



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
Monday, July 15, 2013

Presiding: Charles M. Haynes
Present: Sheila De Forest, Chuck Kincaid, Kevin D. Leavy, David F. Luebke, Mark Spreitzer, and James E. Van De Bogart
Absent: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Vice President Mark Spreitzer presented a proclamation declaring October 7-13, 2013, as **Beloit Memorial High School class of 1963 50th Reunion Week** to Tom Nightingale. Mr. Nightingale thanked the Council and the community of Beloit on behalf of the class. File 7148
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen explained that this public hearing is the first step in the process to approve the 2014 **Community Development Block Grant Annual Plan**. Ms. Christensen stated this hearing is to gain community input on community development, housing, public housing, and homeless needs in the City. File 8601
 - Mark Perry, representing Community Action, 20 Eclipse Center, stated that housing stability is that first step in economic self-reliance and that sustaining housing is critical to our community. Mr. Perry thanked the Council for their support.
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – none
6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested that item 6.f. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda which consists of items 6.a. through 6.e, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried that the Consent Agenda consisting of items 6.a. through 6.e. be accepted, approved, adopted, or referred and acted upon as required by state and local codes by a vote of 7-0.

- a. The **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2013 were approved.
- b. The resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C13-05**, Rock River Bank Protection was adopted. File 8602
- c. The resolution authorizing **Final Payment of Public Works Contract C12-01**, New HVAC for Beloit Transit was adopted. File 8575
- d. The application for **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the properties located at 1536 Forest Avenue, 1537 and 1543 West Grand Avenue, and the 1650 and 1654 Porter Avenue from R-1B, Single-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8586
- e. The resolution authorizing the City of Beloit to apply for and enter into a Grant Agreement for the **JAG Crisis Intervention Team Training 2013 Grant** and partner with Rock County policing agencies through a Regional Application was adopted. File 7947

- f. Deputy City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented a resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for Hourglass Media, LLC, d/b/a The Castle at 501 Prospect, John Wittnebel, Agent. It was noted that the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee recommended approval 3-1. Ms. Krueger explained that the ABLCC raised concerns about public access of the residential apartment for the manager and about the permanent office space for any entity including the non-profit agency, Youth Unite. Ms. Krueger said Hourglass Media has amended the application and that the proposed business plan is now consistent with the state alcohol laws and local ordinances. She stated the Impact Survey of the neighborhood showed no objections to this license and that the dissenting vote from an ABLCC member was based on the location of the property within 300 feet of a church. Councilor De Forest made a motion to waive the 300-foot prohibition as permitted by State Statutes, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stephen Hawkins, 617 Public Avenue, stated that the church has no official statement either for or against this license and that the church's council made no objection to this proposal at the last two meetings. The motion carried to waive the prohibition by a vote of 6-1, with Councilor Leavy voting in opposition. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License for Hourglass Media, 501 Prospect Street, and Councilor Spreitzer seconded. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilor Leavy voting in opposition. File 8590

7. ORDINANCES – none

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Spreitzer said he attended the parks tour with the Parks Commission and was appreciative of the chance to discuss the future vision of the City's park system.

President Haynes moved items 11.a. and 11.b. to this point on the agenda.

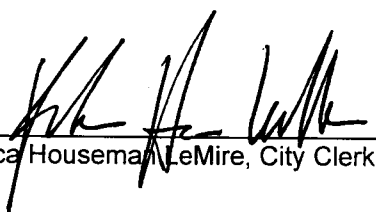
- 11.a. Economic Development Director Andrew Janke presented a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept Michael L. Ross' Commercial **Offer to Purchase** the City-owned land located at 2525 Kennedy Drive and 1475 Office Park Lane. Mr. Janke indicated that the purchase of this property would facilitate the construction of a new building and increase production capacity, creating three to four new jobs. Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 7009
- 11.b. Mr. Janke presented a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept V Bros LLC's (Christofferson Moving and Storage) Commercial Offer to Purchase the City-owned land located at 2525 Kennedy Drive. Mr. Janke indicated that the purchase of this property would facilitate the construction of a parking lot and access road. Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Van De Bogart seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 7009

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Finance and Administrative Services Director Paul York presented the **2012 Audit Report** and noted the City is in good financial condition. Mr. York introduced Carla Gogin and Jodi Dobson, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, who presented the highlights of the audit. Councilor De Forest asked why no formal risk assessment control is in place to identify the areas of high risk, and Mr. York explained that the City has evaluated procedures and made a number of changes in the areas of purchasing, procurement, and accounts payable which have tightened up internal control deficiencies. He stated that the City will continue to monitor procedures and make adjustments in areas to strengthen internal controls over operations. Ms. Gogin stated that the majority of her 35 municipal clients and majority of the attendees at presentations she has given have not developed a risk control policy. Mr. York encouraged those interested to go to the City's website to read the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report.

President Haynes moved items 11.c. and 11.d. to this point on the agenda.

- 11.c. President Haynes requested that the Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a wireless communications tower in a C-2 Neighborhood Commercial District, and MRO Milwaukee Road Overlay District, for the property located at 2600 Cranston Road, be moved to the August 19, 2013 City Council Agenda. File 7948
- 11.d. Fire Chief Brad Liggett presented a resolution amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget for the **purchase of the Stryker Cot System**; authorizing the sole source purchase of this equipment and further authorizing the City Manager to enter into a financing agreement. Chief Liggett explained that this cot system supports 80% of the weight of the patient through its electric lift system and will alleviate 50% of back injuries to our response personnel. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8570/8603
- 10.b. City Manager Larry Arft presented information and led discussion regarding extending **employee benefits to recognized same sex couples**. Mr. Arft said this benefit would be for same sex couples who are registered with the State of Wisconsin Domestic Partner Registry and would allow them to receive the same benefits as heterosexual couples. Councilor Leavy asked if applicants have requested this benefit and raised concerns about providing benefits if a couple split up. Ms. Haley stated that no applicants have requested this benefit and that there are legal guidelines for being on or removed from the State Registry. Councilor Spreitzer said that he feels this is an equality issue. Councilor Luebke stated that providing this benefit may assist in recruitment. Councilor De Forest stated the benefit should be provided as a matter of fairness. Councilor Van De Bogart said this benefit may be good social policy but that the City should avoid this hot button issue that may divide the community. Mr. Arft stated he would schedule a workshop for more discussion.
- 10.c. Mr. Arft presented information and led discussion regarding **residency requirements for City employees**. Mr. Arft explained that the 2013-2015 Biennial Budget Bill was adopted including language preempting municipal and other local public sector employers' residency requirements. He stated the City's residency ordinance is unenforceable as of July 2, 2013, and must be changed. Councilor Van De Bogart asked the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to repeal the City's residency ordinance.
11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS – see above
12. At 9:25 p.m., Councilor Leavy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Spreitzer. The motion carried 7-0.



Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: August 5, 2013