))

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

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**MEETING AGENDA**  
**Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings**  
**Stateline Area Transportation Study**  
**Monday, November 5, 2012 at 10:00 A.M**  
**Rotary River Center, 1100 Riverside Drive (U.S.H. 51)**  
**Beloit, Wisconsin**

1. Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Minutes of the Meeting of September 24, 2012 – Action Required
4. Public Involvement Plan - Action Required For Final Approval Technical and Policy
5. 2013 Final Unified Work Program – Action Required Approving Resolution Technical and Policy
6. 2013 Final Transportation Improvement Program – Action Required Approving Resolution Technical and Policy
7. Other Items for Discussion or Action as Necessary
9. Technical Advisory Committee Agency Reports:

Voting Members

WisDOT, South-West Region  
IDOT, District 2  
Rock County Highway Dept.  
Winnebago Highway Dept.  
City of Beloit Engineering Dept.  
Beloit Transit System  
Town of Beloit Engineering  
City of South Beloit Engineering  
Village of Rockton Engineering  
WisDOT Bureau of Planning  
Rock County Planning Department  
Winnebago County Planning Department  
Stateline Mass Transit District

Non-Voting Agencies

Federal Highway Administration-Wisconsin  
IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning

Janesville Area Transportation Study  
Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Town of Rock  
Village of Roscoe Engineering

10. Scheduling of Future Meetings of the Technical and Policy Committees for  
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11. Adjourn

*This meeting is accessible to disabled individuals.. Persons planning to attend this meeting who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify, either by telephone or letter or e-mail, to Robert Soltau, MPO Coordinator, Engineering Division, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511, telephone 608-364-6702, e-mail ([soltaub@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:soltaub@ci.beloit.wi.us)) or the MPO Executive Secretary 608-364-6690 at least five days prior to the meeting so that reasonable accommodation can be made. Please make sure you get a positive response from someone and your request doesn't get left on message waiting or in an e-mail mailbox. Thank you for your cooperation. We want to assure we are responsive to people's needs. Para mas informacion, a esta interesado en participar en el planeamiento del proceso de transporte en su comunidad y necesita asistencia con idioma, por favor comuniquese 608-364-6724.*



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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
Community Development Authority  
November 7, 2012 at 4:30 pm  
Beloit City Hall  
The Forum  
100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2012
3. Citizen Participation
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of the September Activity Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of the September Financial Report (Pollard)
  - c. Discussion of Letter from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (Pollard)
  - d. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-51, Accepting the Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (Melito)
  - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-52, Accepting the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (Melito)
  - f. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-47, Approving a Family Self-Sufficiency Addendum to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan (Cole)
  - g. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-46, Approving a Family Self-Sufficiency Addendum to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP) (Cole)
  - h. Discussion of the Preference Points for Domestic Violence Victims (Pollard)

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- i. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-48, Authorizing the Beloit Housing Authority to Dispose of Non-Operating Appliances and Equipment (Pollard)
  - j. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-53, Authorization to Write-off Beloit Housing Authority Public Housing Tenants Accounts Receivable Third Quarter 2012 Vacated Residents (Pollard)
5. Community Development
- a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-49, Approving the Bids for 823 St. Lawrence Avenue (Schneider)
6. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify Ann Purifoy in the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: November 2, 2012

Approved: Julie Christensen  
Executive Director

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the October 3, 2012 Meeting**
3. **Certified Survey Map – Hendricks Commercial Properties - 416, 418, 422, 430 & 432 East Grand Avenue**  
Review and consideration of a one-lot Certified Survey Map for the properties located at 416, 418, 422, 430, and 432 East Grand Avenue in the City of Beloit
4. **Certified Survey Map – Hendricks Commercial Properties – 600 Henry Avenue**  
Review and consideration of a one-lot Certified Survey Map for the property located at 600 Henry Avenue in the City of Beloit
5. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Definition of Retail Sales/Service Accessory Uses**  
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Zoning Text Amendment to amend Section 11.2.5(e)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance relating to Retail Sales/Service Accessory Uses
6. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
7. **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.**

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Approved: Julie Christensen, Community  
Development Director

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