



THE BELOIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY WELCOMES NICK DIMASSIS AS NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The Municipal Library Board announced the appointment this week of Nick Dimassis as the new Beloit Public Library Director. Nick will be relocating to the City and starting his service on Monday, November 17, 2014. We want to urge the community to join us in extending a warm welcome and our very best wishes to Nick Dimassis as he begins his new career in service to our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Congratulations to all of the Beloit Memorial High School students who are representing the High School and the City of Beloit this fall in extracurricular activities.

This weekend, the Beloit Memorial Boys Soccer Team will participate in the WIAA State Boys Soccer Tournament at Time Warner Cable Stadium at Uihlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee. We wish them the best of luck! For more information on the tournament, please check the [WIAA website](#).

This weekend, Brenda Hernandez and Bailey Cronin will participate in the Girls 2014 State Cross Country Championships at the Ridges Golf Course, Wisconsin Rapids.

The Beloit Memorial High School's Concert Choir traveled to Madison on October 30th, where they performed at the Wisconsin State Music Conference. Only one high school choir each year is selected from the entire State to perform. What a great opportunity for music educators from across the State to become reacquainted with Beloit and the talented students from Beloit Memorial High School.

TONIGHT'S HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS ESTABLISHED

The City Manager and Police Chief have announced that tonight (Friday, October 31, 2014) Halloween trick-or-treating in the City of Beloit will be from 5:00—7:00 p.m. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Halloween this year. The Police Department makes the following recommendations:

- Wear light colored clothing, short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflectors
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant
- Make sure children can see well through face masks or head coverings
- Accompany your children and go only to homes with outside lights on
- Carry a flashlight
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes where you know the residents
- Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy and treats
- Watch for traffic
- Examine candy before allowing children to eat it

FALL YARD WASTE PROGRAM TO BEGIN (NEXT MONDAY) - NOVEMBER 3, 2014

The City's free collection of yard waste containers for yard, garden and leaf waste will begin on Monday, November 3 and run through Friday, November 21, 2014. This is the

same program the City runs each year to allow residents to clean out their gardens and/or rake their leaves and containerize them in the appropriate paper, biodegradable, or clean trash container for free collection by the City. As always, containerize your leaves and garden waste and set them at the curb on your regular collection date during any one of the three weeks noted above. Once again, there is no charge for this service; however, if residents do tree or brush trimming and create brush or limb bundles to set at the curb for City collection, those must have the regular yard waste sticker attached. For more information, please click [\[here\]](#).

COUNCIL NOMINATION PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

The City Clerk's office has notified the community that nomination papers for the office of Beloit City Councilor were available beginning this past Monday, October 27, 2014. The [attached](#) press release contains more information for anyone interested in picking up nomination papers to serve on the Beloit City Council. All nomination papers and petitions must be complete and returned to the Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

TEEN DROP-IN CENTER TASK FORCE—UPDATE

The Teen Center Task Force was able to schedule a field trip to Milwaukee for Monday, November 10, 2014. We will visit a successful Teen Drop-In Center operated by the Boys and Girls Club and meeting with their staff to discuss the type of programs and activities they use to keep young people interested in using the center. We will also observe the program in operation.

The next meeting for the full Task Force has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Boys and Girls Club, 1851 Moore Street.

2015 BUDGET PREPARATION

The 2015 budget preparation process is hopefully drawing to a conclusion. As noted under the Council Agenda portion of this "Beloit Report," the budget has been under preparation since June and the Council has spent numerous hours during the month of October reviewing all department and division budgets. Additional information is included regarding each of the resolutions needed to adopt the 2015 Operating and Capital Budget under the agenda section of this Report.

JUST A REMINDER—PHOTO ID **NOT REQUIRED TO CAST A BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION**

Just a reminder, on October 9, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered that the photo ID requirement will *not* be in effect for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Consequently, no photo identification will be required to obtain an absentee ballot or to vote through a regular ballot on Election Day at the polling places.

Sample ballots are available in the Document Center on the City's website www.beloitwi.gov in the Voting and Election Documents folder.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Beloit City Clerk's office by phone at (608) 364-6680 or email at lemirer@beloitwi.gov

SPRING AHEAD, FALL BACK

The City of Beloit Fire Department reminds citizens and businesses that Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 a.m. is once again the time to "Fall Back" and set your clocks back one hour to return to Central Standard Time. This is also a good time to replace batteries in your smoke alarms to ensure you have fully functioning smoke alarms. Please see [attached](#) press release for more information.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014

The City Council will hold a **Technology Workshop** on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Forum Conference Room.

The City Council will hold a **Workshop** in the Forum 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, November 3, 2014** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Resolution **Designating a Portion of Public Avenue** from Pleasant Street to College Street with the honorary name of Marcy Berner-Reedy Avenue. Marcy Berner-Reedy, the long-time Executive Director of Beloit's Meals on Wheels Program, will be retiring. She has completed 25 years of dedicated service and has built the program into a National, award-winning model of excellence in service delivery to homebound seniors and disabled residents. The City was recently approached and asked if that portion of Public Avenue running from Pleasant to College could receive an honorary new name as "Marcy Berner-Reedy Avenue." As noted, the street name is honorary and will receive the brown honorary sign, similar as to what was done for Reverend Prude along a portion of East Grand Avenue. The original street name signs will remain and no property addresses will be affected by this honorarium. Mrs. Reedy and Jeff Johnson, the Meals on Wheels Board Chair, will both be in attendance for the designation.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Zoning District Map** regarding a property located at 3311 Prairie Avenue. The property is currently zoned C-1, which is restricted to Office use, and the owner has requested that the property be rezoned to C-3, which is the community's general commercial district. The location and property type are conducive to a C-3 zoning, and the Plan Commission has recommended for approval.
- b. This is a public hearing on a Proposed Ordinance amending the **Zoning District Map** for a property located at 1901 Gateway Blvd. This property was recently acquired by the City and remains in agrarian use and has a Development Holding District (DH) designation. The City has requested to rezone the property M-2, General Manufacturing District, which is conducive with other development that has occurred along the Gateway Boulevard Corridor. Once again, the Plan Commission has recommended for approval.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of October 20, 2014.
- b. Application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a drive-up window in the Central Business District—Core, zoning district for the property located at 658 Fourth Street. This property has been under renovation for the last several years, and the owner has plans to open a restaurant that will operate as Palermo's Pizza on the site. The drive-through pick-up window is required to support that operation. This case is being referred to the Plan Commission for their review and approval.
- c. Application for a **Certified Survey Map** for property located at 2600 Coyote Run. This parcel is in the north end of the Deerfield Estates First Addition subdivision. The property was not previously platted and the owners have indicated a desire to sell off this portion to adjacent property owners, rather than holding the property for possible future residential development. The City and the developer currently are in discussion regarding an extension of Deerfield Way to create additional lots for continued new home construction. Those additional lots should be sufficient for several years into the future. As noted, the location of the property along Coyote Run makes additional home construction in that area unlikely in the foreseeable future. Councilors will note that the subdivision will have platted streets and should the market change substantially, the area could still be developed. This matter is being referred to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation.
- d. Resolution approving **Final Payment** for the Broad Street Parking Lot. Councilors will recall that this contract was originally awarded a few years ago, but deferred, awaiting completion of construction on the Phoenix project along East Grand Avenue. The City completed the parking lot reconstruction following construction of the building. This project is now done and ready for final payment.

- e. Resolution approving **Final Payment** for the crack sealing and sealcoating project for 2014. As part of the City's regular annual maintenance program, crack sealing is done on various street locations around the City. Sealcoating has been added more recently, based on substantial research into a project that works in this climatic zone. The sealcoating resurfaces the street with an asphalt emulsion, which provides a new driving surface and reseals the street to prevent water infiltration, which is the primary cause of driving surface deterioration and pothole creation. This work has been completed and the contractor is ready for final payment.

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed ordinance to amend the meeting time for the **Equal Opportunities Commission** from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. Obviously, this is a minor housekeeping item; however, the meeting times are specified in the Municipal Code and need to be changed officially by Council. This item is on the agenda for a second reading and adoption at this meeting.

8. APPOINTMENTS

There will be no appointments at this meeting

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

There will be no presentations at this meeting

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving the **2015 Annual Action Plan and Community Development Block Grant Budget** for this coming year. Councilors reviewed the proposed Block Grant Budget, which has been recommended by the Community Development Authority, at the Council workshop on Monday, October 13, 2014. The budget was also reviewed on October 20, 2014. As noted, the Community Development Authority has recommended approval and the item is on the agenda for Council action.
- b. Resolution approving the **2015 HOME Investment Partnership Budget**. Once again, Council has reviewed the budget for the proposed use of HOME grant dollars for 2015 at both the workshop and it has been presented at a public hearing. The Community Development Authority recommends approval and the item is on the agenda for Council action.
- c. Resolution approving the **2015 Business Improvement District Operating Plan and Budget**. As is done each year, this budget is prepared by the governing board for the Business Improvement District, and is being submitted to the City Council for their review and consideration at this meeting. This item is on the agenda for Council action.
- d. Resolution authorizing changes to the **2015 Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates** for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin. Councilors will recognize most of the items incorporated in this resolution as representing various fee increases suggested during the recent budget review process. Most are related to various recreation programs and facilities. We are making adjustments to the special solid waste collection fees as noted during the budget preparation process; however, the sticker program is NOT being implemented this year. Councilors will note that there are no increases in any of our utility charges, including the basic monthly solid waste collection fee, as well as no proposed increase in bus fares included in the resolution for this year. Once again, this item is on the agenda for Council action.
- e. 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 2015**. This resolution adopts the Operating and Capital Budgets and the property tax levy for the City for fiscal year 2015. Once again, the budget has been under preparation since June and Council has spent many hours reviewing each individual fund and department within the proposed budget. The budget was also the subject of a public hearing held at the October 20, 2014 regular City Council meeting. This item is on the agenda for Council action.
- f. Resolution adopting a **Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the City of Beloit and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division. This item originally appeared on the agenda but was pulled off after we discovered that there may be a problem with some of the language in one of the provisions. Apparently the language was inconsistent with existing IRS rules as we understand them, and additional research is being undertaken to verify the correct language. Once completed, the Union will discuss the change with their membership and we anticipate this item reappearing on the agenda for the November 17, 2014 meeting.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— NOVEMBER 3—7, 2014

Monday, November 3	6:00 p.m.	City Council Workshop , Forum Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, November 3	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , Forum Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, November 3	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Wed., November 5	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Wed., November 5	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission , Forum (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.

October 18—December 1		Warming Tree at Beloit Public Library. The Library is collecting new home-made or purchased mittens, scarves, hats or socks for children ages birth to 18 years to be distributed to local families in need. Please drop off your donations during library hours.
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.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk
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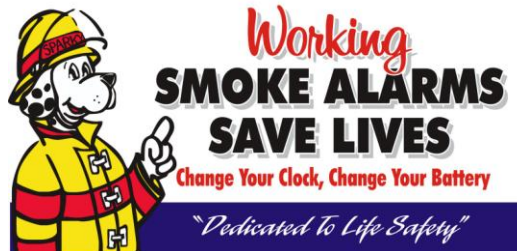
2015 City Council Nomination Information

October 21, 2014 – Beloit, WI: Any City of Beloit resident interested in running for a two-year term on the Beloit City Council may pick up a packet of information including nomination papers beginning **Monday, October 27, 2014**. The packets are available in the office of the City Clerk on the second floor of City Hall during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- The Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015**.
- There are seven members on the Council and three seats will be on the ballot.
- Candidates must file required forms with the City Clerk before forming a committee and/or raising funds.
- The first day to circulate nomination papers is **Monday, December 1, 2014**.
- A minimum of 200 valid signatures of City of Beloit residents must be submitted. Staff recommends that between 200 and 400 signatures be submitted to ensure ballot access.
- Nomination papers and all forms must be completed and filed with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 6, 2015**.
- An informational session may be held in January for candidates who have gained ballot access.
- Newly-elected Councilors will take office on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Nomination papers and forms will also be available on the City's website: www.beloitwi.gov in the Document Center starting on October 27th. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at lemirer@beloitwi.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 28, 2014

Contact: Fire Chief Bradley Liggett
Phone: (608) 364-2900
E-Mail: liggett@beloitwi.gov

BELOIT, WI – The City of Beloit Fire Department would like to remind our citizens and businesses that Sunday, November 2 at 2 a.m. is once again the time to “Fall Back” and set your clocks back 1 hour for Daylight Savings Time.

As a good family fire safety practice it is also a good time to replace batteries in your smoke alarms to ensure you have fully functioning smoke alarms. Smoke detectors are an integral part of every family fire safety plan and it is ultimately important to have those detectors tested on a monthly basis. Outdated or non-functioning detectors should be replaced immediately for your safety.

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including your basement. Smoke alarms should also be installed at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance to prevent false alarms. There are also special alarms designed for those family members who may be deaf or hard of hearing that can enhance their ability to recognize the need to leave the home.

Your smoke alarms should be replaced when they are 10 years old or per manufacturers requirements. The batteries should be replaced at a minimum of once a year and the smoke detector should be dusted or vacuumed as you clean your home – never place anything over your smoke detector – it may make a difference in you and your family being able to survive a fire in your home.

Smoke alarms are an important part of every home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and can be deadly. Dangerous toxins are contained in fabrics and fibers in our furniture, carpets, appliances, electronics and clothing. Working smoke alarms give you an early warning so you can get outside quickly and stay out. This is also a perfect time to practice your home fire escape plan on a beautiful Fall day to make sure your home has clear and functioning escape routes for every member of your family before winter sets in.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beloit City Council will hold a **Technology Workshop** on Monday, November 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Forum Conference Room on the 1st floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review agenda packet access and set up Councilor laptops.

Following the Technology Workshop, or at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Beloit City Council will hold another **Workshop** in the Forum Conference Room on the 1st floor of 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.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: October 29, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
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**AMENDED
AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 3, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Resolution **Designating a Portion of Public Avenue** from Pleasant Street to College Street with the honorary name of Marcy Berner-Reedy Avenue (Arft)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 3311 Prairie Avenue from C-1, Office District, to C-3, Community Commercial District (Christensen)
First reading, suspend the rules for a second reading
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 7-0
 - b. Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1901 Gateway Boulevard from DH, Development Holding District, to M-2, General Manufacturing District (Christensen)
First reading, suspend the rules for a second reading
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 7-0
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 October 20, 2014 (LeMire)
- b. Application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a drive-up window in a CBD-2, Central Business District – Core, zoning district for the property located at 658 Fourth Street (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- c. Application for a **Certified Survey Map** for property located at 2600 Coyote Run (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- d. Resolution approving **Final Payment** for Public Works Contract C12-15, Broad Street Parking Lot (Boysen)

- e. Resolution approving **Final Payment** for Public Works Contract C14-05, Crack Sealing and Sealcoating (Boysen)

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed ordinance to amend Section 1.82(7)(a) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to meetings of the **Equal Opportunities Commission** (Christensen) 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 approving the **2015 Annual Action Plan and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget** (Christensen)
Community Development Authority recommendation for approval 4-0
- b. Resolution approving the **2015 HOME Investment Partnership Budget** (Christensen)
Community Development Authority recommendation for approval 4-0
- c. Resolution approving the **2015 Business Improvement District** Operating Plan and Budget (El-Amin)
- d. Resolution authorizing changes to the **2015 Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates** for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin (Miller/Arft)
- e. 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 2015** including the 2015 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 (Miller/Arft) (Budget available for review at www.beloitwi.gov)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: October 30, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk
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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 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; and Friday at 1:00 p.m.



CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, November 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 October 22, 2014 Meeting**
- 3. Certified Survey Map – 2600 Coyote Run – Acorn Development LLC**
Review and consideration of a four-lot Certified Survey Map for the property located at 2600 Coyote Run in the City of Beloit
- 4. Conditional Use Permit – 658 Fourth Street – Peter Gabriele**
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a pick-up window and drive-through lane in a CBD-2, Central Business District-Fringe on the property located at 658 Fourth Street
- 5. Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
- 6. 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 31, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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