



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
Monday, December 15, 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. Councilor Luebke presented a proclamation recognizing the **Beloit Memorial High School 2014 Boys Varsity Soccer Team** to Coach Brian Denu and the team. Mr. Denu thanked the Council for the recognition, thanked the team for their hard work on and off the field, and thanked the community for its support. Team Captain Jose Gutierrez thanked the City Council and said that he is proud to from Beloit. File 7148

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 1400 Frederick Street from R-1A, Single-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 7-0. Ms. Christensen stated that this zoning change accommodates a Beloit School District project at McNeel School. Councilor Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. 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 of the ordinance, Councilor Kincaid made a motion to enact. Councilor Luebke seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. File 8666 Ordinance 3551

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- David Dobson, 7321 S. Smythe School Road, said that the City Council should purchase the Girl Scout building because a physical presence in the park is very important.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.f. Councilor Kincaid 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 and special meetings of December 1, 2014, were approved.
- b. The application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a day care use in a R-3, Low-density Multi-family Residential District, for the property located at 819 Clary Street, was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8667
- c. The application for a bike path in **Stateline Prairie Restoration Park** located at 540 Colby Street, was referred to the Plan Commission. File 6667
- d. The resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for Eclipse Event Center, LLC, d/b/a Eclipse Event Center, Jayme Braatz, Agent, located at 100 Eclipse Center, was adopted. File 8645

- e. The resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for Lucy's #7 Burger Bar, LLC, d/b/a Lucy's #7 Burger Bar, Emily Hopper, Agent, located at 430 East Grand Avenue, Suite 102, was adopted. File 8645
- f. The resolution approving a 2-Lot **Certified Survey Map** for the properties located at 1400 and 1524 Frederick Street was adopted. File 8666

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Public Works Director Greg Boysen presented the substitute amendment #1 for a proposed ordinance to add **No-Parking regulations** on Lovell Avenue for a second reading. Councilor Luebke made a motion to enact the ordinance, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 7791 Ordinance 3550

8. APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Spreitzer announced the openings and submitted the following appointments to City Committees, Boards, and Commissions for approval. Councilor Kelly made a motion to approve the appointments, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

- a. **Board of Ethics:** Deb Blazer for a term ending December 31, 2017. File 6049
- b. **Business Improvement District (Downtown Beloit Association):** Betsy Schmiechen, Douglas Kelley, Peter Fronk, and Renee Kellogg to terms ending December 31, 2017. File 6716
- c. **Municipal Golf Committee:** Noah Scharmer to a term ending December 31, 2015. File 5991
- d. **Police and Fire Commission:** Mardell Jacobsen to a term ending April 30, 2015. File 6114

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor De Forest congratulated the soccer team on their achievements and expressed appreciation to Chief Norm Jacobs, City Manager Larry Arft, and Rock County District Attorney David O'Leary for attending a meeting regarding race relations with the NAACP. She wished everyone and a safe and happy holiday season.
- Councilor Luebke reminded the public that there are movie events at the Hendricks Art Center weekly and that the Beloit International Film Festival is coming up in February.
- Councilor Hendrix congratulated the soccer team and wished everyone and a happy holiday and a safe New Year. She said that the Beloit Memorial Nightingales are hosting a fundraising event on December 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the BMHS Auditorium which will feature the movie "Let it Shine" and its star.
- Councilor Kincaid said that he had a great time at Holidazzle and wished everyone happy holidays.
- Councilor Kelly said that she attend the Miracle on 4th Street performance, which is an annual variety show at BMHS.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that Holidazzle was great. He wished everyone happy holidays and encouraged people to run for City Council.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION – none

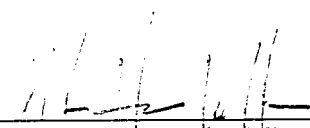
11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution authorizing the **Sale of 106 Bluff Street** to John and Pauline Wergin. She indicated that the buyers have committed to building a house on the property and that staff is supportive of selling the lot to put it back on the tax roll. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8669
- b. City Manager Larry Arft presented a resolution authorizing the **Transfer of Ownership of Improvements** at 1201 Big Hill Court from the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland Council, Inc. to the City of Beloit, Wisconsin. He said that the Girl Scouts organization is looking to relocate their offices and that the City recommends purchasing the building for City programming and possible tenant space for \$75,000. Councilor De Forest said that she is concerned about maintaining the facilities the City already owns. Councilor De Forest said that she wants to be

sure that the budget will expand to take over this facility and that funds will not be shifted from existing programming or facilities. Mr. Arft said that other parks and recreation programming will not be displaced. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 6667

- c. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a **State/Municipal Agreement** with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Design and Construction of the Powerhouse Riverwalk. He indicated that there will be 850 feet of public walkway along the Rock River west of the former Alliant building. Mr. Boysen said that the City and Beloit College will share the cost of the local match for the project, which is roughly \$250,000. Councilor De Forest asked about the City's liability for any environmental issues, and Mr. Boysen said that the City is simply obtaining easements and will not own the property or incur any liability. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 7-0.
File 8637
- d. Economic Development Director Andrew Janke presented a resolution approving a **Development Agreement** between the City of Beloit, the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation, Josie Enterprises, LLC, and Chicago Fittings Corporation. Mr. Janke said that the company is currently located in Belvidere, IL, in a leased building and is looking to construct a 30,000 square foot building in the Gateway Industrial Park. He said that the company has hired local firm Klobucar Construction to build the facility. Councilor De Forest thanked the company for its investment and for selecting a local construction company. Councilor Spreitzer echoed those statements. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8668
- e. Finance and Administrative Services Director Eric Miller presented a resolution authorizing the **Transfer of Funds** from the General Fund Contingency Reserve Account for 2014. He indicated that this resolution reallocates \$200,000 to the snow and ice budget and provides an additional supplemental appropriation from the general fund contingency account of \$100,000 to cover the cost of any additional snow events through the end of 2014. Mr. Miller indicated that all of the money would return to the fund balance if not used in 2014. Councilor De Forest made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8618

12. At 7:45 p.m., Councilor De Forest made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. The motion carried 7-0.



Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: January 5, 2015