



THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Continued one-on-one meetings with direct reports, completed annual evaluations, and began discussion for the 2016/2017 departmental work plans.
- Met with Council member Sheila De Forest
- Met with Council member Marilyn Sloniker
- Reviewed Council agenda with Council Vice-President Leavy
- Participated in the Police Chief's swearing-in ceremony

Community Events:

- Served as Master of Ceremonies for a joint Arbor Day Celebration with the Beloit School District and City of Beloit at Fruzen Intermediate School.
- Attended the retirement celebration for Judge Henderson, who has served as Beloit's Municipal Judge since 1993.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The City closed on the City owned property located at 80/100 East Grand Avenue this week. Hendricks Commercial Properties now is the titled owner of the former Kerry Ingredients office building that the City has owned since 2011. HCP is currently evaluating its options for redeveloping the property including a comprehensive renovation of the exterior of the property.

This week the City also closed on the 30 acre City owned vacant industrial site located at 2401 Stateline Road. HCP was also the buyer of this site and plans on starting construction on an initial 100,000 square foot building that may be expanded in a phased development up to over 400,000 square feet. Construction is expected to begin as early as next week and a formal ground breaking ceremony will be scheduled for later in May.

GRINNELL HALL SENIOR CENTER 2016 PLANT AND BAKE SALE

The Grinnell Hall Plant and Bake Sale will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 11, 12 and 13, 2016 at the Senior Center, 631 Bluff Street, from 8:00—4:00 p.m. The emphasis this year is on succulents.

Grinnell Hall is accepting donated plants for the sale. If you have small house plants to donate, please take them to Grinnell Hall anytime during business hours, Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. All funds raised go to help support programming at Grinnell.

For more information, please contact Paula Schutt, Senior Center Coordinator, at 364-2875.

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Special points of interest:

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- **Community Meetings and Events (page 5)**

ROCK COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

The Rock County Land Conservation Department is sponsoring a Clean Sweep for Hazardous Chemicals program in Beloit on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the City of Beloit Public Works garage, 2351 Springbrook Ct. This program is for mercury, pesticides, solvents, old fuel, pool chemicals, caustics, acids and more. For a list and brochure click here: www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep Registration is required. Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling 754-6617 Ext. 3. Space is limited.

ARTWALK IN DOWNTOWN БЕЛОIT

Friday, May 13, 2016 from 5:00—9:00 p.m., hundreds of unique handmade works from nearly 50 artists and crafters will be featured at more than 25 different venues in downtown Beloit. A free trolley will make a loop connecting participating businesses and exhibition areas throughout the night. Enjoy a night filled with art and entertainment in downtown Beloit!

AUTOMATED COLLECTION—"BELOIT WE'RE ON A ROLL"

Automated collection will be here before you know it. Have you attended an informational program yet? Do you have any questions? The City of Beloit Public Works website can answer many of your questions: <http://www.automatebeloit.com/> On that website, you can check your address for collection days and choose to sign up for reminder alerts, which can be received via text message, phone call or email!

Here are some **important dates** you'll want to keep in mind:

- Between May 23—June 3, 2016 each residence will be supplied with two 96-gallon wheeled carts. The garbage cart has a black lid, and the recycling cart has a gray lid. **Automated collection will begin on June 6, 2016.**
- Automation Public Presentations are scheduled throughout May and are open to the public:
 - **May 5, 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.
 - **May 11, 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at City Hall Forum, 100 State Street
 - **May 18, 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.
 - **May 26, 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at City Hall Forum, 100 State Street

ROAD CLOSURE

The intersection of US Hwy. 51 (Riverside Drive) and Cranston Road has been under construction since April 11. The closure of Cranston at the intersection to all traffic will occur on May 10, 2016. A detour will be established. The project is expected to continue through August 11. This work is being done under a contract with Rock Road Companies, Inc. through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING—MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

The City Council will hold a **Special Meeting** on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting is to consider two appointments to the Police and Fire Commission.

The City Council will hold a **Workshop** in the City Manager's Conference Room on May 2, 2016 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 Monday, May 2, 2016 regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation declaring May 15—21, 2016 as **Emergency Medical Services Week**, honoring our emergency medical services teams. Fire Chief Brad Liggett will accept the proclamation.
- b. Proclamation declaring May 15—21, 2016 as **National Police Week**, honoring the men and women on the Police Department. Police Chief David Zibolski will accept the proclamation.
- c. Proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2016 as **National Travel and Tourism Week**, celebrating the work of Visit Beloit and of the travel industry in our community. Celestino Ruffini, Visit Beloit Executive Director, will accept the proclamation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the special meeting of April 14, the regular meeting of April 18, 2016 and the organizational meeting of April 19, 2016.
- b. Applications for **Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses** for License Period July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017. Annually, premises engaging in the sale, procurement, dispensing and transfer of alcoholic beverages must make application to the City of Beloit for annual renewal of their appropriate liquor license(s). This item will be referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.

8. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Council President **Committee/Board/Commission Appointments**. The Council President will announce the appointment of City Councilors to the various Committee, Commissions and Boards.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation on **Creative Programming for Youth**. Teri Downing, Director of Community and Housing Services, will give a report.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution Authorizing the **Sale of 715 W. Grand Avenue** to the Community Development Authority of the City of Beloit. Along with a property at 349 Euclid, the City of Beloit acquired the property in October 2015 for \$1.00. The property at 715 W. Grand is a blighted building that needs to be demolished. The remaining lot will be restored to grass and possibly sold to the neighboring property owner.
- b. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Mutual Aid and Fire Suppression Services. The fire department has been a mutual aid partner for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for many years. The MOU for this partnership expired December 31, 2015. This resolution renews the commitment of the City of Beloit to provide for mutual aid services to the DNR and to set terms for reimbursement should a deployment occur. This MOU also makes us eligible for grant funding through the DNR Forest Fire Protection Program.
- c. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for **Forest Fire Protection Grant** program and to amend the 2016 General Fund Operating Budget for Expenditures under this program. As a mutual aid partner for the Wisconsin DNR, we are able to apply for and receive an equipment grant through the Forest Fire Protection Grant Program. The department intends to augment its capacity to fight urban forestry and vegetation fires with the purchase of a new firefighting skid.

- d. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for USDA **Farmers Market Promotion Program Grant**. The Downtown Beloit Association would like to build the Farmers Market by focusing on customers who are recipients of the Wisconsin and Illinois Food Stamp Programs known as SNAP and LINK respectively. The DBA would focus the grant funds on marketing outreach, print materials, giveaway items, coupons and enhancement of the Information Booth, among other things. This is intended to assist in development, improvement, and expansion of the market and is a thirty-six month grant cycle.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES—VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Vacancies exist on Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions for city residents. If you are interested in making a contribution of your time and talents to the City of Beloit, please click [here](#) for a list of City Boards and Commissions and an application. Current vacancies include:

- **Appointment Review Committee** (3 year term)
Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room
- **Board of Ethics** (3 year term)
Meets as needed except annual meeting on the 3rd Thursday of January in the City Manager's Conference Room
- **Board of Review** (5 year term)
Meets annually in May and typically hears assessment objection cases as scheduled in June in the City Hall Forum
- **Equal Opportunities Commission** (3 year term)
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each even-numbered month at 5:45 p.m. in the Forum
- **Municipal Golf Committee** (vacancy for youth representative) (3 year term)
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 a.m. at the Krueger-Haskell Club House
- **Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission** (including vacancy for youth representative) (3 year term)
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Operations Facility
- **Plan Commission** (3 year term)
Meets on the Wednesdays following City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum
- **Police and Fire Commission** (5 year term) (Supplemental application is required)
Meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MAY 2—6, 2016

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| Monday, May 2 | 6:00 p.m. | Special Council Meeting , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors) |
| Monday, May 2 | 6:30 p.m. | City Council Workshop , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors) |
| Monday, May 2 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors) |
| Wed., May 4 | 7:30 a.m. | Rock County Breakfast (D. Luebke and K. Leavy) |
| Wed., May 4 | 4:30 p.m. | Community Development Authority , Forum |
| Wed., May 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Plan Commission , Forum |

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 a calendar of activities and events.

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| Sat., April 30 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Alice in Wonderland Bash , Beloit Public Library. \$40/single and \$75/couple. Please come with your best "Mad Hat" as prizes will be awarded to the most creative. Scavenger hunt, live auction, appetizers and cash bar. RSVP to the Library at 608-364-2905 or beloitlibrarybash.com |
| Month of May | | Beloit Public Library announces May is National Burger Month! \$1 off burgers when you show ANY library card at several local restaurants. Please click here for more information: http://beloitlibrary.org/content/national-burger-month |
| Saturday, May 7 | 8:00 a.m. | Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market is back for the season! Over 85 vendors every week with live music at Gantry Park. Meet us at State and Grand! The Beloit Farmers' Market was named number two in the State by "Discover Wisconsin!" |
| Saturday, May 7 | 10:00 a.m. | Downtown Dash 5K Run/Walk . Start/finish is Irontek, 635 Third Street. For more information, contact Aimee Thurner at the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce, 608-313-1367. |
| Friday, May 13 | 5:00-9:00 p.m. | 14th Annual ArtWalk-A Handmade Market , Downtown Beloit. |



NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2016

6:00 p.m.

4th Floor City Manager's Conference Room

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF BELOIT COUNCIL CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of the City of Beloit Municipal Code of Ordinances, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll Call
2. Consider the **appointment of Ana Kelly to the Police and Fire Commission**
Appointment Review Committee recommendation for approval 5-0
3. Consider the **appointment of Tressy (Gustina) Brown to the Police and Fire Commission**
Appointment Review Committee recommendation for approval 5-0
4. Adjournment

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

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

Dated: April 20, 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, May 2, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2016 as **Emergency Medical Services Week** (Liggett)
 - b. Proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2016 as **National Police Week** (Zibolski)
 - c. Proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2016 as **National Travel and Tourism Week** (Celestino Ruffini, Visit Beloit, Executive Director)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 special meeting of April 14, the regular meeting of April 18, 2016 and the organizational meeting of April 19, 2016 (Stottler)
- b. Applications for **Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses** for License Period July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017 (Stottler) Refer to ABLCC

7. ORDINANCES

8. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Council President **Committee/Board/Commission Appointments**

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation on **Creative Programing for Youth** (Downing)

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution Authorizing the **Sale of 715 W Grand Avenue** to the Community Development Authority of the City of Beloit (Christensen)
- b. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Mutual Aid and Fire Suppression Services (Liggett)
- c. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for **Forest Fire Protection Grant** program and to amend the 2016 General Fund Operating Budget for Expenditures under this program (Liggett)
- d. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for USDA **Farmers Market Promotion Program Grant** (El-Amin)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: April 27, 2016
Lorena Rae Stottler
City of Beloit City Clerk
www.beloitwi.gov

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
Community Development Authority
May 4, 2016 at 4:30 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 23, 2016
4. Beloit Housing Authority
 - a. Presentation of January Activity Reports (Pollard)
 - b. Presentation of February Activity Reports (Pollard)
 - c. Presentation of March Activity Reports (Pollard)
 - d. Discussion of the Process of Handling Program Violations (Pollard)
 - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2016-06, Approval of 2016 First Quarter Write-offs (Cole)
5. Neighborhood Revitalization Activities
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2016-05, Authorizing the CDA to Acquire 715 West Grand Avenue and Award the Demolition Contract for 715 W Grand Avenue (Downing)
6. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: April 29, 2016

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, May 4, 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 April 6, 2016 Meeting**
3. **Street Vacation – Portion of the Springbrook Court Right-of-Way**
Public hearing, review and consideration of the vacation of a small portion of the Springbrook Court right-of-way in front of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Operations Facility located at 2351 Springbrook Court
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 and Building Services Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.**

Notice Mailed: April 29, 2016

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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