



**November 18,
2011**

*A weekly publication
from the Office of the
City Manager*

Beloit

2*0*1*1

All-America City Finalist

Larry N. Arft
City Manager
City of Beloit
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

608-364-6614
608-364-6756 (Fax)

arftl@ci.beloit.wi.us
www.ci.beloit.wi.us

**Special points of
interest:**

- **Council Meeting
Agenda Review
(page 2)**
- **City Meetings and
Community Events
(page 5)**

THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

GRAND LIGHTED HOLIDAY PARADE DOWNTOWN

Don't forget the grand lighted holiday parade in downtown Beloit. As usual, activities will begin the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Downtown Beloit Association at 365-0150.

BUDGET UPDATE/POLICY MODIFICATIONS

Final work on the 2012 Adopted Budget is nearing completion, but a great deal remains as the City moves through the difficult transition process. The change in Collective Bargaining laws have necessitated substantial modifications to City personnel policies, and those efforts are still underway. The City is also working with the employees who were scheduled for layoff effective January 1, 2012. Some vacancies have occurred and other City positions have been posted, providing some opportunities for transfer within the organization. Negotiations are also continuing with the City's Collective Bargaining units, both those with full bargaining rights, as well as those who have bargaining rights limited under the recent changes in State Statute.

CITY RECEIVES THE "HYDROGEN FUEL USE IN MUNICIPAL FLEETS: PILOT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY" GRANT

Please find attached a copy of correspondence that our Public Works Department received from the Wisconsin State Energy Office notifying us that Beloit had been awarded a \$75,000 grant to continue our testing of the hydrogen on demand technology that the City has been experimenting with over the last several years. This funding could make a dramatic difference as we continue to work through the remaining technological problems that need to be resolved before expanding use of the hydrogen on demand system.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION CONCLUDED FOR THE FALL SEASON

Both the subscription vacuum service and our regular pick-up of containerized yard waste concluded today for the Fall, 2011 pick-up season. Residents that have leaves or other yard waste that did not get set out will have to make independent arrangements to dispose of that material in a legal and appropriate manner. The yard waste collection will begin again in the Spring, 2012. Please watch the "Beloit Report" and the general media for specific dates.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS

All City offices will be closed both Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Solid waste will not be collected on Thursday in observance of the holiday; however, the Thursday collection route will be picked up on Friday and the Friday route will be picked up on Saturday, next week. Please see [attached](#) press release for more information.

The City Manager will be on vacation next Wednesday, resulting in a shortened work week and there will be no formal "Beloit Report" next week. The next full report will be transmitted on Friday, December 2, 2011.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011

At **6:30 p.m.** the City Council will have an [Agenda Review](#) session in the City Manager's Conference Room.

The [attached](#) agenda is for the **Monday, November 21, 2011** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation recognizing Officer Ryan Flanagan, Captain Dan Risse and the Beloit Police Department for their work in establishing the **Force Multiplier Program**, which resulted in a Significant Program Award from the Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC).
- b. Proclamation commemorating the **70th Anniversary of the Founding of the Civil Air Patrol**.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend the **Zoning District Map** to return the zoning for properties located on Aspen Drive and Dell Drive to its original R-1A single family residential zoning. These properties were rezoned as the result of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) approved some years ago for a project which was not subsequently built. It is, therefore, necessary to return the zoning to its original classification.
- b. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow outdoor seating for the sales, possession, and consumption of alcohol in a C-3, Community Commercial District. This property, located at 65 Portland Avenue, has requested the outdoor seating area, as have many other holders of liquor licenses, as a partial response to the State's mandated indoor smoking ban. Planning staff and the City Plan Commission have both reviewed the application. The Plan Commission unanimously recommends for approval.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** from the regular meeting on November 7, 2011.
- b. Resolution approving an amendment to the **Beer and Liquor License** for PRD Saloon of Beloit, Inc., which operates as Patti's Road Dawg Pub, to include the Rodeway Inn Hotel premises within the area where liquor can be served. This license holder originally approached the City to extend the area to include some meeting rooms, which are located at the hotel and used for special purposes and gatherings. Upon review of the application, staff recommended that the entire footprint (interior space of the hotel) be included within the licensed premises to cover other possible special events or related marketing activities, which could result in alcohol being dispensed or consumed within the building. This application is recommended for approval by the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee.

- c. Application for a **Class “B” Beer License** for Summer's Banquet Hall, to be located at 1304 Cranston Road. This is actually a new application for a relatively small space in an older shopping center, which is unoccupied at the present time. The application is being forwarded to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to repeal and recreate certain sections of the Municipal Code which relate to **Dangerous Weapons in City Buildings**. The proposed ordinance was drafted by the City Attorney's office to be compliant with 2011 Act 35 which permits the concealed carry of weapons by license holders.

Currently, the City has a policy which bans the possession of dangerous weapons on all City property. There is also a State law that prohibits the possession of firearms in all public buildings. The proposed ordinance continues those restrictions as they relate to carrying a concealed weapon in municipal buildings. The restrictions in the proposed ordinance do not relate to public grounds or to parking areas of public buildings. Open carrying of a firearm in a public building is still prohibited as a violation of State law and cannot be preempted by the City. The State law prohibiting carrying a firearm in a public building dates back to the 1970's.

Questions were raised at the November 7, 2011 Council meeting regarding the definition of “dangerous weapons” and whether or not fingernail files or small pocket knives could result in Police action. The City Attorney is recommending that the current definition, which mimics the State Statute, be left in place. This is the definition that has been used in the State for many years and the Attorney advises us that Police Departments and the courts have not had problems enforcing that standard and differentiating between common utensils like pocket knives or cooking knives, and a dangerous weapon. Obviously, every citation written by an officer under this section of the code is subject to court review and final interpretation as to whether or not the item in question could be classified as a “dangerous weapon.”

There was also considerable discussion about the need for extraordinarily expensive screening equipment and possibly even posting officers at the door of all City facilities to ensure that no resident with a concealed weapon entered upon the premises. The City has never maintained that level of security at any of its facilities, yet has had the same weapons ban in place for many, many years. Our current recommendation for enforcement is to follow the State Statute and post all of the facilities with the appropriate signage notifying citizens that dangerous weapons cannot be brought onto the premises. Based on past experience, there is no need for any extraordinary expenditure or security screening at municipal facilities. Obviously, those additional enforcement mechanisms can always be reconsidered in the future, should circumstances warrant.

Should Council decide to permit the carrying of concealed weapons in public buildings and not adopt the ordinance in its current form, some minor redrafting of existing ordinances will be required to comply with Act 35. In addition, decisions relating to employees and their possession of weapons during the course of their employment need to be addressed.

There is a valuable information regarding Act 35 available on the Department of Justice's website at <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/ConcealedCarry/ConcealedCarry.asp>.

8. APPOINTMENTS

The Appointment Review Committee met and a number of appointments will be listed on the agenda for Council consideration.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Bruce Slagoski, Street Supervisor, will be in attendance to make a presentation to Council on the snow removal program for the 2011-2012 winter storm season. Once again, Bruce will review our methods and strategies for deployment of the Public Works Department during winter weather operations and also remind the public of the regulatory standards, from parking on City streets during storm clean up to clearing sidewalks that must be followed during each winter storm event.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR NOVEMBER 21-25 , 2011

- Monday, November 21 6:30 p.m. [Agenda Review](#), City Manager's Conf. Room (All Councilors)
- Monday, November 21 7:00 p.m. [City Council meeting](#), Forum (All Councilors)
- Wednesday, November 23 Cancelled [Plan Commission](#) (M. Spreitzer)

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 more information.

- October 24-December 1 **Beloit Public Library Sponsors 8th Annual Mitten Tree.** For more information please contact Librarian Vicki Hahn at 608-364-2905.
- Friday, Nov. 18 7:00-10:00 p.m. **Turkey Trot Skate** at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Experience the Turkey Dance, games and music. Bring a non-perishable food item for a free skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- Friday, Nov. 25 **Grand Lighted Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting**
- 5:00 p.m. Music at First National Bank Plaza (State Street and Grand Ave.)
 - 6:00 p.m. Santa arrives and tree lighting
 - 6:30 p.m. Lighted parade (Along Grand Avenue from Bluff Street to Horace White Park)
 - 7:00 p.m. Santa visits Turtle Creek Bookstore
- Saturday, Dec. 3 1:00 p.m. **Little Holly Tea Party** at The Angel Museum, 656 Pleasant Street. Reservations required. Adults \$14 and "Little Angels" \$7.
- Sunday, Dec. 4 2:00 p.m. **Home for the Holidays Family Spectacular** Janesville Beloit Symphony concert at The Eclipse Center, Beloit. Adults \$15; Students \$5 (K-College)
- Friday, Dec. 9 5:00-9:00 p.m. **Holidazzle** in Downtown Beloit. Featuring artists and specialty craftspeople in 30+ locations throughout the downtown. Live music, children's events and holiday treats. Free admission!



[Return to page 2](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact:
Jan Pinnow, Solid Waste Supervisor
(608) 364-2929 Ext.7009

Solid Waste and Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

November 15, 2011 – In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, solid waste and recycling will not be collected in the City of Beloit on Thursday, November 24. Instead, collection will be delayed by one day. Thursday collection will take place on Friday, November 25. Friday collection will take place on Saturday, November 26.

The Recycling Drop Off Center located at 2351 Springbrook Court will be closed Saturday, November 27, to accommodate equipment and staffing needs for Saturday's solid waste and recycling collection.

For more information, call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations Division at (608) 364-2929.



PUBLIC NOTICE

[Return to page 2](#)

[Return to page 5](#)

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th 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.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: November 16, 2011
Rebecca S. Houseman
City Clerk
www.ci.beloit.wi.us

** Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerks Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511.



**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 21, 2011**

Return to page 2

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Return to page 5

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation recognizing Officer Ryan Flanagan, Captain Dan Risse, and the Beloit Police Department for receiving the **Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) Significant Program Award** for the Force Multiplier Program (Van De Bogart/Jacobs)
- b. Proclamation in Commemoration of the **70th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol** (Leavy)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend the **Zoning District Map** to change the Zoning District Classification from PUD, Planned Unit Development District, to R-1A, Single-family Residential District, for properties located at 1907 and 2000 Aspen Drive and 1907, 2000, and 2001 Dell Drive (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
First Reading, suspend rules for Second Reading
- b. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow an Outdoor Seating area and Outdoor Sales, Possession, and Consumption of Alcohol in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 65 Portland Avenue (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0

5. CITIZENS' 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 Regular Meeting of November 7, 2011 (Houseman)
- b. Resolution approving an Amendment to the **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for PRD Saloon of Beloit, Inc., d/b/a Patti's Road Dawg Pub, to include the Rodeway Inn Hotel premises (Houseman)
Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee recommendation for approval 4-0
- c. Application for a **Class "B" Beer License** for Summer's Banquet Hall LLC, d/b/a Summer's Banquet Hall, 1304 Cranston Road, Virginia L. Cabrera, Agent (Houseman)
Refer to Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to repeal and recreate Section 15.07(1), to create Section 15.07 (1g), and to amend Sections 15.01 and 15.30 of the Code of General Ordinance of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Dangerous Weapons in City Buildings** (Casper)
Second Reading

8. APPOINTMENTS

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. **Snow Removal Program** Presentation (Slagoski)

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS- none

12. ADJOURNMENT

** Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

Dated: November 16, 2011
Rebecca S. Houseman
City of Beloit City Clerk
<http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us>

Return to page 2

You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG channel 98 or 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.

Return to page 5



CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511
Office: 608/364-6700 • Fax: 608/364-6609
www.ci.beloit.wi.us
Equal Opportunity Employer

MEMORANDUM

Return to page 5

TO: Plan Commission Members

FROM: Julie Christensen

DATE: November 16, 2011

SUBJECT: **Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting**

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **November 23, 2011** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **December 7, 2011**.

Please contact me at 364-6703 with any questions or comments.