

# CITY OF BELOIT

# The Beloit Report

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

### CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES Meetings:

- Participated in the Economic Development Rapid Response Team meeting.
- Spent much of the week meeting with individual Department and Division Directors to review Capital Improvement Projects, as well as work on the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan.
- Met with City Council President David Luebke.
- Met with Judy Robson and other interested parties who wished to express their thoughts on the Morgan School property.
- Met with Chief Zibolski to get an update on the Police Department, especially plans for recruitment, staffing, and the upcoming National Night Out.
- Met with Michael Ramsdail, President of the Beloit Community Ministers Fellowship.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY INFORMATION

City Hall and the Library will be closed on Monday, July 4th for the Independence Day Holiday.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day the week of July 4th in observance of the holiday. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Monday, July 4, 2016.

The Rock County Sheriff's office has declared a "slow-no-wake" speed restriction on the Rock River from the West Beloit Rock Town Line Road Bridge to the Portland Avenue Bridge on July 4 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The Sheriff's office and Town of Beloit Boat Patrol units will be on the water on July 4th, and will be enforcing safety violations, including the slow-no-wake ordinance.

Pops on the Rock annual 4th of July concert will be held at the Harry Moore Pavilion in Riverside Park, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on July 4, 2016. The Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra will perform a variety of musical offerings, with a special guest appearance by Grammy-nominated electric violinist Susan Aquila. The concert will be followed by the fireworks show at dusk (approximately 9:15 p.m.). Food will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket or lawn chair!

### CITY ENCOURAGES FIREWORKS SAFETY DURING 4TH OF JULY

<u>Attached</u> is a joint press release from the Beloit Police and Fire Departments, encouraging safety precautions during the holiday weekend. Do you know what fireworks you can safely and legally have in Beloit? Please read the press release for the correct information. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

### 2016 POPS ON THE ROCK FIREWORKS FUND

The 4th of July fireworks display is made possible only by our community's generous contributions. In an effort to continue this amazing program, a committee of local citizens is

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assisting with fundraising. If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation to help continue the 4th of July tradition, please click here: <u>https://statelinecf.org/pops-rock-2016/</u>

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) - INPUT ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

The City of Beloit is in the process of preparing its 2017 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A public hearing will be held to give citizens and other interested parties an opportunity to give input on community development, housing, and homeless needs in the city. **The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. during the City Council meeting in the Forum at City Hall, 100 State Street**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. The public is invited to attend the hearing. For further information, please contact Teri Downing in the Community and Housing Services Division, 608-364-6705 or by email at <u>downingt@beloitwi.gov</u>

#### POLITICAL SIGNS REMINDER

The November election is getting closer, and the City of Beloit Planning and Building Services Division reminds residents that the City's Sign Ordinance allows the display of political signs, while protecting community aesthetics and promoting traffic safety.

Political signs may be displayed on private property without a Sign Permit, subject to the provisions in Section 30.33 of the Sign Ordinance. However, political signs may not be displayed in the public right-of-way or on other government property, including parks, street terraces, medians, and vacant lots. Unlawful signs may be confiscated and/or result in municipal citations being issued. On Election Day, no sign may be displayed on public property within 100 feet of any entrance to a building containing a polling place. If you have any questions or concerns, or to report an unlawful sign, please call the Planning and Building Services Division at 608-364-6700.

In addition, the Beloit Police Department reminds the public of Wisconsin Statute 12.13(3)(h), which states that "no person may...Deface, destroy or remove any legally placed election campaign advertising poster with intent to disrupt the campaign advertising efforts of any committee registered under ch. <u>11</u>, or alter the information printed thereon so as to change the meaning thereof to the disadvantage of the candidate or cause espoused. Nothing in this paragraph restricts the right of any owner or occupant of any real property, or the owner or operator of any motor vehicle, to remove campaign advertising posters from such property or vehicle."

#### 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan announced the schedule for Summer Office Hours across Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District. Outreach staff will be available on **Friday**, **July 8th** at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd, from 10:00—11:00 a.m. Rep. Pocan's outreach staff will work directly with constituents to answer questions and help address any concerns with federal agencies.

#### STATELINE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (SLATS)

The cities of Beloit and South Beloit are studying downtown parking, and asking for input. If you are a resident, guest, business owner, employee, patron or visitor and you park downtown, SLATS wants to hear from you! There are two ways to participate. A public listening session will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at Vision Beloit, 500 Public Ave., Beloit. The duration of the listening session is 1—1.5 hours. The second way to participate is by taking an online survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Beloit\_Parking">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Beloit\_Parking</a>

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### 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 <u>here</u> 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 Appeals (3 year term) Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum
- **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) (1 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

#### FIREWORKS SAFETY INFORMATION (Courtesy of the Consumer Product Safety Commission)

The City of Beloit Fire Department is looking for your help. Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain. Nation wide 230 people on average go the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday. <u>In Beloit it is illegal to use</u> <u>anything that goes up in the air or explodes.</u> Each year we experience fires, injuries, and over 400 neighborhood complaints regarding fireworks, and that's only on the few days leading up to and including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Consumer fireworks that are legal in the state used safely, in moderation, and in consideration of your neighbors will be an enjoyable experience for your family especially if you follow these safety tips.

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Wear protective eye wear, don't wear loose flammable clothing that could catch fire.
- Don't use homemade devices.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- If you do get injures please seek appropriate medical care immediately.
- Report fires immediately.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Remember pets are equally affected by fireworks. Consider their nerves and protect them from the noise.

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING-TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016

On Tuesday, July 5, 2016 the City Council will hold a <u>Workshop</u> at 5:30 p.m. in the Forum. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss preparation of the City's 2017 budget. Following the workshop, or at 6:30 p.m., the Council will hold another Workshop in the Forum Conference Room to review the agenda of the 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

The attached <u>agenda</u> is for the Tuesday, July 5, 2016 regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

### 3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Proclamation recognizing July as Park and Recreation Month.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public Hearing to Solicit Input on the Community Development, Housing, and Homeless needs in the City for Inclusion in the 2017 Annual Action Plan. This plan allows the City to maintain its eligibility for Community Development Block Grant funding.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of June 20, 2016.
- b. Application for a new Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor (Cider only) License for Shopko Stores Operating Company, LLC, (d/b/a Shopko, #26) located at 2761 Prairie Avenue, Ben Broge, Agent. This item will be referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.
- c. Application for a new Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License for Victoria Rose LLC (d/b/a Victoria rose) located at 946 Wisconsin Avenue, Francisco Amador, Agent. This business was formerly operated by Jesus Garcia as Restaurant La Fuente. Mr. Garcia did not reapply for a liquor license by the deadline and has since transferred the business to Mr. Amador. This item will be referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.
- d. Application for a new Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License for Royal Enterprizes, LLC (d/b/a Ole Louisiana Cajun Café & Catering Co.) located at 315 State Street, James H. Bennett, Jr., Agent. Mr. Bennett formerly applied and operated his business under the d/b/a name Mama Lou's Shrimp & BBQ Smokehouse. He has decided to change his business structure so Mama Lou's will be his food truck business and bringing on Fredrick and Deborah Hobson as officers of the LLC who will run the Ole Louisiana Cajun Café. This item will be referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.
- e. Resolution approving Installation of a new Monument Sign at the Krueger Municipal Pool. The Plan Commission reviewed this item on June 22, 2016 and voted 4-1 to recommend approval of the sign construction. The dissenting Plan Commissioner voted not to recommend approval due to a concern over the impact an electronic variable messaging (EVM) sign might have on the residential uses located across Hackett Street.
- f. Resolution Awarding Public Works Contract C16-09, Colley Road Reconstruction. This project will reconstruct Colley Road from Gateway Boulevard heading east approximately 3,500 feet to the city limits. The new road will be concrete and widened to include on-street bike lanes. Sanitary sewer and street lighting will also be extended as part of the project. Six bids were received for this project, with the low bid submitted by Maddrell Excavating, LLC.
- g. Resolution Awarding Public Works Contract C16-09A, Colley Road Traffic Signals. This project will install new traffic signals at the intersection of Colley Road and Gateway Boulevard. One bid was received for this project from MP Systems, Inc. d/b/a Pieperline.
- h. Resolution Awarding Public Works Contract C16-11, Pavement Markings. This project will add/refresh pavement markings on various streets and bike paths throughout the City. Three bids were received for this project, with the low

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bid submitted by Century Fence Co.

 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a State/Municipal Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for STP-Urban project for the reconstruction of Prairie Avenue from Cranston Road to Huebbe Parkway. This project proposes to replace the existing concrete pavement, upgrade traffic signals, add street lighting and evaluate proposed bicycle accommodations. The agreement stipulates that the State will contribute 80% of the eligible construction costs up to \$1,900,497 with the balance being funded by the City of Beloit.

#### **10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION**

a. 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). A link to the 2015 CAFR has been placed on the City's website. Eric Miller, Finance and Administrative Services Director, will present the information to the City Council at the meeting on July 5, 2016.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

### CITY MEETING CALENDAR– JUNE 27–JULY 1, 2016

Tuesday, July 5	5:30 p.m.	Pre-budget workshop, City Hall Forum (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, July 5	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review, City Hall Forum Conference Room (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, July 5	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Forum (All City Councilors
Wednesday, July 6	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (D. Luebke and K. Leavy)
Wednesday, July 6	Cancelled	Plan Commission (K. Leavy)

### 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 Snappers** are having fun at Telfer Park, Pohlman Field. If you're looking for someplace to take a date, your kids, or out of town guests, this is a great place to go! Support our local professional baseball team, a Class A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics. See their schedule and promotions here: <u>http://www.milb.com/promotions/index.jsp?sid=t554</u>

Month of June	Summer programs are underway at the Beloit Public Library. http://www.beloitlibrary.org/	
May 27—Sept. 2	11:30—1:30 p.m. Fridays in the Park, free summer concert series at First National Bank Plaza, (State and Grand) 11:30—1:30 p.m. every Friday. Lunch available for purchase.	
Saturday, July 2	6:00-9:30 p.m. <b>Free family movie night</b> at Horace White Park, 825 E. Grand Ave. "King Fu Panda 3" movie begins at 8:00 p.m. Carnival games at 6:00. All ages welcome, bring lawn chairs or blankets.	



# CITY OF BELOIT POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 1, 2016

Contacts: Police Department Captain Dan Molland 608-364-6812 Fire Department Chief Brad Liggett 608-364-2900

### **<u>CITY ENCOURAGES FIREWORKS SAFETY DURING 4TH OF JULY</u></u>**

In advance of the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend and related activities, the City of Beloit, along with the Beloit Police Department (BPD) and the Beloit Fire Department (BFD), want to encourage Beloiters to use fireworks safely and responsibly.

**Only sparklers, snakes, tanks, spinners, party poppers, snaps, smoke bombs, cone and cylindrical fountains are legal in Wisconsin.** If it goes up, shoots a flaming ball or blows up, it is illegal, you can be cited for the violation, and your fireworks confiscated. **Bottle rockets, mortars, firecrackers, and roman candles are all illegal in Beloit.** 

If Beloit residents choose to use legal fireworks while celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we want to encourage the following safety precautions:

- Only adults should use fireworks. Children should only observe from a distance and not touch.
- Please do not wear loose clothing and wear eye protection.
- Anchor sparklers in the ground, please do not hold them.
- Respect your neighbors and your surrounding environment. Please obey the city noise ordinance.
- Do not dispose of hot embers and devices in the trash. Please wait until the next day to clean up.
- Call for help or go to the ER immediately if injured and please contact BFD immediately if a fire occurs.

The City of Beloit wants everyone to enjoy a happy and healthy 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, however, we will be actively enforcing illegal fireworks violations for those that cannot regulate their conduct and endanger others in our community.

- A person who possesses or uses fireworks without a valid permit, or who sells fireworks to a person who does not have a valid permit, is subject to a forfeiture of up to \$1,000 per violation.
- A parent or guardian who allows a minor to possess or use fireworks (not including those for which no permits are required) is subject to a forfeiture of up to \$1,000 per violation.

In additional efforts to promote your safety and enforce regulations on July 4<sup>th</sup>, BPD will be engaging in enhanced neighborhood patrols along with speed and alcohol enforcement. The department's goal is to gain voluntary compliance so the community can enjoy this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. On June 20, 2016 the Beloit City Fireworks Ordinance was amended to include possession of illegal fireworks. This change will enhance our ability to ensure a safe 4th of July.

BPD encourages our community members to collaborate with us, by talking to their friends, family, and neighbors about the dangers of illegal fireworks in populated neighborhoods and discouraging such conduct.



### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Beloit City Council will hold a Workshop on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Forum, Beloit City Hall, located at 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss preparation of the City's 2017 Budget.

Following this workshop, or at 6:30 p.m., the Council will hold another Workshop in the Forum Conference Room on the first floor of City Hall, to review the agenda of the 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

Lori S Curtis Luther, City Manager

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Dated: June 29, 2016 Lorena Rae Stottler City Clerk www.beloitwi.gov

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### AMENDED AGENDA BELOIT CITY COUNCIL 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511 City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2016

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Proclamation recognizing July as Park and Recreation Month (Ramsey)
- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Public Hearing to Solicit Input on the Community Development, Housing, and Homeless needs in the City for Inclusion in the 2017 Annual Action Plan (Christensen)
- 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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- e. Resolution approving Installation of a new Monument Sign at the Krueger Municipal Pool (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 4-1
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- h. Resolution Awarding Public Works Contract C16-11, Pavement Markings (Boysen)
- i. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a State/Municipal Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for STP-Urban project for the reconstruction of Prairie Avenue from Cranston Road to Huebbe Parkway (Boysen)
- 7. ORDINANCES
- 8. APPOINTMENTS
- 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS
- 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION
  - a. 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (Miller)
- 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

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### MEMORANDUM

- **TO:** Plan Commission Members
- **FROM:** Julie Christensen
- **DATE:** June 29, 2016

### **SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **July 6**, **2016** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **July 20, 2016**.

Please call me at 364-6703 or e-mail at <u>christensenj@beloitwi.gov</u> with any questions or comments.

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