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City and Town Reach Water & Sewer Service Agreement

Nov. 4, 2019 –The City of Beloit and the Town of Beloit are proud of the new relationship they have forged through a mutually beneficial water and sewer agreement. The Town of Beloit Board of Supervisors and the Beloit City Council both passed resolutions Monday evening to approve water and sewer service to both City and Town residents in the area shown in the exhibit attached.

Because the Town of Beloit cannot cost-effectively service wastewater originating in this area, the Town requested that the City treat the wastewater. Further, the City also has the ability to provide retail water service within this area.

Potential incorporation of part of the Town previously made reaching an agreement on water and sewer service difficult, in part, due to concerns about its enforceability. Part of this agreement includes a condition that the Town of Beloit ceases incorporation efforts and guarantees it will not pursue incorporation for a 30-year period.

Individuals who live in the area, whether City or Town residents, will not be required to hook up to sewer service until their septic system fails. Homeowners must connect to water but unlike typical special assessments in the City of Beloit, they will have 20 years rather than 10 years to pay the assessment.

The Town will pay the City for sewer charges and charge the homeowners in the area for that service while all residents will be billed directly by the City for water services.

Benefits to the Town of Beloit:

Town residents are able to receive water and sewer services and are not required to annex into the City of Beloit.

The Town of Beloit is able to repay the existing debt for the water and sewer infrastructure built in the area through utility funds.

"Through this agreement, we are now able to focus on cooperative agreements that are positive for all of our residents," Town Board Chair Tammy Maegli said.

"I am glad we can move forward and bring this issue to a positive resolution," said Town Administrator Gene Wright.

Benefits to the City of Beloit:

The City will be reimbursed for sewer infrastructure it previously placed in the area.

The City receives a guarantee that the Town of Beloit will not pursue or support incorporation for a 30 year period and if it were to do so, they would be required to pay the City \$1,000,000.

"I am encouraged by the renewed cooperative partnership the City and Town have been able to create with the new Town Board Chair Tammy Maegli and Town Administrator Gene Wright," said City Council President Regina Dunkin.

"This is something both the City and the Town can be proud to have accomplished," said Beloit City Manager Lori Curtis Luther. "It is wonderful that we can be working with each other and not in conflict with one another for the betterment of both communities."

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Exhibit A: Service Area W CTY TK Q W NEWARK R NEWARK RD Service Area 0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles Town of Beloit Parcels City of Beloit Parcels X:\Departments\Planning\Town of Beloit Inc. Files\Proposed Town of Beloit West Bank Service Area.mxd