



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### BIFF PREPARES FOR 2014 FESTIVAL

I attended the BIFF reveal party last week, along with an enthusiastic crowd looking forward to the Film Festival which will be held from February 14-23, 2014. The Festival has limited venues to the Beloit area this year but extended the Festival to a full 10 days to provide more viewing options for attendees who in past years have not been able to review all of the desired selections because of the limited showing opportunities. More information about the Festival, the schedule of showings and ticket information can be obtained at [www.beloitfilmfest.org](http://www.beloitfilmfest.org)

### INCREDIBLY COLD WEATHER ONCE AGAIN DESCENDS ON THE CITY— THANKS TO ALL THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

I wanted to take a brief amount of space in this week's Report to sincerely thank all of the City employees including Police, Firefighters, Solid Waste Collectors, Transit Drivers, other Public Works employees and all the other City workers who maintained a full service schedule this past week, despite again having unusually cold temperatures descend upon the City. Obviously, the continuation of Municipal services is essential. Even so, we want to publicly recognize our dedicated Municipal employees. Thanks for your extra efforts this winter season.

### RIBBON-CUTTING AT TODD SCHOOL

I was once again honored to be invited to say a few words as part of the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new building additions and remodeling recently completed at Todd Elementary School. We were honored to be able to congratulate school officials and board members and acknowledge the commitment that the residents of Beloit have made to ensure that public education remains a very high priority in our community. Again, we were very impressed with the quality of the construction and the capacity of the facilities to support the school districts mission.

Another ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony is scheduled for next week on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, for Hackett Elementary School located at 625 Eighth Street. The event will be held in the Gymnasium.

### PAUL YORK WRAPS UP HIS TENURE AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF БЕЛОIT

Paul will conclude his more than 10 years of service to our community next Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Paul has accepted a similar position for the City of Manassas, Virginia and will assume his duties in that community shortly thereafter. Since I will

be out of the office next week, I wanted to participate in a brief farewell celebration which was held Thursday, January 30 to thank Paul for all of his contributions to the City of Beloit. Paul and his staff did much of the staff work, background research and offered many suggestions that helped the City work through some very difficult budget cycles in recent years. City revenues were reduced significantly and budget preparation required some extraordinary efforts in order to continue quality services to the community while maintaining the city's financial integrity. Paul York deserves a lot of the credit for that work and we accepted his resignation with regrets and gratitude for a job well done, then extended our very best wishes for his next career endeavor.

## **CITY MANAGER ATTENDS URBAN ALLIANCE MEETING**

The Manager was in Madison most of the day on Friday along with other Mayors and City Managers from around the state attending the quarterly meeting of the Urban Alliance. There was a press conference at 11:30 AM to further discuss the League's continuing request that the State consider restoration of some of the reductions in municipal aides as sales and income taxes increase as part of the economic recovery. A very high percentage of these new tax revenues originate in urban places around the state where economic development and business activities are clustered.

## **CITY MANAGER SCHEDULES WINTER VACATION FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY**

I will be gone on my regular winter vacation leaving this Saturday and returning on Saturday, February 8. Beth Jacobson, Assistant to the City Manager will be in the office throughout the week and available to provide support as needed during my absence. Beth will also set in my place during the regular City Council meeting scheduled for this coming Monday, February 3. I will be returning to the office on Monday morning, February 10, 2014.

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

The City Council will hold a **Workshop** at 6:30 p.m. to review the agenda of the regular City Council meeting.

The attached **agenda** is for the Monday, February 3, 2014 regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

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

- a. Proclamation recognizing the **Beloit International Film Festival** scheduled for February 14 – 23, 2014. Council VP Spreitzer will present a proclamation to representatives from the Festival recognizing this year's extended ten-day event.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There are no public hearings scheduled for this Council meeting.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2014.
- b. Application for a **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for Pitchers Mound LTD, LLC, doing businesses as the Pitchers Mound at 2745 Prairie Ave. This is a new application from the purchaser of an existing business and is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.
- c. Application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a vehicle repair shop in a C-3, Community Commercial District on property located at 1420 Division Street. This conditional use is being referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- d. Application for **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of property located at 2508 Milwaukee Rd. from a C1, Office District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District. This action will change the zoning to the correct classification for the last residential property purchased by the Beloit School District for the new Fran Fruzen Intermediate School to be constructed at this Milwaukee Road location.
- e. Resolution setting a date for a public hearing for the **Vacation** of excess S. Turtle Townhall Road Right-of-Way in the City of Beloit. This vacation is for a small portion of the previous road right-of-way at its intersection with Gateway Boulevard. This intersection was modified to meet contemporary design standards and was moved slightly west of its previous location. As a result, there is a remaining surplus piece of the original right-of-way which should be vacated and will be used by CCI as part of the site for their new office and headquarters building. This action will set a public hearing date and refer the matter to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.

**7. ORDINANCES**

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend Section 15.06(4)(b)1 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit relating to **Alcohol Consumption and Possession** on streets and other public places. This ordinance amends that portion of the Municipal Code which allows for the consumption of alcoholic

beverages only on Council approved public properties. This particular request came from the Library Board. A copy of the Board's resolution making the request is attached to the staff report. The Board is requesting that the City allow either the Library Foundation or the Friends of Beloit Library (FABL) to hold fundraising events within the library facility on no more than three separate dates during each calendar year. The events would have to be held when the library is closed and patrons are not present on site. Further, a special event liquor license must be issued by the Clerk's office for each individual event. The ordinance also removes an earlier authorization for the Riverfest Music Festival, which no longer exists. The ordinance is on the agenda to suspend the rules for second reading and adoption if Councilors concur with the Library Board's recommendation.

- b. Proposed ordinance to repeal and re-create section 15.07(5) of Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Bow and Arrow use** within the City of Beloit. This section of the Municipal Code was rewritten by the Legal Department to be compliant with the new State Statute passed in 2013, which restricts the ability of municipalities to prohibit bow and arrow use within their corporate limits. The State law does allow municipalities to retain some regulatory oversight and the City Attorney's office has rewritten the regulatory ordinance to be compliant with the provisions of the new State law.

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution declaring Official Intent to **Reimburse Expenditures** from proceeds of borrowing. This is the routine resolution presented to City Council each year prior to the start of the construction season. This resolution specifically authorizes the City to proceed with various capital expenditures included in the 2014 capital budget, to be reimbursed from bond proceeds or other borrowing which is normally completed in the late spring or early summer each calendar year. To defer construction projects and equipment purchases until the bond proceeds are actually in hand would result in substantial delay in the City's ability to implement its capital spending plan each year. Again, this routine resolution authorizes us to proceed with projects Council already approved when the annual budget was adopted last November.
- b. This resolution amends the **2014 Capital Budget** to provide an appropriation within Tax Increment District #10 Fund to cover the cost for purchasing the Hexter–Long parcels located within the TIF District. Purchase of the properties was negotiated previously and approved by resolution of the City Council. This supplemental appropriation is a housekeeping matter to ensure that the budget document remains accurate, as circumstances change from time to time throughout the fiscal year.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— FEBRUARY 3—7, 2014

Monday, Feb. 3	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Agenda Review</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, Feb. 3	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">City Council Meeting</a> , Forum (All City Councilors)
Wednesday, Feb. 5	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Plan Commission</a> (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.

Wed., Feb. 5	5:15 p.m.	<b>Beloit Snappers 10th Annual Hot Stove Banquet</b> at the Eclipse Center, 1701 Riverside Drive, Beloit. Tickets are \$40/adult, \$20/children 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Ticket includes dinner and two box seat vouchers for any April Snappers home game in 2014. The event also features a live and silent auction of a variety of items from numerous sports teams and local businesses. For ticket information, contact the Snappers office at 608-362-2272.
Friday, Feb. 14	7:00—9:00 pm	<b>Heartthrob Holiday</b> ice skating at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Games, candy and music provided; 2-for-1 skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
Feb. 14—23		<b>Beloit International Film Festival</b> at various venues. For more information, please see their website: <a href="http://beloitfilmfest.org/">http://beloitfilmfest.org/</a>
Wed., Feb. 19	6:30 p.m.	<b>3 Point Shot Contest</b> at Beloit Memorial High School Field House. Open to the public, must be at least 15 years old to participate. No pre-registration required. \$5 entry fee the day of the event. For more information, please contact the Leisure Services Office, 364-2890, ext. 3.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, February 3, 2014, 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: January 29, 2014  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City Clerk  
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**AGENDA  
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL  
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511  
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 3, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Proclamation recognizing the **Beloit International Film Festival** February 14-23, 2014 (Spreitzer)
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 Regular Meeting of January 21, 2014 (LeMire)
  - b. Application for a **Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License** for Pitchers Mound LTD, LLC, d/b/a Pitchers Mound, located at 2745 Prairie Avenue, Robert Lee Lewis, Agent (LeMire) Refer to ABLCC
  - c. Application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a vehicle repair use in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 1420 Division Street (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
  - d. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 2508 Milwaukee Road from C-1, Office District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
  - e. Resolution setting a date for a Public Hearing for the **Vacation** of Excess S. Turtle Townhall Road Right-of-Way in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin (Christensen) Accept and Refer to Plan Commission
7. ORDINANCES
    - a. Proposed Ordinance to amend Section 15.06(4)(b)1 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit relating to **Alcohol Consumption and Possession** on Streets and other Public Places (Casper) First reading, suspend the rules for Second reading

- b. Proposed Ordinance to repeal and recreate Section 15.07(5) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Bow and Arrow use** in the City of Beloit (Jacobs) First reading, suspend the rules for Second reading

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION – none

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution declaring Official Intent to **Reimburse Expenditures** from proceeds of borrowing (York)
- b. Resolution amending the **2014 Capital Budget** for the Acquisition of the Hexter-Long Parcels in Tax Increment District #10 (York)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: January 29, 2014  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City of Beloit City Clerk  
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<p>You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG channel 98 or digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and Friday at 1:00 p.m.</p>
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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Beloit City Plan Commission**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2014 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 January 8, 2014 Meeting**
3. **Certified Survey Map – 801 Bushnell Street – First Congregational Church**  
Review and consideration of a two-lot Certified Survey Map for the property located at 801 Bushnell Street in the City of Beloit
4. **Certified Survey Map – 1601 Gateway Boulevard**  
Review and consideration of a two-lot Certified Survey Map for the property located at 1601 Gateway Boulevard in the City of Beloit
5. **Zoning Map Amendment – 2508 Milwaukee Road**  
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district classification from C-1, Office District, to PLI, Public Lands & Institutions District for the property located at 2508 Milwaukee Road
6. **Conditional Use Permit – 1420 Division Street – Vehicle Repair**  
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to allow vehicle repair in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 1420 Division Street
7. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
8. **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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Notice Mailed: January 31, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community  
Development Director

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