

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511 Monday, August 18, 2014

Presiding:

Mark Spreitzer

Present:

Charles M. Haynes, Regina Hendrix, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, and David F. Luebke

Absent:

Sheila De Forest

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Stateline Spinner Rick Barder and Visit Beloit Executive Director Monica Krystopa presented the new **Beloit Bicycle Route Book**. Ms. Krystopa said that this is possible through a local Jet Grant for marketing of nonprofit organizations. Mr. Barder said that this book is the result of efforts from many sponsors and partners, and he recognized the individuals and organizations that contributed. He said that the spiral-bound book is available for \$10.00.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a resolution approving the **Vacation** of a portion of the Milwaukee Road Frontage Road for Fran Fruzen Intermediate School. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 4-0. Ms. Christensen stated that Central Christian Church submitted a letter of support for the vacation provided that an ingress/egress easement is maintained. Councilor Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 8650
- b. Ms. Christensen presented a proposed ordinance amending the future land use map of the City of Beloit **Comprehensive Plan** to change the future land use designation of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from Planned Neighborhood to Mixed Residential. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended denial 5-0. Councilor Spreitzer opened the public hearing.
 - Frank McKearn, R.H. Batterman and Co., Inc., said that he is representing the property owner. He described the maps that he handed out to the Council and indicated that a development on this property will connect Kadlec Drive to Elmwood Avenue reducing the traffic in the adjacent single-family neighborhood. Mr. McKearn said that the drawing is an example of what a multi-family development might look like.

Councilor Spreitzer closed the public hearing. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to refer the matter back to the Plan Commission for review of the new drawing. Councilor Haynes seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. File 5913

c. Ms. Christensen presented a Proposed Ordinance approving a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from R-2, Two-family Residential District, to R-3, Low Density Multi-family Residential District. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended denial 5-0. Councilor Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Haynes made a motion to refer the matter back to the Plan Commission for further review. Councilor Kelly seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. File 5913

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

 Kent Miller, 5801 Gemini Drive, Apt. 118, Madison, spoke regarding the Gateway Sewer and Water extension project. Mr. Miller stated that he did not think the bidding process for this project was transparent or fair.

- Jeremy Iverson, representing MZ Construction 1770 County Road J, Linden, stated that his
 company received a phone call on August 8th indicating that they were the low bidder on the
 Gateway Sewer and Water Extension project. He said that the next day the company was
 told that they were no longer the low bidder.
- Jessica Everson, 1313 10th Street, said that she is concerned about the recent decision to
 prohibit dogs at the Farmers' Market. She said that survey results showed that attendees do
 not support a prohibition on dogs and that the public should have been more involved in the
 decision. She said that she was unable to find agendas or minutes of the Downtown Beloit
 Association Board of Directors online and that she is concerned about the lack of
 transparency of the Board.
- Jaymie Carpenter, 1821 Harrison Avenue, said that she is a homeowner in the Summit Park
 area and that she wants to share her ideas for reducing the crime and violence in the City.
 She requested that money be put in the 2015 budget to reinstate the Shot-Spotter system
 and offered several ideas to build healthy relationships between the Police Department and
 the community.
- Eunicestine Glass, 2035 Mound Avenue, asked when the meeting between the City and the School District regarding changes to the juvenile truancy ordinances will be scheduled.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Spreitzer requested that item 6.d. be removed from the consent agenda. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.c., and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried that the Consent Agenda be accepted, approved, adopted, or referred and acted upon as required by state and local codes.

- a. The **Minutes** of the Regular and Special Meetings of August 4, 2014, were approved.
- b. The application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow Alcohol Sales in a PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District, for the property located at 2222 Shopiere Road (Our Lady of Assumption Church) was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8645/8655
- c. The resolution approving a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License for JD Second Time Inc., d/b/a The Grand Avenue Pub, located at 132 West Grand Avenue, Gayle Schliem, Agent, was adopted. File 8645
- d. City Engineer Mike Flesch presented a resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C14-04**, Gateway Sewer and Water Extension. He said that four companies bid on this project and that the low bid was received on time but delivered to City Hall instead of the Engineering and Utilities Building. Mr. Flesch said that the low bidder is responsible and recommended that the Council adopt the resolution awarding the bid. City Attorney Tom Casper said that the purpose of public bidding laws is to protect the taxpayers and that he is comfortable with the legality of awarding the bid as recommended. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 8656

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Deputy City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented a proposed ordinance to amend section 1.88 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to the Police and Fire Commission. She indicated that the amendment changes titles of officers. Councilor Luebke made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Kelly seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. On the merits of the ordinance, Councilor Kincaid made a motion to enact. Councilor Kelly seconded and the motion carried 6-0. File 6114 Ordinance 3542
- b. Ms. Krueger presented **Substitute Amendment #1** for the proposed ordinance to amend sections 25.04(1)(d), 31.30(1) and 15.30 and to create section 31.30(1m) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Forfeitures for Juvenile matters** in Municipal Court. She indicated that the Municipal Court Judge approved the changes in forfeitures made at the August 4th City Council meeting and that the ordinance would be effective 60 days after publication. Councilor Haynes made a motion to enact the ordinance. Councilor Kelly seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. File 7774/4906 Ordinance 3543

8. APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Spreitzer announced the openings and submitted the following appointments to the City Committees, Boards, and Commissions for approval. Councilor Luebke made a motion to approve the appointments, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

- a. **Appointment Review Committee:** Louise Reidenbach for a term ending December 31, 2015. File 6261
- Community Development Authority: Russell L. Manning for a term ending December 31, 2016.
 File 6054
- c. Plan Commission: Erick "Otis" Johnson for a term ending April 30, 2017. File 6064

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Luebke said that the National Night Out picnics and Summit Park picnic were wonderful. He commended Sheila De Forest and Mark Spreitzer for running honorable campaigns for the 45th District Wisconsin Assembly seat.
- Councilor Hendrix said that she enjoyed seeing everyone outside during National Night Out
 events. She said that she attended the Beloit Strong event and that there is a lot of work to be
 done to ensure that the children in Beloit feel safe in the parks. She said that she attended the
 Beloit Memorial High School Fitness Center grand opening and that there are a lot of positive
 developments happening in the schools.
- Councilor Haynes said that he attended the Wisconsin Department of Transportation meeting on August 5th regarding the I-43/90 interchange.
- Councilor Kelly said that she helped put together playground equipment at Hackett School thanks to a grant from Lowe's.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he attended the WI DOT meeting and National Night Out event on August 5th.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION - none

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution authorizing City Manager to apply for Wisconsin Historic Preservation Fund **Subgrants for Certified Local Governments.** She indicated that the last intensive survey on the City's historic properties was in 1991 and that it should be updated every 20 years. Ms. Christensen said that if the grant is awarded to the City, the City would hire a consultant to complete the survey. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 5860
- 12. At 7:53 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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