



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 1, 2015

Presiding: Charles Haynes
Present: Sheila De Forest, Regina Hendrix, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, Marilyn Sloniker
Absent: David Luebke (arrived at 7:19 p.m.)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall by President Haynes.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. President Haynes introduced the new **City Manager** Lori S. Curtis Luther. He said that this is Manager Luther's first meeting and day of work, and said that he felt that she is one of the most qualified people he has ever met. Manager Luther said that it was a pleasure to be here and her family will be relocating soon. She added that she felt this is the perfect choice and excellent fit for her professionally and for her family. Manager Luther said that following in the footsteps of City Manager Emeritus Larry Arft is a big challenge, but felt that with the council's guidance and help from staff, the City will continue the positive momentum that Beloit has enjoyed well into the future.
 - b. President Haynes introduced the new **City Clerk** Lori Stottler. He said that Ms. Stottler is the former County Clerk and comes with amazing credentials and qualifications. Ms. Stottler said that she too was positive that she had made the right choice and was honored to have been selected for the position and is looking forward to learning everything from her very capable staff.
 - c. Presentation of Receipt of **Rock River Trail Coalition Award** was given by Manager Emeritus Arft. He welcomed Manager Luther said that the City was presented the 2015 Protector Award from the Coalition. He said that the city has been an Eco municipality since 2007 and has done a wide range of projects. He said that there were three major policy initiatives that were recognized by the Coalition that included the City's Greenbelt work along the Rock River and Turtle Creek, the shoreline stabilization project, and the Winter Storm Program.
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
 - Bill Dorr, 836 Church Street, welcomed the new City Manager and addressed the council regarding inner city initiatives and concerns with parking at Park Avenue Apartments and requested a committee with a Council person and city staff to draft an ordinance similar to Waukesha Wisconsin to permit parking from 3:00 – 5:00 a.m. for the whole Beloit or specific neighborhoods. He also suggested adding an agenda item to receive updates on neighborhood initiatives.
 - Christopher Hoover, 2536 S. Belmont Drive, spoke on support of raising the minimum wage to \$9.00 an hour and listed reasons for the change. He was addressing the Council this evening as a Turner High School student for his political science class.
6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilors De Forest and Kincaid made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda items 6.a. through 6.e. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda is accepted, approved, adopted or referred and acted upon as required by state and local code by a vote of 6-0.

- a. The minutes of the special and regular meetings of May 18, 2015 were approved.

- b. Resolution approving **Change of Agent** for Beloit Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Madison Road BP, located at 1343 Madison Road, from Gary O. Shoemaker to Pyarali Punjwani was adopted. File 8688
- c. Resolution approving **Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses** for License Period July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016 was adopted. File 8688
- d. Resolution approving the Renewal of an **Annual Mobile Home Park License** for the property located at 2601 Colley Road was adopted. File 8124
- e. Application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a temporary outdoor seating area and temporary outdoor sales, possession, and consumption of alcohol in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District, for property located at 1180 Madison Road (Alibi Bar & Grill) was referred to Plan Commission. File 8222

7. ORDINANCES– none

8. APPOINTMENTS– none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Hendrix said that she attended the Rock County Christian School graduation and will be attending the Beloit Memorial High School graduation. She announced the Summer Gospel Jam event on June 20th and invited all to attend.
- Councilor Luebke welcomed Manager Luther and thanked Manager Emeritus Arft for more than a decade of service to Beloit.
- Councilor Kelly said she was excited about being in the Memorial Day Parade with the other Councilors and said she was excited about her son graduating this year.
- Councilor Sloniker said that she attended the Golf Committee meeting, the EMS open house, and the closing of Morgan School event. She said that Fran Fruzen was honored to have a school named after him and noted his accomplishments in education. She said she appreciated her time to serve with Manager Emeritus Arft and welcomed Manager Luther.
- Councilor De Forest said that she attended the EMS open house and said one highlight was speaking with one of the three doctors that staff MD1 which is a wonderful resource for city residents. She attended the State of Rock County Health presentation a collaboration of all Rock County Hospitals along with the Health Department and UW-Extension to study issues that impact health and develop strategic plans for Rock County. She attended Blackhawk Technical College GED and Community Action PATH program graduations. She said that she is absolutely thrilled with Manager Luther for choosing Beloit and was happy that she and her family are invested in the community. She thanked Manager Emeritus Arft for his dedication and service to the city and its residents and also recently retired Mike Ciaramita for his service to the City. She said that she is thrilled to have Lori Stottler as the new City Clerk and recognized her knowledge, professionalism and personal commitment.
- Councilor Kincaid wished Manager Emeritus Arft the best, commended City Clerk Lori Stottler on her past endeavors with the county, and encouraged everyone to attend the Memorial Day Parade in the future.
- Councilor Haynes said that 140 members of the Community came to the retirement dinner for Manager Emeritus Arft to wish him well. He said that Manager Emeritus Arft taught him almost everything he knows of Public Administration and Government and that he will miss him. He thanked Manager Luther for coming to Beloit and is convinced that she is the right person for this job.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Library Director Nick Dimassis thanked Manager Emeritus Arft and his wife Karen Arft for their support of the Library. He introduced Tina Kakuske, Head of Adult Services, who gave a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the **Library Reading Summer Program** activities. She said that the summer library program will begin June 13 and will address three different but related themes for youth, teens and adults all having to do with Hero's. Councilor De Forest said that the presentation was very informative and she was very excited, especially for teens to "read down library fines", and asked how the Library promoted the programs. Ms. Kakuske said that youth flyers were distributed to elementary schools, and teen flyers were distributed during a

presentation at the high school. Councilor DeForest asked that a link to the Library be placed on their website: <https://beloitlibrary.org/>

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS-- none

12. Councilors Hendrix and Sloniker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. Motion carried.



Jelene J. Ahrens, WCMC, Deputy City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: June 15, 2015