



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 20, 2015

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 Spreitzer introduced the next City Manager Lori S. Curtis Luther. He said that Ms. Luther is currently the County Administrator of Peoria County, Illinois and will be joining the City on June 1, 2015. Ms. Luther introduced herself and family to the community, and said that they are very excited to become engaged in the community.
 - b. Vice President Haynes presented a proclamation declaring April 24, 2015 **Stand Against Racism Day** in the City of Beloit to Jane McCauley, Racial Justice Coordinator, YWCA Rock County. Ms. McCauley thanked the Council for the proclamation and their support of the YWCA Rock County. She said that the mission of the YWCA is to eliminate racism and empower women. She distributed pledge cards and stickers to the Council members. File 7148
 - c. Vice President Haynes presented a proclamation declaring April 24, 2015 as **Arbor Day** to Public Works Director Greg Boysen. Mr. Boysen invited the Council and the Community to attend the annual Arbor Day Celebration at Cunningham School, 910 Townline Avenue, on Friday April 24th at 10:00 a.m. File 7148
 - d. Vice President Haynes presented a plaque from a Grateful Community in Appreciation for Service on the Beloit City Council from April 2011 to April 2015 to President Mark Spreitzer. Councilor Spreitzer thanked the City for the plaque and recognition, and said that serving on the Council, and this past term as President and Vice President, has been a true honor and privilege. He said that the opportunity to serve the community and be part of significant decisions has been one of the highlights of his life. Councilor Spreitzer said that it will be a privilege to represent Beloit in Madison in the State Assembly and that he looks forward to doing everything he can at the state level to support Beloit's efforts.
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – none
6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.l. 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 April 6, 2015, and the special meetings of April 10 and April 14, 2015 were approved.
- b. The application for a **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for the Alumni House, 863 Fifth Street, Danny R. Hatch Jr., Owner was referred to ABLCC. File 8645
- c. The application for a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for Blazin Wings, Inc., d/b/a Buffalo Wild Wings, 2747 Milwaukee Road, David Babcock, Agent was referred to ABLCC. File 8645

- d. The application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a residential care apartment complex in a C-1, Office District, for the property located at 2020 Cranston Road was referred to Plan Commission. File 8684
- e. The report of the **Municipal Board of Canvassers** from April 7, 2015 Spring Election was accepted. File 6384
- f. The resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-04**, Transit Drain Repair was adopted. File 8685
- g. The resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-17**, Gateway Water Tower Repainting was adopted. File 8686
- h. The resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for Kyo Tai, Corp., d/b/a Zen Sushi & Grill, 430 East Grand Avenue, Suite 101, Tai K. Park, Agent was adopted. File 8645
- i. The resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License** for Little Mexico, LLC, d/b/a Little Mexico, 2787 Milwaukee Road, Adrian Cortes Pichardo, Agent was adopted. File 8645
- j. The resolution approving the release of Platted Utility **Easements** in the Gateway Business Park was adopted. File 8070
- k. The resolution approving Improvements within **Big Hill Park** located at 1101 Big Hill Road was adopted. File 6811
- l. The resolution approving an AT&T **Utility Easement** located at 540 Colby Street was adopted. File 6667

7. ORDINANCES – none

8. APPOINTMENTS

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

- a. **Community Development Authority:** Fransaesca Ellison, to a term ending December 31, 2018. File 6054
- b. **Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission:** Anthony T. Stewart and Carl Lange, to a terms ending September 30, 2015. File 6180
- c. **Plan Commission:** Bill Mathis, Jan Ruster, and Don Tinder for the terms ending April 30, 2018. File 6064
- d. **Police and Fire Commission:** Mardell Jacobsen to a term ending April 30, 2020. File 6114

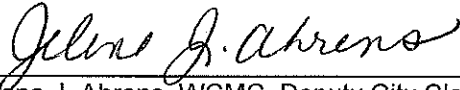
9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Councilor Luebke thanked Councilor Spreitzer for his four years of wonderful service to the City of Beloit; wished him well in the future; and said that they all benefited from his leadership.
- b. Councilor De Forest thanked Councilor Spreitzer for his service to the City Council, and wished him well in his continued efforts to fight for the resources that Beloit needs. She welcomed Lori Curtis Luther and her family and said that she is excited to work with her. She also announced that Community Action will offer a Construction Training Program Orientation on Friday, April 24th.
- c. Councilor Kincaid congratulated Councilor Spreitzer and wished him a very successful career in the Legislature.
- d. Councilor Hendrix congratulated Councilor Spreitzer and welcomed the new City Manager and her family.
- e. Councilor Kelly said that she will miss Councilor Spreitzer, and she said that she attended the Rise and Shine event.
- f. Councilor Haynes thanked Councilor Spreitzer for his four years of service and said he is looking forward to seeing what Representative Spreitzer will do in the future. He welcomed the new City Manager.
- g. Councilor Spreitzer thanked his colleagues for their kind words and said he will truly miss serving with them.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION – none

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution authorizing the submittal of a **Grant Application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources** to assist in funding the Iron Works Pedestrian Bridge over the Rock River and Trail Head Project within the Beloit City Center. Councilor De Forest asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the bridge and said that she is having trouble seeing the benefit of the pedestrian bridge because the West Grand Avenue Bridge is so close. Mr. Boysen responded that this was just for the grant application process and a decision on who would maintain the bridge would be addressed later in an agreement between the City and Hendricks Commercial Properties. Councilor Kincaid said, as a recreational cyclist, he is looking forward to the bridge. Councilor Luebke said it will be a beautiful amenity in Downtown Beloit and will encourage further growth. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 6-1 with Councilor De Forest voting in opposition. File 8485
 - b. City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented a resolution approving the **Second Lease Extension Agreement** at 80 and 100 East Grand Avenue, Beloit Wisconsin. Attorney Krueger explained that the lease is for a one-year term with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8492
 - c. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution amending the **2015 Capital Improvements Budget** to include a project for the design of Colley Road from Gateway Boulevard to the East City Limits. Mr. Boysen said that a Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) Grant is being applied for the design and construction of the project and that 30% design standard is required for the application. He said that Pratt Industries and Chicago Fittings need access to Colley Road. Councilor De Forest had concerns about the cost of the plan. City Manager Larry Arft explained that funding sources are from three prior capital improvement projects that were funded with TID 10 proceeds. He said that those projects are completed and the resolution asks that the funds remaining from those projects be re-appropriated to Colley Road construction. Mr. Arft stated that this is a standard practice and the cost of the plan reasonable for a project. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8649
 - d. Fire Chief Brad Liggett presented a resolution amending the **2015 Capital Improvements Budget** and authorizing the purchase of new equipment for the Fire Department. Chief Liggett explained that this is the down payment for two Fire Pumper Engines and said that the two aging pumpers have had significant maintenance problems over the years. Councilor De Forest asked that he provide an inventory list of the fleet and their expected longevity at the budget session. Chief Liggett said that he had planned to do so. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8649
 - e. Mr. Arft presented the resolution declaring **Opposition to Freezing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund**. Mr. Arft said that the resolution was drafted and approved by the Rock County Board. He said that Rock County has had great success with the program and have used it to set aside sensitive parcels that have been acquired and put into the public domain. He asked that the Council approve the resolution to support the retention and continued funding of this significant program. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8687
12. At 8:07 p.m. Councilor Spreitzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. The motion carried 7-0.



Jelene J. Ahrens, WCMC, Deputy City Clerk