



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
Monday, May 4, 2014

Presiding: Mark Spreitzer
Present: Sheila De Forest, Charles M. Haynes, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, Kevin Leavy,
David F. Luebke
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
 - a. Community and Housing Services Director Teri Downing, announced the winners of the **Fair Housing Poster Contest** with the theme of "I have a Dream of Fair Housing". First place award certificate will be sent to Olivia Burakowski and the second place award will be sent to Carya Garrett. File 7148
 - b. Vice President Haynes presented a proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2014 as **National Police Week** to Police Chief Norm Jacobs. File 7148
 - c. Vice President Haynes presented a proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2014 as **Emergency Medical Services Week** to Fire Chief Brad Liggett and Deputy Fire Chief Joe Murray. Chief Liggett stated it was important to recognize forty years of Emergency Medical Services and advanced medical care. Deputy Chief Murray distributed commemorative coins recognizing the 40th anniversary to the City Council. Chief Liggett introduced Jay McNeal, Medical Director from Mercy Hospital, who commended the Beloit Paramedic Program. File 7148
 - d. Vice President Haynes presented a proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2014 as **National Public Works Week** to Public Works Director Gregory Boysen. Mr. Boysen stated his department is sponsoring an informational program on May 17th at the Farmers Market. File 7148
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a proposed Ordinance amending **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification of a portion of the property located at 312 West Grand Avenue from R-1B, Single-family Residential District, to C-1, Office District. It was noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval 4-0. Council President Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor De Forest made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Haynes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. Councilor Luebke made a motion to enact the ordinance based on its merits, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8643 Ordinance 3532
 - b. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution amending the **2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and Budget**. Ms. Christiansen explained that this amendment was necessary because of an increase in the amount of the Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ms. Christensen stated the Community Development Authority recommended increasing the amounts approved for public service activities by approximately 20% and allocating the remaining grant funds to the City's Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Fund. Council President Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing with no participation. Councilor Haynes made a motion to approve the resolution, and Councilor Kelly seconded. Motion carried 7-0. File 8601

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- Dennis Murphy, 1107 Harrison Avenue, expressed his appreciation to the City of Beloit services during the difficult winter, specifically public works for snow plowing, trash & recycling collection, police, fire and emergency medical personnel.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested that item 6.c. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. and 6.b. Councilor Kincaid seconded, and the motion carried that the Consent Agenda, consisting of items 6.a. and 6.b. 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 April 21, 2014 were approved
- b. Applications for **Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses** for License Period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 were referred to Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee. File 8645
- c. Public Works Director, Gregory Boysen, presented a resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Contract C09-16, Krueger-Haskell Storm Water Ponds. Mr. Boysen stated Iverson Construction, LLC has completed construction of the project and filed all the required paperwork, therefore, final payment should be issued. Councilor De Forest commented this project was completed some time ago and the City was not satisfied with the restoration and asked if the City has changed their specifications for future restoration projects. Mr. Boysen stated the contractor met the specifications of the contract; however, they have discussed using a higher grade of organic top soil in the future. Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt this resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The Motion carried 7-0. File 8444

7. ORDINANCES - None

8. APPOINTMENTS - None

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Luebke stated it was wonderful to see downtown Beloit come alive again with the Farmers Market and the dedication of the Wood Family Bridge.
- Councilor De Forest said that she attended the Arbor Day Activities, Earth Day Festival, El Dia Del Nino, and extended congratulations to Beloit College graduates.
- Councilor Kelly attended the spelling bee at Beloit Public Library, the Downtown Bash, and Beloit Memorial Prom.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he attended the Arbor Day activities, Dedication of the Wood Family Bridge, Earth Day Festival, and Garden Kaleidoscope.


10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION – none

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Chief Norm Jacobs presented a resolution approving \$5,000 **Seat Belt Enforcement Grant** and \$10,000 **Speed Enforcement Grant** from the Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety. Councilor De Forest asked where the money would be coming from for the 25% match and Chief Jacobs replied the funds will come from In-kind Service and would not be taken from patrol time funding. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Leavy. The motion carried 7-0. File 7947
- b. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution approving Grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource for **Big Hill Park Trail Improvements**. Mr. Boysen stated two contracts are included for one grant to allow for faster implementation of the Goose Creek Bridge structure. The two projects will be part of the linkage from Beloit to Janesville and completes the City's portion of this trail system. Councilor De Forest voiced her concern of the matching funds coming from the CIP

Budget for the Parks and Recreation portion of the CIP budget. City Manager Arft stated the 2015 CIP is not completed yet and the amount of the matching grant coming from it will be decided by Council at a later time. Council Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Haynes. The motion carried 7-0 File 8587

12. At 7:38 p.m., Councilor De Forest made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 7-0.


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Deputy City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: May 19, 2014