

CITY OF BELOIT



THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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BUDGET PREPARATION

As noted under the agenda section of this week's Report, the proposed 2015 Operating, Library and Capital Budgets will be presented to the City Council and the community next **Monday, October 6, 2014** at the regular City Council meeting. The City Manager and Finance and Administrative Services Director will present a PowerPoint, which will overview the budget document.

For those interested in reviewing the document, it is posted on City's website with a link on the homepage to the document.

A full day workshop is scheduled for **Monday, October 13, 2014** from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for Department and Division Directors to individually present their budget submittals to the City Council. The budget workshop will be held at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. in the Community Room and is open to the public.

The actual public hearing on the budget is scheduled for **Monday, October 20, 2014** as part of the regular City Council meeting in the City Hall Forum, 100 State Street.

27TH ANNUAL BELOIT SENIOR FAIR

The Beloit Senior Center has announced the annual Beloit Senior Fair scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Eclipse Center, corner of Riverside Drive and Henry Ave. The event For more information about the Fair, please see the [attached](#) flyer.

UPDATE ON PLAN TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER

Birdia McAlister, representing the NAACP, Fred Buggs, Chief Professional Officer at the Boys and Girls Club, and I met this week and reviewed the list of attendees at our community meeting, and also considered comments from a number of individuals who volunteered to serve on the Task Force that would put together a plan for opening a Youth Drop-In Center here in the City of Beloit. We have approximately 18 individuals representing a number of groups and organizations throughout the City who will be serving on this group. The group's first meeting will be next Thursday, October 9, 2014 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 1851 Moore Street. This committee will continue the discussion about how to structure and operate a Youth Drop-In Center. Although not open for public comment, the meeting will be open to the public.

FALL TREE PLANTING

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works is accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this fall.

The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the City Forestry Supervisor, while taking into account the size of the terrace, presence of utilities and exotic invasive insects.

Trees will be planted on a first-come, first-served basis. Public Works will accept requests through Friday, October 17, 2014. To be placed on the list, please call the Department of Public Works at (608) 364-2929.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

On Wednesday, October 1, 2014, the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee met. As usual, we had a number of discussions related to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program properties, tax foreclosure properties, as well as Code Enforcement issues in the City Center neighborhoods. Following our meeting, we adjourned to 422 Bluff Street to tour the building that will be saved and relocated. We looked at a number of the plans and began selecting various materials for the redact process, which will be an extensive historic restoration of the property. The process will also include some architectural upgrades, as well as moving the property to the Bluff Street location. City staff will soon finalize the specifications in the near future and will send out bid specs for this project. Work will begin as soon as contracts can be finalized and will be contingent on the weather over the next few months.

CITY CENTER REVIEWS CONFLUENCE PLAN

The City Center Committee also met this Thursday and reviewed various elements of the Confluence Plan, both with consultants, as well as with other stakeholders that may be part of this redevelopment initiative. This project was initially spearheaded by Beloit 2020 and will be located within the City of South Beloit, encompassing a number of properties running south from Shirland Avenue, past the confluence of the Turtle Creek and Rock River, and will include an urban ecology or urban nature center as another City Center attraction. The plan will be presented to the public at a special meeting that is **tentatively** scheduled for **Thursday, October 23, 2014**. More information about the presentation will be forthcoming from the City of South Beloit in the near future.

VACANCIES ON CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City residents are asked to consider serving on a municipal board or commission. Generally, the time commitment is minimal, but the personal satisfaction of being part of a decision making process can be long-lasting. Committee descriptions and applications can be accessed on the City's website by clicking [[here](#)]. The following committees have vacancies:

- Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Review
- Community Development Authority
- Equal Opportunities Commission
- Landmarks Commission
- Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission (Youth)
- Plan Commission
- Police and Fire Commission (requires Supplemental Application)
- Traffic Review Committee

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014

The City Council will hold a **Workshop** in the City Manager's Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

The attached **agenda** is for the **Monday, October 6, 2014** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation declaring October 5-11, 2014 as **National Fire Prevention Week**. Chief Liggett will be in attendance to accept.
- b. Citizen **Heroism and Good Samaritan Awards**. This award is being presented by Chief Liggett and Deputy Chief Murray to citizens who helped rescue people from a burning car.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow for an outdoor seating area and outdoor sales, possession and consumption of alcohol for the Ironworks Hotel property, located at 500 Pleasant Street. The proposed patio area would extend an existing patio behind the Merrill & Houston's Steak Joint, along the length of the hotel property. The entire patio area is on the hotel property and would increase the banquet and special events capacity of the property. The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular meeting of September 15, 2014.
- b. Request to locate a **Wireless Communication Facility** at Telfer Park/Pohlman Field, 2301 Skyline Drive. This particular lease has been under negotiation for several months and would involve the construction of a 105-ft. monopole tower north of the existing parking lot. The land in question is not now currently used, nor anticipated to be used for recreational purposes, and the development would not interfere with any of the existing facilities on the site. Additional revenue would be generated as a result of the lease. The City has negotiated similar leases with a number of wireless communication providers over the last several years, although most are located on existing water towers or light facilities. Because of the location, this facility would require a separate monopole. Negotiations are now complete and the request is being forwarded to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation. It should also be noted that the Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission has already reviewed and approved the final negotiated site for this lease.
- c. Application for **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for a new operator for the Alumni House property, 863 Fifth Street. The application is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.
- d. Resolution approving a **Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" license** for Our Lady of Assumption Church, 2222 Shopiere Road, for an upcoming special event. A recent Conditional Use Permit was approved by Council, allowing OLA to obtain a temporary liquor license for various special events, including fund raising activities, conducted at the church each year. The Municipal Code requires any license in or close to a church to be approved by the Council rather than the City Clerk, as is the case with other temporary special event licenses.

- e. Resolution approving a **Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" license** for Our Lady of Assumption Church. This is a similar request from OLA for a temporary special event license for yet another special event that is scheduled on the church property. Comments above also apply to this particular request.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation of proposed **2015 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets**. The entire budget was posted and is available for review on the City's website at www.beloitwi.gov. The City Manager and Finance and Administrative Services Director will make a joint presentation to Council, which will include a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting key points in the 2015 proposed budget.
- b. Schedule **Council Budget Workshop** for 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 13, 2014. This is the full day workshop what we traditionally schedule each year to review the budget. The workshop will again this year be held at the Beloit Public Library Community Room, 605 Eclipse Blvd.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing the **Transfer of Ownership** of a portion of 232 Shirland Avenue from the City of Beloit, WI to the City of South Beloit, IL. This is the old Granary property located at 232 Shirland Avenue. The City of Beloit purchased the property for demolition of the structure and has also done some site clean-up and restoration. At the time of purchase, an informal agreement existed between the two cities that the portion of the property located within the City of South Beloit, IL would be deeded to that jurisdiction. This is a similar process to the acquisition of the property that became the Stateline Prairie Restoration area, where each city took title to the property within their respective jurisdiction. Staff recommendation is to complete the real estate transaction with closing as soon as possible.
- b. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to acquire the residential property located at **1009 Central Avenue** from Rock County. This is yet another tax foreclosure property that is available for purchase. Councilors will recall that one of the properties included on the City's original list for 2014 acquisition is tied up in a bankruptcy proceeding and will not be available, certainly this year. There is funding available for this purpose and the next priority property for acquisition would be the property at 1009 Central Avenue at a cost of \$8,376.52. The staff recommendation, of course, is to move forward with acquisition of the parcel.
- c. Resolution authorizing the Public Works Department to apply for **Accreditation** through the American Public Works Association. Councilors will recall that the accreditation for Public Works had been discussed during Strategic Planning and is one of the requests that we made of the new Public Works Director. As with the Police Department, the accreditation requires an extensive performance audit, as well as review of all policies and operations within the department to synchronize those with some of the "best practices" that are available for Public Works operations. We believe the internal audit and review that it will take to get the certification will produce substantial value, not to mention the worth of the certification itself, in terms of a barometer of the quality of our Public Works operations. We request Council authorize us to enter into the agreement with the American Public Works Association and to initiate the accreditation process.
- d. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a **Sales Order Agreement and Maintenance Contract** for election equipment. This is the long awaited purchase of the election equipment which has been discussed in the City's Capital Improvements Plan for the last several years, and is actually incorporated into the 2015 Capital Acquisition Budget. There are only two manufacturers that were approved by the Federal government for this type of election equipment, and the local election officials within Rock County, under the leadership of the County Clerk's office have determined that this equipment would be the best for our application. Subsequent negotiations from the company produced what was thought to be a reasonable price for the purchase. The company subsequently contacted the jurisdictions

in Rock County and indicated that an additional discount would accrue to the jurisdictions (which equaled \$4,000 for the City of Beloit) if the order could be placed by September 30, 2014. We have placed an order by letter, which is contingent on Council approval of the purchase authorization resolution, which is placed on Council's agenda for Monday, October 6, 2014. We would like to move forward with the purchase at this time, which will also allow us to take delivery of the equipment late in this calendar year to provide plenty of lead time for training and acclimation before the first 2015 election.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— OCTOBER 6—10, 2014

Monday, October 6	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conference Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, October 6	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Wed., October 8	6:30 p.m.	Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission (S. De Forest)
Wed., October 8	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission (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.

Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market Saturday's at 8:00 a.m. from now through the end of October.

Tuesday, Oct. 7	10:00—2:00 p.m.	"Follow the Trail to Wellness" annual Beloit Senior Fair. The Eclipse Center, corner of Riverside Drive and Henry Avenue. Free Admission, music, exhibitors, free bus rides by Beloit Transit and more.
Thursday, Oct. 9	4:00—8:00 p.m.	Fundraising event to benefit the Stateline Area Survive Alive House , at Pizza Hut, 2787 Prairie Avenue. Fire personnel will be providing help inside the restaurant as wait-staff, and apparatus will be on display in the parking lot.
Friday, Oct. 31	7:00—9:00 p.m.	Halloween Special Skate at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Wear a costume and receive a free skate rental! Music, games, costume contest and candy.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th 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: October 1, 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, October 6, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Proclamation declaring October 5-11, 2014, as **National Fire Prevention Week** (Liggett)
 - b. Citizen **Heroism and Good Samaritan Awards** (Liggett and Murray)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow an outdoor seating area and outdoor sales, possession and consumption of alcohol in the CBD-2, Central Business District-Fringe, for the property located at 500 Pleasant Street (Merrill & Houston's Steak Joint) (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 4-0
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 September 15, 2014 (LeMire)
 - b. Request to locate a **Wireless Communication Facility** at Telfer Park/Pohlman Field, 2301 Skyline Drive (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
 - c. Application for **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for Overby LLC, d/b/a Alumni House, located at 863 Fifth Street, Wayne Overby, Agent (LeMire) Refer to ABLCC
 - d. Resolution approving a **Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" license** for Our Lady of Assumption Church (OLA), located at 2222 Shopiere Road, for the Gracyalny Concert event on October 18, 2014 (LeMire)
 - e. Resolution approving a **Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" license** for Our Lady of Assumption Church (OLA), located at 2222 Shopiere Road, for the Taste of OLA event on November 8, 2014 (LeMire)
7. ORDINANCES – none

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation of proposed **2015 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets** (Arft/Miller) (Budget available for review at www.beloitwi.gov)
- b. Schedule **Council Budget Workshop** for 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 13, 2014, in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library (Arft)

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- b. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to acquire **1009 Central Avenue** from Rock County (Christensen)
- c. Resolution authorizing the Public Works Department to apply for **Accreditation** through the American Public Works Association (Boysen)
- d. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a **Sales Order Agreement and Maintenance Contract** for election equipment (LeMire)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and the following Monday at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014

6:30PM

DPW OPERATIONS CENTER

2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: September 10, 2014
- 3.) Citizens Participation

- 4.) Old Business – None

- 5.) New Business
 - a.) Review and consideration of a Remembrance Garden in Horace White Park.
 - b.) Consideration and appointment of a new Chairperson for the Commission.

- 6.) Director's Report
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- * *Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Brian Ramsey @ 608/364-2919 or the Parks Administrative Secretary @ 608/364- 2929 prior to the meeting.*
- ** *Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services.*
- *** *For additional information or to request this service, please contact the Parks & Leisure Services Division located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by calling 608/364-2929.*

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, October 8, 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 September 17, 2014 Meeting**
3. **Location of a Wireless Communications Tower in Telfer Park**
Review and consideration of a Request to locate a 105-foot monopole wireless communications tower in Telfer Community Park located at 2301 Skyline Drive
4. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
5. **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.**

Notice Mailed: October 3, 2014

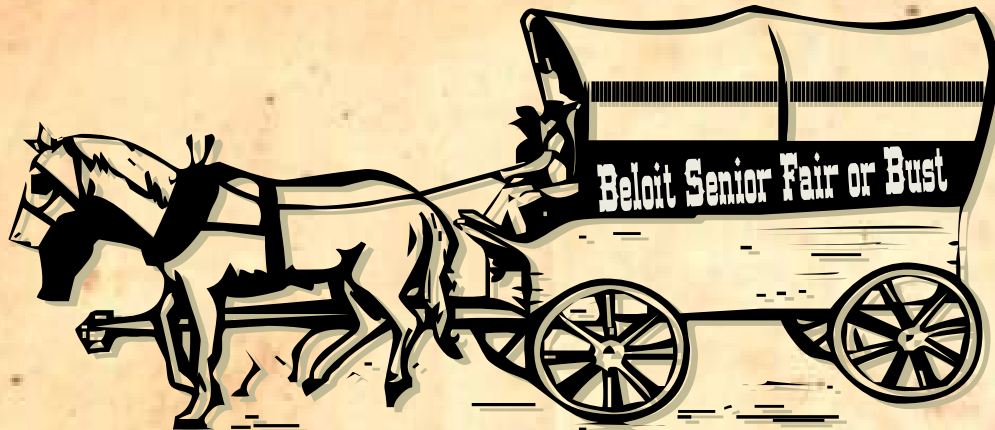
Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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27th Annual Beloit Senior Fair

Follow the Trail to Wellness



HEALTH + WELLNESS ROUND UP

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

10:00 - 2:00

The Eclipse Center

(corner of Riverside Drive & Henry Avenue)

Enter at WIC/Cardinal Stritch Doors



FREE ADMISSION!

- ✓ Over 60 Exhibitors
- ✓ Health Screenings
- ✓ Rx Round-up
- ✓ Wheel Chairs Available
- ✓ Flu & Pneumonia Shots
- ✓ Free Bus Rides by Beloit Transit
- ✓ Food Available for Purchase
- ✓ Prize Giveaways!

Live Music by Bill Stevens 10:00-Noon & John Solis Noon-2:00

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