



THE BELOIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS

The City Council met this last Friday, January 9, 2015 and interviewed three executive recruitment firms as a prelude to selecting a recruiter to assist with the upcoming City Manager search. Following those interviews, the Board voted unanimously to engage GOVHR USA as the consultant for this project. Heidi Voorhees, one of the co-owners will be working with Council and coordinating the search for candidates.

The first phase of the process is to develop a recruitment profile and a job notice. This process will be coordinated next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when the consultant is in town to meet with community leaders and public officials. Ms. Voorhees will be doing personal interviews with all seven City Councilors, all Department Directors, the incumbent City Manager, and the City Manager's staff, as well as holding meetings with various business and community leaders. This process will result in a written document that overviews the City for perspective applicants while at the same time listing traits and characteristics that the community feels will be highly desirable in their next City Manager.

Public Input Meeting

Council has also requested that an open public session be scheduled so that any person with an interest in the City or the recruitment process will have an opportunity to share their thoughts on the traits and characteristics that the new City Manager will need to be successful in Beloit. The [attached](#) press release notes that the meeting will be held in the **Community Room at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015**. Again, all residents and other persons with an interest in the recruitment process are urged to attend.

City Conducting a Survey to Obtain Citizen Input

For residents who are unable to attend the open session, a survey has also been prepared and is posted to the City's website. Simply go to www.beloitwi.gov and you will see a link directly on the home page to the survey. Residents may want to both attend the public meeting and complete the survey. We certainly would like to encourage as many interested parties as possible to complete the survey to assist Council in their development of a recruitment profile that will be used for this important process.

Following the conclusion of this series of meetings and interviews, the consultant will prepare the documents over the weekend and returning those for Council review during the following week. Following Council's approval, the notices will begin

appearing on various websites and publications frequented by public administrators, particularly those that have city management experience. The consultant will also be sending out invitations to a broad array of trained managers and administrators that they have become acquainted with over the years. There will be subsequent meetings with Councilors to screen and select candidates for interviews, and interviews will be scheduled probably not until late March, following the initial outreach and recruitment effort.

MLK DAY CONVOCATION SCHEDULED AT BELOIT COLLEGE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015

Beloit College will be holding their traditional Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Convocation on Monday, January 19, 2015 beginning at 4:15 p.m. in the College's Eaton Chapel, 700 College Street. The convocation this year will feature an address by Regina Hendrix, entitled "A Dream Deferred?". Ms. Hendrix grew up in the City of Beloit, and has been very involved in community and youth activities. In addition to being on staff at Beloit College, she currently serves on the Beloit City Council. The Convocation is open to the public.

TEEN CENTER PLANNING CONTINUES WITH A "PARTY AT THE CLUB"

A "Party at the Club" is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2015. The Task Force planning for the possible establishment of a youth teen center here in the City of Beloit has scheduled an event as a means of gauging interest in such a facility on the part of our teen population. The event has been named "Party at the Club" and will involve numerous activities, as well as access to all club facilities. The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the Boys and Girls Club, 1851 Moore Street, and will be separated into two parties. Students in grades 7 and 8 will be welcome from 5:00—7:00 p.m. and students in grades 9-12 will begin their party at 8:00 p.m., running until 10:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to see firsthand what a Teen Center would look like; the breadth and variety of facilities that will be available for teens to use, and to sample some of the types of programming that would be offered intermittently at such a facility. Please see the [attached](#) flyer for more information.

SPRING PRIMARY NEEDED IN THE CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PORTION OF BELOIT

A small portion of the far east end of the City of Beloit is located in the Clinton School District. The City was notified this past week that a determination has been made that a primary is required in that district. Consequently, the City Clerk's office will be holding a primary election on February 17, 2015 in Wards 23 and 24. This primary will impact only about 300-500 residential units in the City of Beloit; however, the polling place for those wards will remain open the entire day as required by State Law to facilitate participation in the primary voting by eligible residents who reside in the Clinton School District. Please see [attached](#).

I-39/90 UPDATE

The I-39/90 Planning Committee met again this past Tuesday and the project continues to progress on schedule. We were very happy to see that submittals for various planning details made by the committee to the Department of Transportation officials have been approved, which included the use of signalized intersections as opposed to traffic circles, and provided for the extension of Hwy. 81/Milwaukee Road east all the way to Hart Road, so that both the east and west sides of the interstate will be directly connected with arterial access. The project is nearing completion of this phase of design and will soon be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for formal approval. As part of that design process, a public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. on **Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Residents and other interested parties are encouraged to attend and comment on the highway design project.

URBAN ALLIANCE TO HOLD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The City Manager was out of the community most of the day on Friday, attending a Strategic Planning session of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Urban Alliance. The session was held in the City of Appleton.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

Just a reminder that due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the City Council meeting is being held on Tuesday, rather than the regular Monday meeting time. (All City facilities will be open on Monday, January 19, 2015.)

The City Council will hold a **Workshop** in the City Manager's Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

The attached **agenda** is for the **Tuesday, January 20, 2015** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS—None**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None****6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of January 5, 2015 and special meeting of January 9, 2015.
- b. Resolution approving a two-lot **Certified Survey Map** for the property located at 2036 Townhall Road. This resolution will divide what was formerly a single parcel into two lots.
- c. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of a property at 1401 Townhall Road from Public Lands and Institutions to Development Holding District. This was the parcel that was previously owned by the Beloit School District and has been sold to a private individual; therefore, the zoning classification needs to be changed. The Development Holding District is the most restrictive of all of the City's zoning classifications, so that if the owner wishes to ever develop the site, it is likely they will need to apply to the City for an additional rezoning.

8. APPOINTMENTS—There are appointments on the agenda for this meeting.**10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION —**No presentations are scheduled for this meeting.**11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS**

- a. Resolution approving two contracts between the City of Beloit and **Dane County Humane Society, Inc.** Basically, these contracts will extend our service relationship with the Dane County Humane Society for a period of six (6) months. The organization has notified the City that they will no longer provide services to Rock County municipalities after that date.
- b. Resolution declaring **Doubtful Accounts**, authorizing amounts to be written off, and receiving and filing the 2014 Report of the Comptroller. Only three accounts are recommended to be written off, and those represent housing rehabilitation loans where the property was foreclosed and the individual has gone through a bankruptcy proceeding and been relieved of their repayment responsibilities. Consequently, these three loans are not recoverable. As we have previously noted, the bad debt represents a tiny percentage of the total outstanding loans, most of which are performing as expected. At the current time, there are 284 open loans in the program. The three being written off represent \$42,300 of the almost \$4.3 million amount outstanding at this time.
- c. Resolution authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$1.265 million in **Storm Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds**. Once again, Ehlers and Associates has been monitoring the market place and noted that the interest rate spread is favorable for the City to refinance the Storm Water Sewer Loans, which were originally issued in the amount of about \$1.5 million. This would be a negotiated sale and City officials would be able to authorize the transaction when interest rates hit a point where the City would evidence the savings of at least 2.15% on projected debt service cost. Consequently, there would be no public bid or additional board action required to effectuate the refinancing. A representative from Ehlers will be in attendance at the meeting on Monday to further explain this process and why it is recommended for this particular refinancing.
- d. Resolution adopting a **Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the City of Beloit and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). Following an approval of an agreement with the bargaining unit representing Police Officers, we

contacted the Fire Union, with whom we were still in negotiations, and asked about discussing the agreement between the City and the Police Officers, which included a revised plan for providing medical insurance coverage to future retirees. An all-day bargaining session ensued, and while we were not able to reach an agreement on the full package involving modifications to the retiree health care program, both parties agreed to the basic concepts included in the agreement with the Police Officers. The resolution on the agenda provides for a four-year contract with the Fire Fighters, including a 2% salary adjustment for 2014 (which will be paid retroactively); a 0% increase for 2015; 1% for 2016; and an additional 1% raise in 2017.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JANUARY 19—23, 2015

Monday, Jan. 19	4:15 p.m.	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Convocation, Eaton Chapel on Beloit College Campus (R. Hendrix, speaker)
Tuesday, Jan. 20	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, Jan. 20	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, Jan. 20	7:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission , City Manager's Conf. Room (C. Haynes)
Wednesday, Jan. 21	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board , Beloit Public Library
Wednesday, Jan. 21	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission , Forum (C. Kincaid)
Thursday, Jan. 22	6:30 p.m.	Public Meeting , seeking input on traits and characteristics the community desires in the next City Manager, Beloit Public Library Community Room, 605 Eclipse Blvd. (All Councilors Invited)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website:

www.visitbeloit.com

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Jan. 23-25 **Winterfest!** Please see [attached](#) for information on Winterfest activities and locations.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beloit City Council has hired executive recruiting firm GovHR USA to conduct the recruitment for the City of Beloit's next City Manager. Current City Manager Larry N. Arft has announced his retirement for later this year. Representatives from GovHR USA will be conducting three public meetings on **Thursday, January 22, 2015**, for community leaders, business leaders, and general public regarding the traits and characteristics that are important to the community in selecting the next City Manager. The meetings will take place at the following times and locations:

Thursday, January 22, 2015
Beloit Public Library – Community Room
605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI 53511

3:00 PM – Community Leaders
4:30 PM – Business Leaders
6:30 PM – General Public

A quorum of City Councilors may be present at any or all of these meetings. The City Council encourages the public to attend and participate in this important process.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: January 16, 2015
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City Clerk
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January 15, 2015

For more information contact:

Marianne Marshall, Human Resources Director
(608) 364-6612

(Beloit, WI) – Larry N. Arft, the incumbent City Manager in Beloit, has announced his retirement for later this year. The City Council has selected GOVHR USA to conduct the recruitment of a new City Manager.

Councilors have asked the recruiter to seek input on traits and characteristics the community desires in the next City Manager. To facilitate that process, an open meeting will be held on:

January 22, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Beloit Public Library Community Room

605 Eclipse Blvd.

Beloit, WI 53511

The session is open to the public and City Councilors encourage your attendance and participation.

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Party at the CLUB

Where: Stateline Boys & Girls Club
1851 Moore Street
Beloit, WI

When: January 24th, 2015
7th & 8th Grade— 5:00—7:00 p.m.
9th-12th Grade— 8:00—10:30 p.m.

Come join us for Food, DJ, prizes and much more!!



Questions please call (608) 365-8874

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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AMENDED
Clinton Community School Board Contest Requires
February 17, 2015 Spring Primary Election

January 12, 2015 – Beloit, WI: The Clinton Community School District has determined that a primary election will be necessary for the Clinton Community School Board election on April 7, 2015. This primary election will be held on February 17, 2015.

Portions of City of Beloit Wards 23 and 24 are located within the Clinton School District boundaries. Electors in Wards, 23, 24, and 25 regularly vote at Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road. **Central Christian Church will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, for voters who live in the City of Beloit and in the Clinton Community School District to cast ballots for the Spring Primary Election.**

Beloit Voters in the Beloit School District and the Beloit Turner School District will not have a primary election. The next election in which all City of Beloit voters may vote will be the Spring Election on April 7, 2015. Voters will use their regular polling places. If you have questions about your polling place, registering to vote, or voting by absentee ballot, please contact the Beloit City Clerk's Office.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

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Dated: January 14, 2015
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
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**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS – none
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of January 5, 2015 and special meeting of January 9, 2015 (LeMire)
 - b. Resolution approving a two-lot **Certified Survey Map** for the property located at 2036 Townhall Road (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for Approval 4-0
 - c. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1401 Townhall Road from PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District, to DH, Development Holding District (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
7. ORDINANCES – none
 8. APPOINTMENTS
 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS
 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION
 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS
 - a. Resolution approving two Contracts between the City of Beloit and **Dane County Humane Society, Inc.** (Tyler)
 - b. Resolution declaring **Doubtful accounts**, authorizing amounts to be written off, and receiving and filing the 2014 Report of the Comptroller (Miller)
 - c. Resolution authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of not exceed \$1,265,000 **Storm Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds**, Series 2015A

of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, and providing for the payment of the Bonds and other details respect to the Bonds (Miller)

- d. Resolution adopting a **Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the City of Beloit and the International Association of Fire fighters (IAFF) Local Union #583, AFL-CIO (Liggett)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 7:00 PM**

City Manager's Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the December 2, 2014 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Matt Stried – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2015-01 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new sign at the Wright Museum at Beloit College
5. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Education & Outreach Committee
 - B. Grant Writing Committee
 - C. Site Visit Committee
7. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Approved: Stephanie Hummel, Planner
January 8, 2015

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beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 @ 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Consent Agenda – All items are considered routine and will be approved by one vote unless a trustee requests an item to be removed for discussion.
 - a. Approval of minutes of the December 19, 2014 Library Board meeting.
 - b. Approval of minutes of the January 14, 2015 Strategic Plan Committee meeting.
3. Public comment
4. Library Director Report
5. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
6. Action Items
 - a. 2015 Strategic Plan
 - b. Meeting Room Request – Social Event
 - c. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
7. Trustee Comments
8. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. To request this service, please contact the library at 364-2908, 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM
The Forum
Beloit City Hall, First Floor
100 State Street, Beloit

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2014 Meeting**
3. **Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map – Butterfly Lane and Hart Road**
Review and consideration of two-lot extraterritorial Certified Survey Map for the unplatted land located at Butterfly Lane and Hart Road in the Town of Turtle
4. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment – 1401 Townhall Road**
Public hearing, review and consideration of an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Beloit Comprehensive Plan from Institutional and Community Services to Planned Neighborhood for the property located at 1401 Townhall Road
5. **Zoning Map Amendment – 1401 Townhall Road**
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning from PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District, to DH, Development Holding District, for the property located at 1401 Townhall Road
6. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
7. **Adjournment**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Gail Riddle in the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.**

Notice Mailed: January 16, 2015

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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BELOIT WINTERFEST



January 23-25, 2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23:

- FREE Family Bingo at Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff St.) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. All ages welcome with great prizes and refreshments!
- Edwards Ice Arena Open Skate with a DJ from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a free skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24:

- The Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd.) from 10:00 am to Noon will be offering Snow Crafts & Activities for the younger kids. Teens will make hand/arm warmers along with a book marker. Snacks provided. Registration is not necessary.
- Come explore the Natural Confluence, where the Turtle Creek meets the Rock River with the Welty Environmental Center in South Beloit (Dickop Street) from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Feel free to try out our new Snow Shoes while exploring!
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular admission fees apply.
- 4's Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Tournament at Beloit Memorial High School. Competitive level entry fee of \$100.00 (cash payout, trophy, & champion t-shirt) and Recreational level entry fee of \$50.00 (trophy & champion t-shirt). Pre-register by January 21st; for more information call Sonya at 364-2890 Ext. 3.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25:

- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park by the Girl Scout Building from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Welty Center will also have indoor activities for tracking and birds of prey. FREE!!!
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular admission fees apply.
- Snow Shoeing at Krueger Haskell Golf Course from Noon to 2:00 pm. Try out our new snow shoes: \$5 for adults & \$3 for under 18!
- Euchre Tournament at Krueger Haskell Golf Course's Club House at 12:45 pm. \$5.00 entry fee and quarter bumps. **MUST** call 364-2890 Ext. 3 to **pre-register** by January 22; leave your name and phone number.

OPEN EVERY DAY: Hospital Hill for sledding and the Turtle Creek Trail for cross country skiing.

- Leisure Services is now renting snow shoes for adults and children. Call us for more information!



For further information on Winterfest activities, feel free to call the Leisure Services Office at 608-364-2890 or come visit us at 1003 Pleasant Street. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.