



THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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BUDGET PREPARATION

Work on the 2015 proposed Operating, Library and Capital Improvements Budgets will continue this coming Monday, **October 13, 2014 with a full day workshop** 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. Please see [attached](#) workshop agenda.

Just a reminder that 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.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO FOLLOW WORKSHOP

We have scheduled a **Special City Council Meeting** following the conclusion of the Budget Workshop **on Monday, October 13, 2014** (meeting notice [attached](#)) for Council's consideration of two items. The first, a resolution on the agenda authorizes City staff, through special Counsel, to file an appeal of the City's 2014 equalized assessed valuation to the State Tax Appeals Commission. The City filed an appeal on our 2013 commercial assessments, which is still pending. Although the State Department of Revenue suggested that this matter could be settled, (it should have been settled initially) we have not received a good faith response from the Department regarding additional submittals made to document property values for that year. Consequently, our consultant and special counsel have recommended that the City also appeal its 2014 commercial equalized assessed valuations, since it was impacted adversely by the earlier 2013 commercial assessment reduction. Special counsel would aggregate both cases and request a single hearing before the Tax Appeals Commission. In order to move forward with the second appeal, the Council resolution is required.

The second item would be to recess into **Closed Session** to hear a briefing from the City's Economic Development Director regarding the status of negotiations with a potential land purchaser and economic development prospect for the City. This session will be for briefing purposes only, and no formal action of Council is requested at this time.

UPDATE ON PLAN TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER

Thursday, October 9, 2014, the Task Force that has been formed to explore and hopefully establish a Youth Drop-In Center in Beloit met for its first formal working session. The meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club, and the Task Force heard a presentation from Fred Buggs, Chief Professional Officer, regarding what is needed for a successful Teen Center operation. The Task Force had a good, open discussion and a number of ideas and suggestions came forth for follow up evaluation. The Task Force formed several sub-committees to do further research on elements of the plan and set the next meeting for Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Boys and Girls Club.

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.

CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Next week I will travel to Middleton to participate in and attend both the Board of Directors meeting and the Annual Conference of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. This will be my concluding event during my year of service as President of the organization, and we will have a full agenda of programs and educational sessions for a fairly large turnout of local officials. Wednesday morning always begins with the Board of Director's Business Meeting, followed by the opening session of the conference. Thursday we have sessions all day and a business meeting; on Friday there are sessions until noon. I will return to the office on Friday afternoon, but it may be later in the day and the Beloit Report for next week will likely be very brief as a result.

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 MEETING CALENDAR— OCTOBER 13—17, 2014

Monday, October 13	8:00 a.m.	City Council Budget Workshop , Beloit Public Library Community Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, October 13	4:00 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting , Beloit Public Library Community Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, October 13	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Tuesday, October 14	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (A. Kelly)
Tuesday, October 14	7:00 p.m.	Board of Appeals , Forum
Wed., October 15	7:00 a.m.	Municipal Golf Committee , Krueger-Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse
Wed., October 15	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Committee , Beloit Public Library
Wed., October 15	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , City Hall Third Floor Conference Room (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly)
Wed., October 15	5:30 p.m.	Equal Opportunities Commission , Forum (S. De Forest)

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.

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 Beloit City Council will hold a workshop on Monday, October 13, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library, located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the proposed **2015 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets**. A quorum of City Councilors will be present.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

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Dated: October 7, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City Clerk
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City of Beloit
Budget Workshop Agenda
October 13, 2014

Beloit Public Library - Community Room
605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI 53511
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- 8:15 a.m. Welcome by City Manager
- 8:30 a.m. Public Works
- Engineering
 - DPW Operations/ O & M/ Solid Waste
 - Parks & Leisure Services/ Golf Course/ Cemeteries
 - Water Utility/ Wastewater/ Storm Water
 - Transit
- 10:45 a.m. 2015 Capital Improvements Program Budget
- 11:30 a.m. Community Development
- Planning & Building Services
 - Community & Housing Services
 - CDBG
 - HOME
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. Economic Development
- 1:15 p.m. Library
- 1:45 p.m. Police
- 2:30 p.m. Fire
- General Fund Operations
 - Ambulance
- 3:15 p.m. Finance & Administration
- TIDs
 - Health & Dental
 - Municipal Insurance
 - Debt Service
 - General Fund Operations
- 4:30 p.m. City Council, City Manager, & City Attorney
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn



NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Monday, October 13, 2014

4:00 p.m. or upon completion of Budget Workshop

Community Room – Beloit Public Library

605 Eclipse Boulevard

Beloit, WI 53511

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF BELOIT COUNCIL CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

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At 4:00 p.m., or immediately following the Budget Workshop, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of City Code, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll call
2. Proposed Resolution authorizing an **Appeal to Wisconsin Tax Appeals Commission** (Arft)
3. The Council will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to **discuss a pending real estate transaction**, the discussion of which would harm the City's competitive or bargaining interests if held in open session (Arft)
4. The Council will not reconvene

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: October 9, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 13, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting September 8, 2014
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (October and November, 2014)
4. Review of City Council appointments September 15, 2014
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

1 resident (Metter) – term to expire June 30, 2017

Board of Appeals

1 resident, 2nd Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

1 resident (Brown) – term to expire December 31, 2016

1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014

1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Review

1 resident, Alternate (Daskam) – term to expire December 31, 2014

1 resident, Alternate (Borgogni) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Community Development Authority

1 resident (Adama) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Equal Opportunities Commission

1 resident (Finnegan) – term to expire June 30, 2016

1 resident (Valdez) – term to expire June 30, 2016

Landmarks Commission

1 resident (Joyce) – term to expire October 31, 2017

1 resident (McGrath) – term to expire October 31, 2017

Municipal Golf Committee

1 Men's Golf Club Representative (Madison) – ex-officio

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

1 Youth (Charles) – term to expire September 30, 2015

Police and Fire Commission

1 resident (Gard) – term to expire April 30, 2015

Traffic Review Committee

1 resident (Cole) – term to expire September 30, 2015

1 resident (Walsh) – term to expire September 30, 2014

1 resident (Dowd) – term to expire September 30, 2014

6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation
8. Adjournment

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Beloit City Hall – The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2014.
3. Application for a Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for Overby, LLC, d/b/a Alumni House, 863 Fifth Street, Wayne Overby, Agent.
4. Application for Amendment of “Class B” Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License Outside Premises Extension, for Merrill & Houston’s Steak Joint LLC Owned by Geronimo Hospitality Group, LLC, 500 Pleasant Street, Jayme Braatz, Agent.
5. Citizen Comments
6. Committee Comments
7. Police Department Comments
8. Attorney Comments
9. Adjournment

October 8, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk
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BELOIT BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

7:00 PM

The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the September 22, 2014 Meeting
3. Rachel Cates
BOA-2014-03 Area Variance to Section 6.3.3(b)(1) of the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance to allow an attached garage to encroach into an interior side setback area, for the property located at 2244 Knoll View Drive.
4. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at (608) 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: September 29, 2014

Approved: Drew Pennington, AICP, Director of Planning & Building Services

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MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 7:00a.m.
1611 Hackett St. Beloit, WI 53511
608-362-6503
Clubhouse

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the previous Meeting.
 2. Citizen participation
 3. Club Reports
 - Men's League
 - Women's League
 - Senior League
 4. Manager of Golf Operations Report
 - Financial Report
 - Marketing
 - Special Projects
 5. Director's Report
 6. Concessionaire Report
 7. Comments by Committee Members
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For additional information to request this service, please contact the Parks Division at 364-2929, 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI, 53511

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beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, October 15, 2014 @ 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of the September 17, 2014 Library Board meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the September 18, 2014 Personnel Committee meeting minutes.
4. Public comment
5. Library Director Report
6. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
7. Discussion regarding interview process October 17-18, 2014
8. **Closed Session:** Motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for purposes of reviewing applicants for the open position of Library Director.
9. Action Items
 - a. 2015 Pay Plan
 - b. 2015 Holiday Schedule
 - c. Job Descriptions
 - d. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
10. Trustee Comments
11. Motion to adjourn

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Next meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2014

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
October 15, 2014 at 4:30 pm
Third Floor Conference Room
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2014
4. Housing Authority
 - a. Presentation of August Activity Report (Pollard)
 - b. Presentation of August Financial Report (Pollard)
 - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-24, Approval of the 2015 Beloit Housing Authority Public Housing, Section 8, and Administrative Budgets (Pollard)
 - d. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-26, Awarding the Contract for Tree Trimming Services at the Beloit Housing Authority's Public Housing Sites (Pollard)
 - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-27, Authorizing the Write-off of Public Housing Tenants Accounts Receivable for Vacated Residents (Pollard)
 - f. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-25, Approval of the Beloit Housing Authority 2015 Annual Public Housing Authority Plan and the Five Year Plan (Pollard)
5. Housing and Economic Development
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-28, Approving a Lease Agreement Between the Community Development Authority and the William T. Mansfield, Jr. Revocable Trust (Christensen)
 - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-29, Recommending an Amendment to the HOME Proposed Activities for Prior Year Funds and Program Income (Christensen)
6. Adjournment

If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify Ann Purifoy in the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.

Notice Mailed: October 10, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Ex. Director

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 5:30 PM
The Forum, First Floor
Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2014 Meeting
3. Public Participation
4. Update Annual Strategy to Address Impediments to Fair Housing
5. Update on EOC Time Change and Commissioner Request to Eliminate Meeting Times in Ordinances
6. Update on Fair Housing Activities
7. Commissioner Comments and Upcoming Events
8. Next Meeting Date: December 17, 2014
9. Adjournment

Notice Mailed: October 9, 2014

Approved: Teri Downing
EOC Staff Liaison

Please Call 364-6650 before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2014
if you are unable to attend.

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