



THE BELOIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY RECEIVES MAIN STREET PARTNERS AWARD AGAIN THIS YEAR

The City was nominated for several Main Street Awards based on the continuing improvements and upgrades underway in the City's downtown area. We are pleased to report that the City did receive an Honorable Mention award (second place finish) for our Public/Private Partnership developed between the Downtown Beloit Association and the City, using TIF Funds for upper floor housing and façade renovation grants. Over \$300,000 of TIF incremental revenue was devoted to that project, resulting in improvements to a number of structures, in addition to a number of upper floor housing units being remodeled from what, in most cases, had previously been unused space.

2014 CITY COUNCIL NOMINATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE

[Attached](#) is a press release from the City Clerk's office containing information on running for a City Council position. Packets of information, including nomination papers, are now available in the City Clerk's office .

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO COUNTY ROAD "BT" BETWEEN COUNTY ROAD "G" (PRAIRIE AVENUE) AND COUNTY ROAD "S" (SHOPIERE ROAD)

[Attached](#) to the Beloit Report is a copy of the meeting notice for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at Courtroom H, Rock County Courthouse, 51 South Main St., Janesville, WI. The hearing will be conducted from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. More information about the hearing, including information about how to make an oral presentation or provide written testimony, is included in the attached meeting notice.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

The City Council will hold a Special Meeting with **Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.** in the City Manager's Conference Room on Monday, November 4, 2013 for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel with respect to the settlement of pending litigation.

The City Council will hold a **workshop at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Manager's Conference Room, on Monday, November 4, 2013 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 4, 2013** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2013.
- b. Application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow an outdoor seating area, along with the outdoor sales, possession, and consumption of alcohol in a Central Business District—Core, for the Rival's Sports Bar located at 443 E. Grand Avenue. The application will be referred to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation.
- c. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** for the Woodman's property at 1877 Madison Road. This zoning map amendment is the companion piece to the Planned Unit Development, which was approved earlier by Council. For some reason, this part of the application process was not completed and returned at that time. Because of the project timing to get to construction this season, Planning staff went ahead and processed the PUD request without the normal underlying Zoning Map Amendment. This application will correct the zoning to match the approved PUD and is being forwarded to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- d. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1556 Forest Avenue from Single-family to Public Lands and Institutions. This is yet another change needed to accommodate the schools building expansion and remodeling project.
- e. **Lease agreement** with First National Bank to utilize the Mill Street water tower for corporate wireless communications. This lease agreement is virtually identical to the document approved earlier this year by Council with regard to use of the Cranston Road water tower for a similar purpose. I believe Council is aware that there was some discussion at that time about the possible need for space on the Mill Street water tower to also facilitate communication between various satellite facilities and the main headquarters here in downtown Beloit. That lease has now been negotiated, space is available on the Mill Street tower to accommodate this equipment, and the City wishes to lease this space.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving the **2014 Annual Action Plan and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget**. The Annual Action Plan was the subject of an earlier public hearing, as was the proposed Block Grant Budget for 2014. The budget, including the breakdown of all allocations, was also discussed with Councilors during the budget workshop. This is one of several resolutions on the agenda this evening related to the adoption of the 2014 Operating and Capital Budgets. The budget has been reviewed and is recommended for approval by the Community Development Authority.

- b. Resolution approving the **2014 HOME Investment Partnership Budget**. Once again, the proposed HOME budget for 2014 has been reviewed by Councilors and was discussed during the public hearing held at the regular Council meeting on Monday, October 21, 2013. The budget has been reviewed and is recommended for approval by the Community Development Authority.
- c. Resolution approving the **2014 Business Improvement District Operating Plan and Budget**. Shauna El-Amin, Executive Director of the Downtown Beloit Association, will be in attendance to present the budget approved by the Business Improvement District Board of Directors for 2014.
- d. Resolution authorizing changes to the **2014 Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates** for the City of Beloit. All fees for services are reviewed each year as part of the budget preparation process. Most of the fees were found to be adequate and are **not** included for increase, including major utility charges for water, sewer, storm water and garbage collection services. However, there are several fees included in the resolution this year, including adjustments to the fees and charges for the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course, an increase in fees for Paramedic services, and the new fee or additional charge for repeat inspections related to Code Enforcement activities.
- 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 2014**. This resolution includes the approval of all Operating and Capital Budgets for the City and authorizes the City Treasurer to spread the property tax, along with the apportionments certified for other jurisdictions upon the taxpayers of the City and authorizes a 1% salary range adjustment, which would impact all non-represented employees of the City. Once again, the budget as noted in the recitals has been under preparation for many months and has been the subject of numerous presentations and a full day workshop with City Council. The few minor changes discussed during the budget review process have been incorporated into the final document and the numbers are noted in the resolution. The entire proposed budget document is available on line, with a link from the City's home page for interested residents who have not yet had an

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— NOVEMBER 4—8, 2013

Monday, November 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Special Meeting with closed session , City Manager's Conf. Room (All Councilors)
Monday, November 4	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, November 4	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All Councilors)
Wednesday, Nov. 6	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (C. Haynes & M. Spreitzer)
Wednesday, Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission , 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

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

Oct. 21 through Dec. 2

Beloit Public Library 10th Annual Mitten Tree. Collecting **new** home-made or purchased children's mittens, scarves, or hats for distribution to local families in need. You can drop donations off during regular library hours, Mon—Thur., 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., 605 Eclipse Blvd.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Public Hearing on the location, design, and environmental aspects of the proposed improvement of County BT between County G (Prairie Avenue) and County S (Shopiere Road). Presentation at 6:30 p.m. at Courtroom H, Rock County Courthouse, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville. Please see [attached](#) for more information.