



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**  
**Monday, October 20, 2014**

Presiding: Mark Spreitzer  
Present: Sheila De Forest, Charles M. Haynes, Regina Hendrix, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, and 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. President Mark Spreitzer announced the City of Beloit **Trick-or-Treating Hours**: Friday, October 31, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone meet their neighbors and have a safe and happy Halloween.
  - b. Water Resources Director Harry Mathos presented a Water Resources Division Winter Weather Operation announcement, **Wisconsin Rural Water Association Award**, and staff recognition related to past winter activities. Mr. Mathos recognized staff who worked very hard to thaw frozen water laterals during the previous winter, and he said that there will be a winter weather reminder in the December City utility bills.
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented the **2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Budget**, the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, and the 2015 Annual Action Plan. She said that the Community Development Authority interviewed the applicants and recommended approval of this budget. Councilor Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. It was noted that this budget will be on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council agenda for action. File 8652
  - b. Ms. Christensen presented the **2015 HOME Investment Partnerships Proposed Budget**. Councilor Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor De Forest said that she did not see how downtown storefront improvements and upper story development would meet the program objectives. Ms. Christensen stated that economic development activities are eligible and that the business would have to create one job for every \$35,000 in funding received. It was noted that this budget will be on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council agenda for action. File 8663
  - c. Finance and Administrative Services Director Eric Miller presented the **2015 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvements Proposed Budgets**. It was noted that the proposed budget is available for review at [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov). He said the \$91.3 million budget represents a \$200,000 decrease from the 2014 budget. Mr. Miller also said that there is a \$460,000 decrease from the proposed Capital Improvements Program budget because the City did not receive a grant. He summarized significant changes including a proposed \$10 increase in the Municipal Vehicle Registration Fee. He said that the assessed values in the City have decreased, which accounts for the increase in tax rate. Councilor Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. It was noted that this budget will be on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council agenda for action. File 8649
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – none

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested that item 6.g. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.f. Councilor Hendrix seconded, and 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 7-0.

- a. The **Minutes** of the regular meeting of October 6, 2014, and the special meeting of October 13, 2014, were approved.
- b. The resolution approving an amendment to the Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License for Merrill and Houston's Steak Joint, LLC, d/b/a Merrill and Houston's Steak Joint, located at 500 Pleasant Street for an **Outdoor Premises Extension** was adopted. File 8645
- c. The resolution approving a **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 adopted. File 8645
- d. The application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** 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, was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8661
- e. The application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** 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, was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8662
- f. The resolution approving **Conveyance of Rights in Land** to Rock County, Wisconsin, was adopted. File 8558
- g. Public Works Director Greg Boysen presented a resolution approving the final payment for **Public Works Contract C14-02**, Bayliss Avenue Rehabilitation from Park Avenue to Nelson Avenue. Councilor De Forest asked when the project was completed and if the sod had been restored. Mr. Boysen said that the project was complete within the last week and that no sod restoration was necessary. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8637

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Mr. Miller presented a proposed ordinance to amend Section 13.22 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit Pertaining to the **Municipal Vehicle Registration Fee**. Mr. Miller said that the original registration fee was implemented in 1986 and that the proposed ordinance increases the fee from \$10 to \$20. He said that revenue from the registration fee must be used for roads within the City and that approval of the ordinance now would make it effective starting on February 1, 2015. Councilor De Forest asked how laying over this item to the next meeting would impact implementation, and Mr. Miller stated that it would push the effective date to March 1, 2015. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Haynes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. On the merits of the ordinance, Councilor Haynes made a motion to enact. Councilor Kincaid seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. File 6474 Ordinance 3544

## 8. APPOINTMENTS – none

## 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

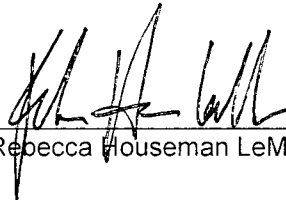
- Councilor Luebke encouraged everyone to attend the last farmers' market this weekend.
- Councilor De Forest welcomed the students in the audience and encouraged them to apply to fill youth vacancies on City Committees, Commissions, and Boards. She thanked Beth Jacobsen and the Leadership Development Academy who worked on the new Goose Creek Bridge in Big Hill Park, which serves as a literal and symbolic bridge between Janesville and Beloit. She said that she attended a domestic violence vigil with victims and survivors and was happy to see representation from the Beloit Police Department at the event.
- Councilor Hendrix welcomed the young people in the audience and said that the BRAVE (Beloit Residents Against Violence Everywhere) group started their daily walks on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilor Kelly said that she walked with BRAVE. She said that she attended the Grow your own Teacher roll-out, which attempts to put more teachers of color into the school system.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Mr. Boysen presented the **Fall Yard Waste** Program. He said that between November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup>, the City will pick up yard waste in yard waste bags or containers for free on the regular garbage collection day and that bundles of sticks and branches require the \$1.50 sticker. Mr. Boysen also said that yard waste may be taken to Leaflan for a fee.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution approving a **Monopole Wireless Communications Tower** and related accessory equipment in Telfer Community Park located at 2301 Skyline Drive. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 5-0. Ms. Christensen said that the area of the park was selected to minimize impact on the adjacent neighborhood and that public notices were sent to property owners within 150 feet. She said that the Plan Commission recommended that a wood privacy fence be installed and that mature trees be protected. Councilor Kincaid said that this is a good deal for the City and that he wanted to see the trees protected. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 7595
  - b. City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented a resolution approving **Site Lease** with Verizon Wireless for ground space at Telfer Park/Pohlman Field. She indicated that a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment was done by Verizon and that they are comfortable moving forward with the project. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 7595
12. At 7:50 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0.



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Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: November 3, 2014