



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
Monday, October 6, 2014

Presiding: Mark Spreitzer
Present: Sheila De Forest, Regina Hendrix, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, and David F. Luebke
Absent: Charles M. Haynes

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. Councilor De Forest presented a proclamation declaring October 5-11, 2014, as **National Fire Prevention Week** to Beloit Fire Chief Brad Liggett. Chief Liggett thanked the Council for the proclamation and said that fire department personnel will be presenting information regarding fire safety to children in schools over the next few weeks. He reminded the public to practice exit drills at home and encouraged everyone to attend the Survive Alive Fundraiser on October 9th. File 7148
 - b. Chief Liggett presented **Citizen Citations for Bravery** to Brendon Golden, Kerry Mann, and Shamia Valadez and **Good Samaritan Awards** to Jenell Mann, Stephanie Stolz-Nevel, and Renee Wood for their assistance in saving trapped motorists Jim and Shirley Fregeau from an automobile fire. Kelly Fallen, daughter of Fregeaus, thanked these six individuals for their efforts in saving her parents' lives.
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented 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. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 4-0. President Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor De Forest asked how close the patio is to the bike trail, and City Manager Larry Arft indicated that it is 12 feet away. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 7799/8645
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
 - Beloit College Upward Bound member Tamera Gordon encouraged the Council and the public to donate to or participate in upcoming efforts to package 350,000 meals for children in the Philippines and locally with Kids Against Hunger.
 - Pastor Kevin Pullam, 1151 E Grand Avenue, introduced himself to the Council and the public as the Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He thanked the Council for their work and said he hopes to collaborate with the Council to continue to make Beloit a better place.
6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried that the Consent Agenda be accepted, approved, adopted, or referred and acted upon as required by state and local codes by a vote of 6-0.

 - a. The **Minutes** of the Regular meeting of September 15, 2014, were approved.
 - b. The request to locate a **Wireless Communication Facility** at Telfer Park/Pohlman Field, 2301 Skyline Drive, was referred to the Plan Commission. File 7595

- c. The 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, was referred to the ABLCC. File 8645
- d. The 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, was approved. File 8645
- e. The 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, was approved. File 8645

7. ORDINANCES – none

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Luebke said that he was proud to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremonies at Cunningham and Gaston Schools and welcomed Pastor Pullam to Beloit.
- Councilor De Forest said it was a pleasure to attend the Gaston and Cunningham open houses. She said that she wanted to express gratitude to Nicki Meyer for her work with the Friends of the Riverfront and to Larry Arft for taking the lead to organize youth programming efforts.
- Councilor Kincaid said that he went to the farmers market on Saturday and urged Pastor Pullam to attend the market as well.
- Councilor Hendrix said that Pastor Pullam is her Pastor and noted that the BRAVE (Beloit Residents Against Violence Everywhere) initiative is launching on October 8th. She said that it was nice to see the young people in the audience and is happy to see Upward Bound support Kids Against Hunger.
- Councilor Kelly said that she participated in Homecoming week events, a BRAVE meeting, school ribbon-cuttings, parent-teacher conferences, and the career and technology fair.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he spoke at the Cunningham ribbon-cutting and reminded the public that there are only a couple weeks left of the farmers market. He said that there is a new bridge in Big Hill Park that will allow the trail to extend north to Janesville.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION


- a. City Manager Larry Arft and Finance and Administrative Services Director Eric Miller presented an overview of the proposed **2015 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets**. It was noted that the budget document is available for review at www.beloitwi.gov. Mr. Arft's budget highlights included a proposed increase in the local vehicle registration fee from \$10 to \$20; a Public Works Department "Tag-it" program that would eliminate billing for extra garbage bags and bulky item pick-up and instead allow residents to purchase prepaid tags; and the proposed purchase of the Girl Scout facility at Big Hill Park. Mr. Arft and Mr. Miller indicated that the budget would be reviewed in detail with the City Council at the upcoming workshop.
- b. Councilor Luebke made a motion to schedule the **Council Budget Workshop** for 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 13, 2014, in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library. Councilor Kelly seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Mr. Arft presented a resolution authorizing the **Transfer of Ownership** of a Portion of 232 Shirland Avenue from the City of Beloit, Wisconsin, to the City of South Beloit, Illinois. He said that the City purchased this property a year ago with the intent to transfer ownership of the portion in Illinois to the City of South Beloit. Councilor Luebke pointed out that this is a prime example of cooperation between governments for the common good of the taxpayers. Councilor De Forest said that she is thankful for Mayor Schoonover's leadership. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 8345
- b. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution authorizing the City Manager to acquire **1009 Central Avenue** from Rock County. She indicated that, if the house is habitable, the City would make

efforts to rehabilitate and sell the property. However, she said that if the inside of the house is in terrible shape, it will be demolished. Councilor De Forest said that any rehab may be expensive because the duplex would need to be converted to a single-family dwelling. Councilor Kincaid asked what would happen if the City did not purchase this property, and Ms. Christensen said that Rock County would make efforts to sell it at auction. Councilor Kelly made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 8102

- c. Public Works Director Greg Boysen presented a resolution authorizing the Public Works Department to apply for **Accreditation** through the American Public Works Association. He indicated that part of accreditation includes a performance and policy audit to ensure that best practices are being used. City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented an amended resolution to the Council. Councilor De Forest asked about the cost and staff time involved in accreditation, and Mr. Boysen indicated that the cost is \$12,000 for the initial process and that he does not anticipate accreditation taking additional staff time. Councilor De Forest said that she does not need national recognition to know that the Public Works Department is great. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. Councilor De Forest made a motion to amend the resolution to remove the statement "or an agreement in substantial conformity with the attached agreement provided the agreement meets with the approval of the City Attorney" from the resolution. Councilor Luebke seconded, and the motion to amend the resolution carried 6-0. The motion to adopt the amended resolution carried 5-1, with Councilor De Forest voting in opposition. File 8660
 - d. City Clerk Rebecca Houseman LeMire presented a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a **Sales Order Agreement and Maintenance Contract** for election equipment. Ms. LeMire indicated that she has been working with the other clerks in Rock County to review eligible equipment since 2012 and the group decided to purchase the DS200 Digital Image Scanner from Elections Systems and Software, LLC. Ms. LeMire said that this is a county-wide purchase project but that each municipality must execute their agreements individually. She said that the City will take possession of the machines in 2014 with payment and first usage in 2015 and that there are funds proposed in the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget for this purchase. Councilor De Forest said that she was pleased to see that the machine will take a digital image of each ballot. Councilor Kelly inquired about the internal modem, and Ms. LeMire said that it would allow results to be transmitted directly from the polling place to Rock County so that results could be announced quickly after the polls close. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 7022
12. At 8:42 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 6-0.



Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: October 20, 2014