

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511 City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2016

Presiding:

David F. Luebke

Present:

Sheila De Forest, Regina Dunkin, Kevin Leavy, Mark Preuschl, Marilyn Sloniker

Absent:

Regina Hendrix

- 1. President Luebke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Councilor De Forest presented a proclamation recognizing City of Beloit Election Inspectors for 2016. File 7148
- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS None
- 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
 - a. Darryl Addams, 1431 Bittel Street, addressed the council and said that he was back because he has not heard from the City of Beloit regarding the water problem in his back yard that he previously addressed at the last council meeting. He said he would like to have it looked at before we have snow because the water is getting worse. President Luebke said that someone would contact him.
 - b. Beth Walker, 1424 Merrill Street, addressed the council regarding garbage on the ramp to Beloit from I-90 Exit 185B. She said it is cluttered with so much trash that it looks like a garbage dump. She said that she cleans at the Beloit Visit rest area working with challenged adults to give them learning skills. President Luebke said that he will forward it to the proper state officials. She also asked if we will be revamping the exit and entrance ramps. President Luebke said that we have been working with the state for five years and it will be an ongoing process, but he will get the information to them. Councilor De Forest asked that Ms. Walker leave her information for possible contact with her group to maybe help with the cleanup.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested to have item 6.e removed from the consent agenda.

Councilors Leavy and Dunkin mad a motion to adopt the consent Agenda consisting of items 6.a-6.d and 6.f. Motion carried.

a. The minutes of the regular meeting of November 7, 2016 were approved.

A resolution approving a new application for Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License of Game
On Bar and Grill, LLC, d/b/a Game on Bar and Grill, located at, 443 East Grand Avenue, Joseph A
Jensen Agent, for the licensing period ending June 30, 2017 was adopted. File 8721

c. A resolution approving Change of Agent on the Class "A" Beer and Class "A" Cider Only license for Speedway LLC owned by MPC Investment LLC, d/b/a Speedway #4293, 2781 Milwaukee Road to Jane M. Erbe for the licensing period ending June 30, 2017 was adopted. File 8721

d. A resolution approving a Six-Lot Final Plat of Subdivision called Eagles Ridge Plat No. 2 for the

properties located at 1710 & 1725 Raven Court was adopted. File 8073

e. An application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow Other Entertainment-Oriented Retail for the purposes of a banquet hall facility, in a C-2 Neighborhood Commercial District for property located at 1703 Park Avenue in the City of Beloit. Ms. Christensen said this was an application being referred to the plan commission and was a request for a Banquet Facility. Councilor De Forest asked what amount of notification was given to residents in the neighborhood. Ms. Christensen stated that they were notified and four were opposed and one opposed from the First Community Credit Union, but all would be in the staff report when it comes back from the Plan Commission meeting at the next

council meeting. Councilor De Forest also asked Ms. Christensen for the record to ask the applicant to attend the next meeting for questions. Councilor Preuschl and De Forest made a motion to refer the item to the Plan Commission. Motion carried. File 8288

f. An application for a Zoning Map Amendment to change the Zoning District Classification of the properties located at 631, 640, 654 & 657 Bluff Street, from R-1B, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Office District was referred to Plan Commission. File 7940

7. ORDINANCES - None

8. APPOINTMENTS - None

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor De Forest attended a ceremony held at 1st Congregational Church to recognize and celebrate the contributions of the Beloit Police Officers, Firefighters and EMT's. She thanked the congregation and echoed the sentiments made at the event, that they are appreciated for their tireless sacrifice and thanked Reverend Baumgartner for her leadership. She also attended the solidarity event held November 20, 2016, said it was well attended. She pledged personally that she would do everything in her power to make sure that Beloit is place where everyone feels safe and valued, and thanked everyone who had hand in organizing the event.
- Councilor Sloniker attended the YWCA Social Justice Conference.
- Councilor Dunkin thanked the Clerks office for a successful election, she referenced a letter from John Emery regarding the election. He mentioned that it is the City council who elected to provide leadership through words, actions and by enacting policies and directives to formalize City Employee and citizen's responsibilities. She said that she understands that as a council, we are here to protect the rights of Beloit citizens and she looks forward to assisting her colleagues in putting forth efforts so no one feels threatened, isolated or powerless. She said that the recent election process has been like no other, but we can get through this time of transition, by respecting one another and conquering hate and fear by showing love and she encouraged every individual to do just that.
- Councilor Preuschl echoed previous comments from Councilors De Forest and Dunkin. He thanked
 the people who pulled the Beloit Together gathering. He thanked the City Manager for representing
 the City. He said he attended the BIFF Casino night fundraiser and also attended Welty's Moonlight
 Hike at Big Hill Park which was well attended.
- Councilor Leavy was glad to see that they can have fun as a council. He said that even though they
 conduct a lot of business and it seems that they are at each other, they have a mutual respect for
 one another and all care about the city.
- President Luebke announced the passing of City employee Roger Yaun, he reflected on his service
 to the city and mourns his loss. He said he attended the 1st Congregational Church ceremony,
 Latino Service Luncheon at the Garden Inn, and attended the Vet's day ceremonies at Grinnell Hall
 and Culvers. He thanked the City Managers comments at the 1st Congregational Church. He said
 we may have different opinions, and may not agree but are unified in what is best for Beloit.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION - None

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Fire Chief, Brad Liggett, presented a resolution authorizing Application and Acceptance of a Community Grant from the Walmart Foundation for "Shop with a Hero" Program and amending the 2016 General Fund Operating Budget. The Fire Department has received non-competitive grants for 12 years from Wal-Mart in support of the "Shop with a Hero" program. The grant is received just prior to the holiday season in order to provide opportunities for children in the community to have a positive interaction with local firefighters in a non-enforcement situation. This year the City received \$2,000.00. This is a non-competitive grant with no financial exposure to the City of Beloit. This is a grant for the purpose of community engagement activities. This is a jointly coordinated with other community partners like the Town of Beloit Police and Fire Departments and the Madison Field Office of the FBI. This provides a broad opportunity for this positive interaction with the children and families in our community. Councilors Leavy and De Forest made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried. File 8703/8695
- b. Fire Chief, Brad Liggett, presented a resolution authorizing Application and Acceptance of a Risk Reduction Grant from Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) and Amending the 2016 General Fund Operating Budget. The Police Department and Fire Department are subject to a

significant amount of risk in the work and decisions that are required to be made. The Cities & Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) provides a broad spectrum of insurance and risk reduction services to its member agencies. The City of Beloit is a charter member of CVMIC. CVMIC supports a risk reduction program that trains employees on leadership, management, safety, and reducing risk through training employees in the prevention of harassment and poor employment practices. CVMIC also offers a grant program to member agencies for a reimbursement of up to \$7,000 for participation in a risk-reduction program. The City will use any awarded grant funds towards the Lexipol policy management system. CVMIC recommends and endorses the program. This is the second consecutive year that the City will be utilizing the grant within the Police and Fire Departments. This is a non-competitive grant that requires a match of \$7,000. The total package for the project is \$15,055, \$10,055 for the police department and \$4,995 for the fire department. This program will provide model policies compliant with Wisconsin and Federal law, OSHA workplace safety, and national best practices. This will provide a training and accountability platform through Lexipol's Knowledge Management System and Supplemental Publication Service for all department personnel review new and updated policies. Policies are updated automatically by Lexipol which creates an administrative and project management efficiency for both departments' administrative teams. The system will provide the City with a national best practices model which includes 150 policies for the police department and 165 policies for the fire department. Councilors Dunkin and Sloniker made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried. File 7947/8695

- c. Councilors Leavy and De Forest made a motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(e) to discuss potential real estate transaction, the discussion of which would harm the City's competitive or bargaining interests if held in open session, namely the potential transfer of Outlot #1 of Walnut Grove Plat No. 2 (2278 Winchester Drive) to the City of Beloit. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. Councilors Leavy and Dunkin made a motion to reconvene in open session at 7:36 p.m. pursuant to section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., for possible action on the matter discussed in closed session. Motion carried 6-0.
- e. Councilors De Forest and Dunkin made a motion to approve a resolution Approving Residential offer to Purchase the property located at 2278 Winchester Drive, Beloit Wisconsin. Motion carried 6-0 File 8736

12. Councilors Preuschl and Sloniker made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion Carried.

Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk

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