



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES

#### Meetings:

- Participated in cross-departmental Economic Development Rapid Response Team meeting.
- Reviewed recent bids to remove trees impacted by Emerald Ash Bore and discussed citywide plan to address this issue systematically over the next five years.
- Met with Council President Charles Haynes
- Met with Council Member Marilyn Sloniker
- Met with Mark Rand, Chief Professional Officer of the Stateline Boys and Girls Club

#### Community Meetings, Activities, and Functions:

- Participated in Visit Beloit Board of Directors meeting
- Held Community Listening Session in Spanish at Hackett Elementary School
- Participated in ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly remodeled Culvers restaurant
- Participated in an Urban Alliance/Public Policy Forum in Madison
- Participated in press conferences

### BELOIT'S MOST WANTED

The Beloit Police Department has instituted a new web page with photos and details on the City's "most wanted" individuals. Please click [here](#) to view the page. For more information on each individual, just click on their photo. If you see something, say something!

Over the past week, our community has shared the grief of the Ramos family who lost their son, Austin Ramos, Jr., in a tragic shooting incident last Friday, January 22, 2016. The Beloit Police Department has two suspects in custody and they are working with federal agencies to apprehend two other individuals.

Interim Chief David Zibolski, the City Manager and members of the Beloit Police Department thank the community for all of the recent tips that helped bring subjects to justice regarding the recent homicide of young Austin Ramos Jr. The dedicated phone line for tips regarding the Ramos case is 608-364-6865.

### BELOIT WINTERFEST THIS WEEKEND

The Beloit Parks and Leisure Services and Welty Environmental Center have published a list of Winterfest activities, scheduled for **Friday, January 29 through Sunday, January 31, 2016**. For more information, please click [here](#).

**SNOW EMERGENCIES AND VEHICLE TOWING—IMPORTANT!**

In an effort to maximize the City's efficiency during snow emergencies, and in response to citizen concerns, we will begin towing vehicles in a more aggressive fashion. All snow emergencies and "no parking" requirements will be reported to media outlets and placed on the front page of the City's web site. During declared snow emergencies, please help us make our street clearing efforts as quick and cost effective as possible by removing your vehicles. Click [\[here\]](#) for a link to "Winter Parking FAQ's" with a list of designated emergency parking area locations.

**"BELOIT, WE'RE ON A ROLL" PRESENTATION**

**On Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**, the City of Beloit's Public Works Operations Division will host a presentation and informational meeting regarding the upcoming changes to the residential solid waste program. The program will be held at the Merrill Community Center, 1428 Wisconsin Avenue, Beloit. Residents are encouraged to attend. For more information about the new Automated Collection program, please visit the website: [www.automatebeloit.com](http://www.automatebeloit.com).

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The attached [agenda](#) is for the **Monday, February 1, 2016 City Council meeting** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum. A [workshop](#) will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the regular Council meeting.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Resolution authorizing an amended **Planned Unit Development (PUD)** Master Land Use Plan for the property located at 2851 Milwaukee Road (Menards Warehouse Addition). The applicant has proposed the construction of a warehouse expansion at the Beloit store. The Plan Commission reviewed and recommends approval.
- b. Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Beloit's **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning classification of the property located at 2345 Prairie Avenue (River of Life UMC) from R-1A, Single-Family Residential District to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District. Staff supports the proposed Zoning Map Amendment; however Plan Commission reviewed and the item failed to pass, with the vote being 2-2.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016.
- b. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 736 Oak Street from R-1B, Single-Family Residential District to R-2, Two-Family Residential District. The property lost its nonconforming duplex status due to the lack of a 2014 Rental Dwelling Permit. The applicant purchased the property in August 2015 shortly after the previous owner was notified of the property status. The current owner is seeking to rezone the subject property in order to use it as a two-family rental. This item will be referred to Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- c. Application for **Construction of New Parking Lots** at Turtle Creek Park (1312 E. Grand Ave.) and Turtle Creek Floodplain (1801 Milwaukee Road). The Engineering Division has requested that Plan Commission review the proposed plans for parking lots at the above named public lands. Turtle Creek Park is a landmark site and any alterations need to be authorized by the Landmarks Commission. That Commission will review the parking lot proposal at the February 16, 2016 meeting. This item will be referred to Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- d. Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing for the **Vacation** of a portion of West Grand Avenue Right-of-way in the City of Beloit. The proposed area to be vacated is a 120 square-foot strip of West Grand Avenue right-of-way adjacent

to 108 W. Grand Avenue. The building at 108 W. Grand Avenue extends beyond its legal description into the 120 square-foot area to be vacated. This encroachment appears to be the result of a discrepancy as platted in the year 1847. A Public Hearing date will be set and this item will be referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 25.04(4)(d) and 13.18 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Parking Enforcement**. Staff is requesting the ordinance amendment which allows civilian city staff to assist law enforcement during times of snow emergencies by issuing parking tickets. This is a first reading.
- b. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 25.04(4)(d) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to Officials authorized to **Issue Citations related to Annual Rental Dwelling Permits**. In 2016, the workload in the Community and Housing Services Division has been divided so that the rental permit program will be administered by both the Administrative Assistant in the Community and Housing Services Division and the Administrative Assistant in the Planning and Building Services Division. The proposed ordinance amendment will add and amend the list of city employees authorized to issue municipal citations for violation of city ordinances pertaining to Annual Rental Dwelling Permits.

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving **Memorandum of Understanding** for Shared Communications Facilities. Once operational, the project will ensure that other public safety agencies working in and around Beloit can interface with Beloit public safety personnel.
- b. The City Council will adjourn into a Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats § 19.85 (1)(e) to discuss potential **real estate transactions**, the discussion of which would harm the City's competitive or bargaining interests if held in open session.
- c. Council may reconvene and possibly take action on matters discussed in closed session.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— FEBRUARY 1—5, 2016

- Monday, Feb. 1      6:30 p.m.    [Agenda Review](#), City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
- Monday, Feb. 1      7:00 p.m.    [City Council Meeting](#), Forum (All City Councilors)
- Wed. Feb. 3          7:00 p.m.    [Plan Commission](#), Forum (C. Kincaid)

## 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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

**Beloit Public Library** offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for their January/February activities.

January 29—31

**Beloit Winterfest** activities in various locations. Please see [attached](#) schedule for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 2    5:15 p.m.

**Snappers Baseball 12th Annual Hot Stove Banquet**, the Garden Hotel Conference Center, 200 Dearborn Ave., South Beloit. \$40/adult; \$20 for children 5-12. Under 5 are free. Contact Seth at 608-362-2272 for tickets.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

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Dated: January 27, 2016  
Lorena Rae Stottler  
City Clerk  
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**AGENDA  
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL  
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511  
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 1, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Resolution authorizing and amended **Planned Unit Development** (PUD) Master Land Use Plan for the property located at 2851 Milwaukee Road (Menards Warehouse Addition) (Christensen)  
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 4-0
  - b. Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Beloit's **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning classification of the property located at 2345 Prairie Avenue (River of Life UMC) from R-1A, Single-Family Residential District to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District (Christensen)  
Plan Commission recommendation for approval failed 2-2 (First reading)
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.

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- b. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 736 Oak Street from R-1B, Single-Family Residential District to R-2, Two-Family Residential District (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- c. Application for **Construction of New Parking Lots** at Turtle Creek Park (1312 E Grand Avenue) and Turtle Creek Floodplain (1801 Milwaukee Road) (Christensen)  
Refer to Plan Commission
- d. Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing for the **Vacation** of a portion of W. Grand Avenue Right-of-way in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin (Christensen)  
Accept and refer to Plan Commission

7. ORDINANCES

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8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

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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 City Plan Commission  
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 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 January 20, 2016 Meeting**
3. **Zoning Map Amendment – 736 Oak Street**  
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1B, Single Family Residential District, to R-2, Two-Family Residential District, for the property located at 736 Oak Street
4. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
5. **Adjournment**

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

Notice Mailed: January 29, 2016

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community  
Development Director

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# Beloit Winterfest



## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 29:**

- Kick off Winterfest with Family Bingo! Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff Street) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, all ages welcome, great prizes and refreshments! FREE!
- Build a Snowman! (have no fear!- alternative plans available if we have no snow) BMHS students will be showing us the ropes in outdoor snowman building and decorating. Bundle up and head to BMHS (Field House Entrance) from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. FREE! Please pre register with Trixie, (608) 364-2890 x1 by Wednesday, January 27th.
- 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 30:**

- The Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd.) 10:00 am to noon will be offering seasonal stories for little ones, snow crafts to make and take, snow-themed snacks to create and enjoy, indoor snowball fights, and activities for teens. Registration is not necessary. FREE!
- The Welty Environmental Center will be showing off their new home at The Big Hill Center, noon to 2:00 pm. Try out snowshoeing with the family and explore the new bike path in Big Hill Park. FREE!
- Open Family Swim at the beautiful BMHS pool. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, \$3.00/person or \$10.00/Family of 4
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- 4's Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Tournament at Beloit Memorial High School. Competitive level (A/B) entry fee of \$100.00 (cash payout, trophy, & champion t-shirts). Recreational level (C/D/E) entry fee of \$50.00 (trophy & champion t-shirts). Pre-register by January 20th, for more information call Sonya at (608) 364-2890 x3.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 31:**

- **Winterfest Favorite!** Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. FREE!
- The Welty Environmental Center invites all to warm up from the sleigh rides inside the Big Hill Center, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check out tracking and birds of prey. Hikes too, weather permitting! FREE!
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- 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 22nd.

**OPEN DAILY:** \* The Sledding Hill, Hospital Hill on Olympian Blvd \* Cross Country Ski Trails, Turtle Creek and Big Hill Park.  
\* Snow Shoes of all sizes, available for rent! Call for more information, (608) 361-1377.



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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.

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