



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**  
**City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, May 18, 2015**

Presiding: Charles Haynes  
Present: Sheila De Forest, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, Marilyn Sloniker  
Absent: Regina Hendrix, David F. Luebke

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall by President Haynes.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Police Chief Norm Jacobs introduced Chief Robert Rosch of the Hartland Police Department. Chief Rosch, representing the **Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WLEAG)**, presented Chief Jacobs and the Beloit Police Department an accreditation plaque from WLEAG and also recognized the national accreditation from the State of Wisconsin for completing forty-three additional standards. Chief Rosch stated the City of Beloit is one of only three departments in Wisconsin that holds this dual accreditation. Chief Jacobs thanked Chief Rosch on behalf of the officers, staff and Accreditation Manager, Jillian Peterson.
  - b. Public Works Director Greg Boysen introduced the Beloit Services – **Citizen Service Request Program** that was activated on the City of Beloit web site. Mr. Boysen stated this free service will allow the public to easily report concerns such as graffiti, litter and potholes to the appropriate department or to make comments to the City Council, City Manager or Finance Department. City Manager Larry Arft demonstrated the ease of the new program on the overhead screen and emphasized this program is not for emergencies, and that the public should still call 911, DPW or Water Resources depending on the emergency.
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None
6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested that item 6.d. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilor De Forest made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda which consists of items 6.a. through 6.c., second by Councilor Kelly. Motion carried that the Consent Agenda be accepted, approved, adopted or referred and acted upon as required by state and local code by a vote of 5-0.

- a. The Minutes of regular meeting of May 4, 2015, was approved.
- b. The Resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for Danny R. Hatch, Jr., d/b/a The Alumni House, 863 Fifth Street was approved. File 8645
- c. The Resolution approving 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 approved. File 8645
- d. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-07**, Street Resurfacing. He stated that this contract is will overlay rough pavements on thirty-four blocks of city streets for a total contract amount of \$753,000.00 to Rock Road Companies, Inc. Council De Forest made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Councilor Kincaid. Councilor De Forest stated she was concerned that this contract received only one bid and asked Mr. Boysen why there were not more bidders. Mr. Boysen explained that getting one bid for a project this large is

very common in many areas of Wisconsin, and said that other companies do not feel it is cost effective to bid on such a large project. He said that Rock Road is very competitive and accomplished. The motion carried 5-0. File 8646

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Mr. Boysen presented the proposed Ordinance to add **No-Parking** between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. to regulations in the Heritage View Parking Lot. He said the request came from Hendricks Commercial Property. Councilor De Forest made a motion to suspend the rules for second reading, second by Councilor Sloniker. The motion carried 5-0. On the merits of the Ordinance, Councilor De Forest made a motion to enact, second by Councilor Kelley. Councilor De Forest asked for clarification as to why the City owns and maintains this parking lot. Manager Arft stated that the City had partnered with this development and developed the parking lot by continuing the public lot from the north to attach to Heritage View. The motion carried 5-0. File 7791 Ordinance 3554

## 8. APPOINTMENTS

President Haynes announced the openings and submitted the following appointment to the following Board for approval. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to approve, second by Councilor Sloniker. The motion carried 5-0

- a. **Board of Appeals:** Gregory D. Gaul, to a term ending May 31, 2018. File 6130

## 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Sloniker said she attended Neighborhood Watch, Government 101, Stop the Violence event at Summit Park and toured the Engineering Building and learned about SLATS and MPO organizations.
- Councilor Kelly stated she attended the Stateline Community Foundation Scholarship luncheon where her son was a recipient.
- Councilor Kincaid stated he attended the Farmers Market which is celebrating fifty years and has eighty-five vendors with more coming. He also attended the Artwalk in Downtown Beloit and the Rock River Philharmonic.
- Councilor De Forest announced that Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Band will be playing at Fridays in the Park and she thanks the Department of Public Works staff for coming to the Farmers Market with all their equipment. She also announced EMS week May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Fire Station, 1111 Church Street. She welcomed Councilor Sloniker to the Council.

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Manager Arft introduced Teri Downing, Director of Community and Housing Services who gave a Power Point presentation on **Code Enforcement**. Ms. Downing stated that a checklist is sent with all interior inspection notification letters that allows property owners to prepare for an inspection ahead of time. She said that sending out the checklist will minimize violations and reduce the number of reinspections. Ms. Downing explained that her staffing consists of one inspector for interior fire systematics for multifamily and duplex properties, five inspectors for interior and exterior city-wide code enforcement and one BHA inspector for Section and 131 Public Housing.

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a resolution authorizing the **422 Bluff Street/310 Euclid Avenue** Project, located on the same parcel. Councilor De Forest moved to adopt the resolution, second by Councilor Kelly. Ms. Christensen reviewed the history of the project and said that City staff applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish both 422 Bluff and 320 Euclid, however the Landmarks Commission only approved demolition for 422

Bluff and offered the alternative of rehabbing 310 Euclid. Ms. Christensen stated that after contacting investors of similar rehabs in the past, there was no interest in this project. Since the private sector is not interested, this resolution was brought to Council to use either CDBG or City funds in addition to the HOME funds due to the subsidy limits. Councilor De Forest moved to adopt, second by Councilor Kelly. The motion failed 0-5. File 8617

- b. Economic Development Director Andrew Janke presented a resolution approving a **Development Agreement** between City of Beloit, 200 West Grand Avenue, LLC and East Grand Avenue Development, LLC for sale of 80 East Grand and 100 East Grand Avenue. Mr. Janke said that Hendricks Commercial Properties will invest over \$8 Million for the two projects and has the potential to create three new businesses and could create up to thirty new jobs. Councilor Kelley made a motion to adopt the resolution second by Councilor Sloniker. The motion carried 5-0. File 8492
- c. Manager Arft presented a resolution approving a **Memorandum of Understanding** between Beloit College and City of Beloit regarding the Powerhouse Riverwalk Project. Manager Arft explained the history of the Project which has been presented to the Council three times, and said the City will have a contingency cap of \$250,000 on the City's cost. He said that four benchmarks have been added where the City and Beloit College will review the project and both must approve the project at each benchmark before moving forward. Councilor Sloniker made a motion to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding, second by Councilor Kelly. Councilor De Forest expressed her concern with the \$250,000 contingency cap and said that the original amount committed was \$150,000 and Manager Arft responded that he anticipates cost estimates are going to be very close to the original cost estimates. Councilor De Forest asked if this will impact the Parks and Recreation budget and Manager Arft responded this project will not affect any budget and the ownership, operation and maintenance of the project will be the responsibility of the City and be incorporated into the City's existing trail system. The motion carried 5-0 File 8637
- d. Director of Operations Chris Walsh presented the resolution approving a **Landfill Disposal Agreement** between the City of Janesville and the City of Beloit. Ms. Walsh stated the City of Beloit would realize a savings of \$186,994.00 in the first five years of the agreement with Janesville to use their landfill. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Councilor Sloniker. Councilor De Forest asked about Beloit's liability at the Janesville landfill and Ms. Walsh responded the City is protected from liability as a customer of the City of Janesville, The motion carried 5-0. File 8676

12. At 9:04 p.m., Councilor Sloniker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilor Kincaid. Motion carried.

  
Judith A. Elson, Deputy City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: June 1, 2015