

CITY OF BELOIT

THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

JOINT SCHOOL BOARD/CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD THIS PAST MONDAY

We had a very detailed presentation by the School Superintendent at the joint meeting this past Monday. Both the School Board and the City Council received a thorough update on all of the building construction and remodeling projects underway within the School District of Beloit. We also provided a brief update on what's been happening in the Gateway Business Park, as well as an outlook on residential construction in that portion of the city.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Phoenix Project

Partial building permits have been issued for the Phoenix Project and now that demolition is complete, footings and foundations will be installed. Work on the actual building itself will begin shortly thereafter. The project is still pretty much on schedule, with completion anticipated sometime this coming summer.

Piggly Wiggly Remodeling

The Piggly Wiggly Supermarket, which will occupy the old K-Mart building at Prairie and Shopiere, is also undergoing renovation this winter. Contractors have been working in the building on demolition and pre-construction activity. At this time, we do not have a good projection on an opening date.

Bob Evans Restaurant

The Bob Evans Restaurant anticipated for the corner of Cranston and Milwaukee deferred construction until the spring of 2013. Based on the extent of work that the company completed on the project last fall and the fact that construction bids were actually solicited and received, we do believe the company will be back in the spring to move forward with their project.

Metso Building Addition

The exterior for the Metso Company building addition is nearing completion. This expansion provided additional space to house the company's operations.

NorthStar

There have been limited but continuing contacts with the NorthStar Medical Radioisotope Company through the winter. We are still optimistic that plans and permit submittals will be forthcoming later this winter for a spring, 2013 construction start.

PUBLIC HOUSING REMODELING UPDATE

We met with Tom Landgraf, the City's consultant who coordinated both Phases 1 and 2 of the City's Public Housing remodeling and reconstruction project. The bulk of that construction, including most of the punch list work, is now complete for both phases. Some remaining landscaping and work on the administration building on Portland Avenue will be completed in the Spring. Initial projections for project costs proved good, and the project has been

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completed within the original financial projections. The nine scattered single site homes that the City had planned to sell as part of this project will be retained by the Authority for now, and used as scattered site Section 8 housing. The market conditions would not likely result in the sale of those units at this time and the income provided will be adequate to service the loan needed to cover that portion of the project cost. The consultant, along with the City's Community Development Authority staff, will be making a presentation to Council at one of the February meetings to wrap up this project.

SNAPPERS STADIUM AND LEASE UPDATE

Work is continuing on the Pohlman Field improvements that are needed to the stadium at this time. As we previously reported, the outfield has been reconstructed and new sod is in place. The Engineering Division has completed specifications related to replacing the pedestrian concourses and that project will be bid shortly, with the hope that weather permitting, the work can be completed prior to the start of the season. If not, work will be done during team road trips, as early as possible. Parks maintenance staff has been working in the office and club house space, making substantial repairs and repainting those facilities. It has been a long time since any maintenance was done to the facility and it was in dire need of the routine maintenance being completed at this time. Some work remains on the outside of the building and other exterior facilities on the stadium, as well.

The "Hot Stove" event scheduled on February 5 will be the first opportunity for the Oakland Athletics management to see the facility. Obviously, we are hoping to have much, but we will certainly not have all of the interior modifications completed prior to that visit. I may also take this opportunity to clarify that the City undertook this project primarily because the stadium facility, which is owned by the City of Beloit, had not had any maintenance done in many years, and was most assuredly not up to the normal standard of City facilities. We were also very concerned about the team's ability to retain a professional affiliation and hope that the improvements made will encourage the Oakland Athletics organization to maintain their affiliation with the Snappers through the term remaining on the professional baseball contract. The Athletics had already agreed to place a Division A affiliate in Beloit, before the work began; however, we believe the improvements were critical to keeping the team in residence for the foreseeable future.

The team's lease agreement is also up this year and the City Attorney's office, working with the Parks Director, have been negotiating the few necessary modifications to that document. We hope to see those negotiations completed so that the item can be referred to Council sometime during the month of February.

BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT SURVEY

The Beloit Police Department is seeking public input, recommendations, and suggestions for improvement. Please see the <u>attached</u> press release for more information and a link to the Police Department survey.

CITY MANAGER VACATION PLANS

The City Manager will be departing early Sunday morning for a one week winter vacation. I will be back in the City on the following Saturday, January 26. In the interim, there will be staff available here in the Manager's office to assist with any citizen needs. Should the need arise, the Manager will have phone and e-mail service available for the week.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013

The City Council will hold a **workshop at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Manager's Conference Room, 4th Floor, on Tuesday, January 22 for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

The <u>attached</u> agenda is for the **Tuesday, January 22 2013** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Beloit Public Library Director, Kristi Howe, will make **Departing Comments**. Kristi asked to be added to this agenda, since this is her last week of employment with the City of Beloit. Kristi did an excellent job of administering the new Beloit Public Library and moved programming and customer service to a new level. I have already extended my personal thanks to Kristi for her dedication and wished her well with her future career endeavors.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of January 7, 2013.
- b. Resolution approving a **Change of Agent** for the Speedway service station and convenience store, located at 148 Liberty Avenue.
- c. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2013 HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant. Councilors will recall that this is an ongoing program that is carried out in conjunction with Rock County and the City of Janesville. This is merely the most current application for an ongoing program.

7. ORDINANCES

a. The owners of properties located at 1035 and 1041 Udell Drive, currently located in the Town of Beloit, have submitted an application to the City requesting annexation. The properties will then be eligible for sewer service. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended that the properties be allowed to annex to the City of Beloit. The ordinance is on the agenda with a request to suspend the rules for a second reading and adoption at the meeting on Monday evening.

8. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Appointment Review Committee recommendations are attached to the agenda.
- b. Appointment of Kevin Leavy to represent the City Council on the Downtown Beloit Association Board of Directors.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

Presentation regarding recent changes to the City's Animal Control Policies and Procedures. The program will be
presented by Beth Jacobsen, Assistant to the City Manager and Captain Bill Tyler of the Beloit Police Department.
Councilors are aware of all of the changes made in the City's Animal Control program for 2013. We thought this was
a good opportunity to summarize those changes and modifications, and also advance our public education effort to
make sure that residents are also aware of the modifications necessary in this important program.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

a. Resolution approving **Contract** with the State of Wisconsin for Statewide Structural Collapse Team Members. Chief Liggett will present this resolution, which would allow the City of Beloit to remain under contract to the State to provide this important service under emergency response circumstances. Calls have been infrequent, yet City Fire Fighters have received extra training as a result of our participation in this program.

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- b. Resolution approving an Amendment of the Agreement between the City and VantageCare Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan. This is the item that we held over two weeks ago because there was some misunderstanding between myself and the Finance Director as to exactly which plan this modification referred to. On Tuesday morning, we were able to clear up that misunderstanding and validate that this is, indeed, a second plan that was made available for City of Beloit retirees to use through the ICMA Retirement Corporation. The resolution approved earlier by Council was for the same organization but for a separate plan. Staff inadvertently omitted the second plan from inclusion in that resolution. Adoption of the resolution will extend the same benefit to all City employees, which is to begin utilizing funds deposited in this account at age 50, rather than waiting until age 55. Again, this has absolutely nothing to do with retirement ages, nor does this make any modifications to the City's retirement plans.
- c. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of approximately \$7.5 million of General Obligation Refunding Bonds. This resolution, along with the two following resolutions, authorizes the City to issue refunding bonds for earlier debt. The City's bond consultant, Ehlers and Associates, continually monitors the market place and advises the City of when interest rate spreads are favorable and savings can be generated through a refunding process. In essence, new bonds are being issued to pay off the old bonds at a lower rate of interest. No new debt is being issued as a part of this process.

As always, the opening of bids for the sale will occur earlier during the day and Ehlers will be in attendance at the City Council meeting on Tuesday evening with the actual sale results. Those results will specifically include the savings, both present value and over the life of the bond issue, generated as a result of the refinancing.

- d. Resolution supplementing an earlier resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of slightly over \$6 million of Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds. This is the second refunding issue and will allow the City to pay off and refund a portion of the water system revenue bonds that were issued in 2003 at the time the water utility was purchased by the City. Once again, the same comments made above about potential savings will be discussed during the meeting, after the opening of bids which will occur earlier in the day.
- e. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of approximately \$895,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Once again, this is the third issue being refunded at this time. This issue is taxable because these bond proceeds were used in conjunction with one of the City's economic development projects. Once again, the purpose is to refund that debt at a lower rate of interest. Ehlers will have more specific information at the Council meeting on Tuesday evening.

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CITY MEETING CALENDAR– JANUARY 21–25, 2013

Monday, January 21	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Breakfast, Eclipse Center (All Councilors Invited)
Tuesday, January 22	3:00-6:00 p.m.	Public Open House on Review of Urbanized Area Maps, Unified Work Program Amendment, and Selection of Next Surface Transportation Program Urban Projects, sponsored by SLATS/MPO. Location: Rotary River Center, 1100 Riverside Drive
Tuesday, January 22	6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop, City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Tuesday, January 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting, Forum (All Councilors)
Wed., January 23	7:30 a.m.	Visitors Bureau Board Meeting (J. Van De Bogart)
Wed., January 23	Rescheduled	Community Development Authority (K. Leavy, D. Luebke)
Wed., January 23	Cancelled	Plan Commission (C. Kincaid)
Thurs., January 24	8:00 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association Board (K. Leavy)

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.

Monday, Jan. 21	4:00 p.m.	8th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Convocation at Beloit College, Eaton Chapel. Speakers include Beloit College President Scott Bierman, local community advocate Linda Fair, a selected Beloit College student, and others, with music by the Beloit Community Ministers' Fellowship Youth Choir.
Thurs., January 24	Noon	City Center Seminar, Vision Beloit, 500 Public Avenue
Friday, January 25	7:00 p.m.	Chills, Spills and Thrills . As part of this year's Winterfest activities, come out and enjoy the winter wonderland with music on ice at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Rd. DJ, skating, and games. Regular admission applies for skating; free skate rental with donation of a nonperishable food item.
January 25-27		Winterfest activities at various locations throughout Beloit. Please see <u>attached</u> flyer for more information.



BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



Norm Jacobs Chief of Police 100 State Street Beloit, WI 53511 Business: (608) 364-6801 Administration: (608) 364-6807 Facsimile: (608) 364-6608

PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number: Date January 16, 2013 For Additional Information Contact:

Chief Norm Jacobs (608) 364-6843

In order to serve the community in a professional and effective manner, the Beloit Police Department wants to know your attitude and opinions. We seek input concerning the following areas:

- Our overall performance
- Competence of employees
- Perception of police attitude and behavior
- Your concern over safety and security

We wish to read your recommendations and suggestion for improvement.

While you are always welcome to do a police department survey, linked to the city website, this particular seven question survey helps us fulfill one of the 376 standards we comply with as a CALEA accredited police department.

Your responses, good or critical, are appreciated and anonymous.

The survey will be available at the Beloit Police Department or you may take it on line by going to:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Beloit13

or

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Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3:6 Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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The Beloit Community Ministers' Fellowship is hosting a **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Breakfast** on Monday, January 21, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. at the Eclipse Center, 3 Eclipse Center Road, Beloit, WI 53511. A quorum of City Council members may be present.

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Dated: January 17, 2013 Rebecca Houseman LeMire City Clerk www.ci.beloit.wi.us

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Stateline Area Transportation Study Announcement

- Policy and Technical Committees on February 25, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.
- Technical Committee on February 11, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.
- Public Open House on Review of Urbanized Area Maps, Unified Work Program Amendment, and Selection of Next Surface Transportation Program Urban Projects (In Wisconsin only) on January 22, 2013 - 3:00P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Location for Feb. 25 Meeting and Jan. 22 Open House: Rotary River Center 1100 Riverside Drive (U.S.H. 51)

Beloit, Wisconsin

Location for Feb. 11 Technical Committee: Beloit Engineering Dept. Facility 2400 Springbrook Court

Beloit, Wisconsin

The Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS), which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for the Beloit (WI-IL) Urbanized Area has scheduled a meeting of the Policy and Technical Committees, and a separate meeting of the Technical Committee, and a Public Open House to solicit opinions on items on the agenda. This official notification represents the start of the 30 day public notice process. The meeting agendas for each meeting include as appropriate:

- Minutes of the Meeting of November 5, 2012

- Amendment to the 2013 UWP

- Proposed Urban Area, Adjusted Urban Area, Planning Area Maps Based on 2010 Census

- Amendment to the 2013 TIP for Relocation and Construction of Illinois Rt. 2 and Roscoe Rd. Intersection in Roscoe, Illinois

- Amendment to the 2013 TIP for one IL Project and two WI projects:

- Design, Relocation and Construction of Illinois Rt. 2 and Roscoe Rd. Intersection in Roscoe, Illinois
- Southwest Region Pavement Marking Various Highways including in the
- SLATS area of Rock County,
- Signing Various Highways in the SLATS area of Rock County

- Solicitation for and Selection of the Next Surface Transportation Program Urban Projects (Wisconsin Only)

- Shopiere/Henry: Park to Cranston, Reconstruction in three segments
- Park Avenue: Cranston to Inman, Reconstruction in three segments

- Other projects should be submitted through a SLATS member unit of government as the lead agency to the SLATS Manager by October 21, 2013 for evaluation based on Level of Service, Safety, Physical Condition, and Miscellaneous criteria for review by Technical Committee on 2/11/13

- Technical Advisory Committee Agency Reports on Projects
- Other Items for Discussion or Action as Necessary

- Scheduling of Future Meetings as may be needed

- Adjourn

Para mas informacion, a esta interesado en partcipar en el planeamiento del proceso de transporte en su comunidad y necesita asistencia con idioma, por favor comuniquese Guillermo Gutierrez, al 602-362-2724.

All documents will be available on the SLATS website which is located from a link on the opening page of the City of Beloit website.

Bob Soltau

MPO Coordinator at 608-364-6702

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Stateline Area Transportation Study

City Engineering Division

This Public Open House 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,2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511, telephone 608-364-6702, e-mail (soltaub@ci.beloit..w.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.



AGENDA BELOIT CITY COUNCIL 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511 City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2013

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Beloit Public Library Director's Departing Comments (Howe)
- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 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 January 7, 2013 (Houseman)
- Resolution approving Change of Agent for Speedway, LLC, d/b/a Speedway #4087, 148 Liberty Avenue, from Catherine Winford to Megan M. Biggerstaff (Houseman) ABLCC recommendation for approval 6-0
- c. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2013 HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant (Christensen)
- 7. ORDINANCES
 - a. Proposed Ordinance Annexing the properties located at 1035 and 1041 Udell Drive from the Town of Beloit to the City of Beloit (Christensen)
 Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
 First reading, suspend the rules for a second reading
- 8. APPOINTMENTS
 - a. Appointment Review Committee Recommendations
 - b. Appointment of Kevin D. Leavy to the **Downtown Beloit Association Board of Directors**
- 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

a. Presentation regarding recent changes to the **City's Animal Control Policies and Procedures** (Jacobsen/Tyler)

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving **Contract** with the State of Wisconsin for Statewide Structural Collapse Team Members (Liggett)
- b. Resolution approving an Amendment of the **Agreement** between the City of Beloit and VantageCare Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan (York)
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$7,510,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A (York)
- Resolution Supplementing Resolution Adopted October 20, 2003; Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$6,045,000 Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2013B; and Providing the Payment of Said Bonds and Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto (York)
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$895,000 **Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds**, Series 2013C (York)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

- **TO:** Community Development Authority Members
- **FROM:** Julie Christensen
- **DATE:** January 18, 2013
- **SUBJECT:** January Community Development Authority Meeting

The Community Development Authority meeting originally scheduled for **January 23, 2013** has been moved to **January 30, 2013** at **4:30 p.m.** in the Forum of City Hall.

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

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MEMORANDUM

- **TO:** Plan Commission Members
- **FROM:** Julie Christensen
- **DATE:** January 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled <u>January</u> <u>23, 2013</u> meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is <u>February 6, 2013</u>.

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

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The Beloit College Department of Economics and Vision Beloit are hosting a **City Center Seminar** on Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 12:00 p.m. at Vision Beloit, 500 Public Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511. The topic of this seminar is Ten Mile City: The Beloit Region – Definition, Description, and Function. A quorum of City Council members may be present.

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Friday, January 25

*Family Bingo at Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff Street) 1:00-3:00 pm, all ages welcome, fun prizes, refreshments, **FREE!**

*Chills, Spills and Thrills at Edward's Ice Arena (2101 Cranston Road) 7:00-10:00 pm, DJ, games, and fun! Bring a non-perishable food donation to receive free skate rental, regular admission fees apply

*Cross Country Trails, open daily, dusk to dawn, FREE!

Saturday, January 26

*4's Coed Volleyball Tournament at BMHS (pre-registration required)

*Snow Golf is fun for all! Registration begins at noon at Krueger Haskell Golf Course, tee times begin at 12:30 pm, bring one club, ball will be provided. Cost is \$3/person or \$10/foursome

*Wintery fun at the Beloit Public Library, 1:00-3:00 pm, snowflakes, games, and Frosty the Snowman -the movie! **FREE!**

*Open Skate at Edward's Ice Arena, 2:00-4:00 pm, skate rental and regular admission fees apply

Sunday, January 27

*Euchre Tournament at the Krueger Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse (preregistration required)

*Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. The Welty Environmental Center will also be hosting games and activities! FREE!

*Open Skate at Edward's Ice Arena, 2:00-4:00 pm, skate rental and regular admission fees apply

For more information about any Winterfest activities, please call the Leisure Services Office (608) 364-2890

