



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**  
**Monday, November 3, 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. City Manager Larry Arft presented a resolution designating a portion of Public Avenue from Pleasant Street to College Street with the honorary name of **Marcy Berner-Reedy Avenue**. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Arft and President Spreitzer presented Ms. Berner-Reedy with a street sign. Meals on Wheels Board President Jeff Johnson thanked the City Council, Mr. Arft, Assistant to the City Manager Beth Jacobsen, and Public Works staff for their work and coordination of the honorary street name and sign. Mr. Arft said that a formal presentation, including a proclamation, will be at Ms. Berner-Reedy's retirement party on November 20<sup>th</sup>. File 8659

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented 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. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 7-0. Councilor Spreitzer opened the public hearing:

- Tom Smith, owner of the subject property, said that he is present to answer any questions the Council may have.

Councilor Spreitzer closed the public hearing. Councilor Luebke made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor De Forest seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. On the merits, Councilor Kincaid made a motion to enact the ordinance, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8661 Ordinance 3545

- b. Ms. Christensen presented a 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. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 7-0. Ms. Christensen said that the City of Beloit owns this property and that the Comprehensive Plan shows Business Park uses as the property's future land use. Councilor Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Haynes made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Kelly seconded. Councilor De Forest asked Economic Development Director Andrew Janke if the residents had any concerns, and Mr. Janke stated that he did not hear from any residents. The motion carried 7-0. On the merits, Councilor Kincaid made a motion to enact the ordinance, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8662 Ordinance 3546

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – none

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.e. Councilor Kelly 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 20, 2014, were approved.
- b. The application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a drive-up window in a CBD-2, Central Business District – Fringe, zoning district for the property located at 658 Fourth Street, was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8664
- c. The application for a **Certified Survey Map** for property located at 2600 Coyote Run was referred to the Plan Commission. File 7258
- d. The resolution approving **Final Payment** for Public Works Contract C12-15, Broad Street Parking Lot was adopted. File 8612
- e. The resolution approving **Final Payment** for Public Works Contract C14-05, Crack Sealing and Sealcoating, was adopted. File 8640

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Ms. Christensen presented 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**. Ms. Christensen stated that the Commission wants to move the time of the meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. so that more working members could arrive on time. Councilor De Forest made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Kelly seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. On the merits, Councilor De Forest made a motion to enact the ordinance, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilor Kincaid voting in opposition. File 7465 Ordinance 3547

## 8. APPOINTMENTS – none

## 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

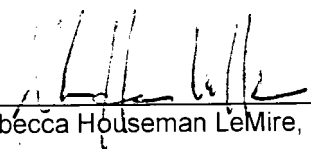
- Councilor Luebke said that he went to a program regarding the I-39/90 corridor enhancements, and he commended Councilor De Forest for her role in bringing construction training opportunities to Beloit.
- Councilor Kincaid said that he enjoyed Halloween with hundreds of kids in his neighborhood. He said that he attended an Equality Committee meeting for the Beloit School District and that he is looking forward to attending more meetings. He said that he attended a celebration for Tom Warn who wrote a book about Beloit.
- Councilor Hendrix reminded the public about the Kids Against Hunger event on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. sponsored by Beloit College Upward Bound program. She also mentioned the Challenge Event at the Beloit School District, which will focus on self-esteem, expression, and suppressing violence and bullying.
- Councilor Haynes encouraged the public to vote in the November 4<sup>th</sup> General Election and beat the projected voter turnout of 50 percent.
- Councilor Spreitzer encouraged the public to vote and thanked the Clerk's office for their hard work in preparing for the election. He said that he will not run for City Council again in 2015 and that nomination paperwork is available in the Clerk's office. He congratulated Elizabeth Krueger on her promotion to City Attorney.

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION – none

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution approving the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, 2015 CDBG Annual Action Plan and 2015 CDBG Budget**. It was noted that the Community Development Authority recommended approval 4-0. Ms. Christensen said that a local steering committee assisted in developing the five-year consolidated plan. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. Councilor De Forest thanked Community and Housing Services Director Teri Downing for reaching out to the affected organizations. The motion carried 7-0. File 8652

- b. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution approving the **2015 HOME Investment Partnership Budget**. It was noted that the Community Development Authority recommended approval 4-0. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilor Kelly seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. File 8663
  - c. Downtown Beloit Association Executive Director Shauna El-Amin presented a resolution approving the **2015 Business Improvement District** Operating Plan and Budget. Ms. El-Amin presented the 2014 projects and those proposed for 2015. She noted that the DBA Board of Directors recommended approval of the budget. Councilor De Forest made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8479
  - d. Finance and Administrative Services Director Eric Miller presented a resolution authorizing changes to the **2015 Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates** for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin. Mr. Miller noted that the previously proposed increase in transit fares has been removed. Councilor De Forest expressed concern about the increase in fees for residents for the municipal pool. Director of Parks and Leisure Services Brian Ramsey said that they are proposing to change the entire fee structure. Councilor De Forest expressed concern about the increase in coverage fees for garbage collection. Mr. Miller said that the proposed fee is in line with the cost of a yard waste tag. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. Councilor De Forest made a motion to amend the resolution to change the non-resident fee for the municipal pool for 11-17 year-olds to \$4.50. Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion to amend the resolution carried 7-0. The motion to adopt the amended resolution carried 7-0. File 8649
  - e. Mr. Miller presented a 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. Mr. Miller said that this is the final step in a process that has taken several months. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. Councilor De Forest thanked the City Manager, Mr. Miller and staff for their work on the budget document, but she said that she will vote against the budget. She said that the City needs to prioritize the number of police officers on the street and that she would like to see recruitments take place throughout the year so vacancies can be filled quickly. The motion to adopt the resolution carried 6-1, with Councilor De Forest voting in opposition. File 8649
12. At 8:06 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilor Haynes voting in opposition.

  
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Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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