



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
Monday, November 4, 2013

Presiding: Charles M. Haynes
Present: Sheila De Forest (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), 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 7:00 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS – none
4. PUBLIC HEARING – none
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- Elizabeth Weiderholdt, 2700 E. Ridge Road, requested that left turn arrows be included in the signalized intersection at Cranston Road and Shopiere Road.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.e. Councilor Luebke seconded, and the motion carried that the Consent Agenda 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 October 21, 2013, were approved.
- b. The application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow an outdoor seating area and outdoor sales, possession, and consumption of alcohol in a CBD-1 Central Business District – Core, for the property located at 443 E. Grand Avenue (Rival's), was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8620
- c. The application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1877 Madison Road from C-3, Community Commercial District, to PUD, Planned Unit Development District (Woodman's) was referred to the Plan Commission. File 7614
- d. The application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1556 Forest Avenue from R-1B, Single-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District (Gaston School) was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8621
- e. The resolution approving **Water Tower and Ground Space Lease** with First National Bank and Trust Company for Space on the Water Tower Site at 138 Mill Street was adopted. File 7595

7. ORDINANCES – none
8. APPOINTMENTS – none
9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor De Forest said that she was late because a family member had a medical emergency but that he is doing well.

- Councilor Van De Bogart said that he attended the Wisconsin League of Municipalities lobbying meeting where they spoke of items of interest around the state.
- Councilor Luebke said that he is pleased to see how beautiful the Phoenix building looks.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he enjoyed attending the last farmers market of the season and the pumpkin painting festival at the Porter Avenue Sharing Garden.

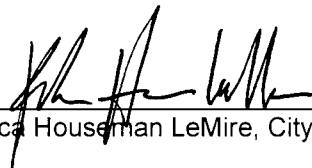
10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION – none

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a resolution approving the **2014 Annual Action Plan and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget**. It was noted that the Community Development Authority recommended approval 5-0. She said that this is the 5th year of the 5-year annual action plan. Councilor Van De Bogart made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Leavy seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8601
- b. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution approving the **2014 HOME Investment Partnership Budget**. It was noted that the Community Development Authority recommended approval 5-0. Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. Councilor De Forest asked how the CHODO will be decided, and Ms. Christensen said that there will be a Request for Proposals and the CDA will make a recommendation to the City Council for approval. The motion carried 7-0. File 8617
- c. Downtown Beloit Association Executive Director Shauna El-Amin presented a resolution approving the **2014 Business Improvement District Operating Plan and Budget**. Ms. El-Amin provided a recap of the DBA's 2013 events, including Social Media Mondays and Little Free Libraries. She discussed the goals for 2014, the proposed addition of six properties on the west side of the Rock River to the Business Improvement District (BID), and the 2014 budget. Councilor Luebke asked about the large amount of revenue that will be carried over to 2014, and Ms. El-Amin stated that the Board is developing a policy to address carry-over funds. Councilor De Forest asked about the money set aside for marketing, and Ms. El-Amin said that the 2014 money is to hire a marketing person for all four organizations at the Vision Center. Councilor De Forest inquired about allowing dogs at the farmers market, and Ms. El-Amin said that the Board has been contacted by individuals on both sides of the issue and that the Board has decided to continue to allow dogs at this time. Councilor De Forest asked about changing the lay-out of the market to have vendors face the businesses, and Ms. El-Amin stated that it has been studied and tried but did not prove feasible. Councilor Kincaid said that the Little Free Libraries are a great addition to the downtown. Councilor Van De Bogart asked about the expansion of the BID. Ms. El-Amin said that each parcel will be assessed based on the 2014 value when they enter the BID in 2015. She said that all of the tenants of the buildings will receive the full range of services provided by the DBA. Councilor Spreitzer asked about the addition of SNAP benefits at the farmers market, and Ms. El-Amin said that implementation went well but that the machine and transaction costs were paid by the DBA instead of the vendors or consumers. Councilor Luebke expressed interest in more information regarding allowing dogs at the farmers market, and Ms. El-Amin said that there would be another survey done in 2014. Councilor De Forest thanked Ms. El-Amin for her excellent work. Councilor Van De Bogart made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Leavy seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8479
- d. Finance and Administrative Services Director Paul York presented a resolution authorizing changes to the **2014 Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates** for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin. Mr. York briefly discussed the proposed fee changes for 2014. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Spreitzer seconded. Councilor De Forest said that she is concerned with the second re-inspection fee for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Councilor De Forest made a motion to remove the second re-inspection fee, and Councilor Luebke seconded. Councilor Leavy said that providing working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors is a safety issue and is the responsibility of the landlord. Councilor Spreitzer asked Ms. Christensen about the timing of inspections, and Ms. Christensen said that inspectors may be at the property early but would wait to for the landlord before they leave if they know the landlord is coming. Councilor Kincaid said that this is a health and safety issue and that it is the cost of doing business as a landlord. The amendment failed by a vote of 1-6 with Councilor De Forest voting in favor. The underlying motion to adopt the resolution carried 7-0. File 8618

- e. City Manager Larry Arft presented a 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** including the 2014 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. It was noted that the budget documents are available for review at www.ci.beloit.wi.us. Mr. Arft reviewed the budget process including the previous meetings, presentations, and workshop. He said that this budget represents an increase of less than ½ of 1 percent over the 2013 budget and includes a 1 percent cost of living adjustment for employees and the implementation of the classification and compensation plan. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the budget, and Councilor Van De Bogart seconded. Councilor De Forest asked about additional compensation for the employees of the Library, and Library Director Nate Deprey said that the Library has a separate pay plan that is similar to the City's. The motion carried 7-0. File 8618

12. At 7:57 p.m., Councilor Leavy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0.



Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: November 18, 2013