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THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY SEASON IN БЕЛОIT

"Holidazzle" was a resounding success last Friday evening. If you were not able to attend the event, I would still encourage you to "shop Beloit first" and check out the dazzling array of gifts that are available for purchase, not only downtown but throughout the Greater Beloit area.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The **Beloit Public Library** has announced their holiday closings. They will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Saturday, December 24 for the Christmas holiday. The Library will reopen on Monday, December 26 at 9:30 a.m.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, December 31 for the New Year's holiday, reopening on Monday, January 2, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

As always, the outside book drop, located on the south side of the building, is open 24 hours a day.

Beloit City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, as well as Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2, 2012.

City trash and recycling will be collected curbside on your usual collection day; however, the **Recycling Drop Off Center** will be closed on December 24, 31, and January 7, 2012.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

This week, installation of the solar photovoltaic cells on the roof of City Hall was completed. Although the sun hasn't been out much of this week, the panels are generating energy. City staff is working with Alliant and Carroll Electric to tie up loose ends. Residents will soon be able to access a website which will show a real-time report on the amount of energy being produced by the solar panels.

ABBREVIATED "BEЛОIT REPORT"

The City Manager will be out of the office on Friday, December 16, using up some vacation time before year end; therefore, this is an abbreviated "Report." Next week, we will be sending the publication on Thursday, December 22, since City Hall will be closed on Friday.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

At **5:30 p.m.**, the City Council will convene a **Special Meeting** and adjourn into closed session in the City Manager's Conference Room to discuss the status of on-going labor negotiations. The meeting is for the purpose of providing a status report only, and it is not anticipated that there will be any reports or action taken following discussion.

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, December 19, 2011** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional use Permit** to allow a limited vehicle service use in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District. This application is for property located at 2056 Liberty Avenue, which was previously utilized as a dance studio. The City's Planning staff had considerable concerns about retrofitting this building and whether or not it would work for the intended purpose. The site also has serious off-site parking limitations. After reviewing the application, the Plan Commission concurred with those concerns and voted unanimously to deny the petitioners request.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of special and regular meetings of December 5, 2011.
- b. Resolution approving appointment of the **Election Inspectors** for the 2012-2013 election cycle. Councilors will recall that this is a routine item of action to get the list of election inspectors approved by Council.
- c. Resolution approving a routing **Change of Agent** for Beloit Professional Baseball, Inc., operating as the Beloit Snappers. This is for their facility at Pohlman Field, located at 2301 Skyline Drive.
- d. Resolution approving **Change of Agent** for Wal-Mart Supercenter located at 2785 Milwaukee Road.
- e. Resolution approving a **Two-Lot Certified Survey Map** for the properties located on Field Crest Road. This matter was submitted to the Plan Commission, who reviewed the application and voted unanimously to recommend that Council approve the Certified Survey Map.
- f. Application for **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the Zoning District Classification from Public Lands and Institutions to a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District for property located at 1872 Porter Avenue. As noted in the staff report, Planning staff discovered a business operating illegally in a structure at this location. The business cannot be operated in the existing zoning district, and the owners have requested a zoning change to accommodate their business activity. This matter is being referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- g. Resolution authorizing the City manager to apply for the **2012 HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant**. This is one of those partnership endeavors with Rock County and the City of Janesville. Janesville would be the lead agency on this grant application. The City has received a significant amount of lead hazard funding in recent years, and wishes to continue to apply for that funding to mitigate lead hazards in existing residential properties.

- h. Resolution approving the **2012 Contract** between the City of Beloit and Rock County Humane Society related to animal control services. This is essentially the same contract as we entered into in 2011, with a small increase for the Animal Control Officer. Staff recommends that the contract be entered into to provide this service to the City for calendar year 2012.
- i. Resolution authorizing the **Final Payment** for the Public Works contract for Short Street reconstruction. This is one of the downtown streets redone this year. The project is complete and ready for final payment.
- j. Resolution approving an **Office of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement Officer Grant** award for beat-patrol costs. Once again, this is a recurring grant which the City has received for several years, that covers part of the costs of salaries for our beat patrol officers. This item was included in the budget this year, and covers some of the City's salary costs for current patrol officers.

8. APPOINTMENTS

There are appointments on the agenda that were recommended by the Appointment Review Committee.

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Consideration of cancellation of the January 3, 2012 City Council meeting. Due to the lack of scheduled agenda items for Council's review and action and the shortened work weeks around the holiday season, the City Clerk is suggesting that the Council cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on January 3, 2012. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution affirming local support for a **Tax Credit Application by Celadon Holdings** for Prairie Family Residences located at 2101 Freeman Parkway. Earlier this year, the bank obtained final control of the old Countryside Apartments on Freeman Parkway and has been pursuing a redevelopment option. The application to utilize Section 42 Tax Credits to substantially remodel the buildings and the site will need Council's concurrence for submittal. Councilors will note that this application is very similar to the one you reviewed last year, only being submitted by a different developer. The plans and scope of services are very similar to those reviewed last year. Per our discussions last year, we have not had a bad experience with the Tax Credit project, and have no other known means of providing the significant remodeling required of these structures, other than to utilize tax credit funding. The developers will be in attendance at the meeting on Monday, and will be able to answer Councilors questions with regard to this project.
- b. Resolution approving a **Cooperative Agreement** with the City of Janesville for commercial plumbing inspection services. One of the new initiative that has come out of the joint Services Committee, established between the cities of Beloit and Janesville, is a request that the City of Beloit provide commercial plumbing services, at least on an interim basis. The City of Janesville had a recent retirement, and has an on-going need for those services, which may be required for a period of months before a replacement can be appointed. The City has the current expertise available and will be able to satisfy this need, at least on an interim basis until the City of Janesville is able to appoint a replacement inspector.
- c. Resolution authorizing the city Manager to enter into a **State/Municipal Agreement** with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the design of the Fourth Street bridge over Lenigan Creek. This is a bridge that services Lenigan Creek, which has undergone significant deterioration and needs to be replaced. As a

bridge structure, it is eligible for various State grants, and this particular application would provide most of the funding necessary to do the design work for a replacement structure. A subsequent grant application would be made once we have costs and various terms and conditions of construction that would be needed for this project.

- d. Resolution authorizing the **Transfer of Funds** from the General Fund Master Contingency Fund. As we do each year at this time, there are certain unanticipated expenses or expenses that exceeded expectation at the time the budget was adopted. The City maintains a master reserve or contingency account precisely for this purpose. The staff report articulates several items from this year's General Fund that exceeded the original appropriation and requests that funds be transferred from the reserve account to cover those expenditures.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR DECEMBER 19–23 , 2011

Monday, December 19	5:30 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting , City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, December 19	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conf. Room (All Councilors)
Monday, December 19	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All Councilors)
Tuesday, December 20	7:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission , Forum (C. Haynes)
Wed., December 21	Cancelled	Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission (M. Spreitzer)
Wed., December 21	Cancelled	Plan Commission , Forum (M. Spreitzer)
Wed., December 21	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board , Beloit Public Library Board Room

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.

Friday, Dec. 16	7:00-10:00 pm	Yuletide Glide , Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Bring a non-perishable food item for free skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
Friday, Dec. 30	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Moonlight Snowshoe on the Riverfront . Lower level, Harry Moore Pavilion, 1220 Riverside. Event coordinated by Paddle and Trail and City of Beloit Parks and Leisure Services. Warm up with a bon fire and hot chocolate. Snowshoes available to rent, \$10/hr. for adults; \$5/hr. for children ages 7-12. Limited supply of snowshoes, so please call ahead. Three time slots available, 5-6 p.m., 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Register at Paddle and Trail, 362-6521 (closed Monday & Tuesday) or City of Beloit Parks and Leisure Services, 364-2890.
Sat., January 28		Winterfest 4's Volleyball Tournament , sponsored by the City of Beloit Leisure Services Office. Please see attached registration form for more information.



NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2011

5:30 p.m.

4th floor City Manager's Conference Room

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

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CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF БЕLOIT COUNCIL
CITY OF БЕLOIT, WISCONSIN

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

1. Roll call
2. The City Council will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(e) to update and discuss strategies related to **Collective Bargaining** (Arft)
3. Council will adjourn the closed session meeting and reconvene at approximately 6:30 p.m. for a workshop.

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.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: December 14, 2011
Rebecca S. Houseman
City Clerk

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**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 19, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a Limited Vehicle Service use in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District, for the property located at 2056 Liberty Avenue (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for denial 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 Special and Regular Meetings of December 5, 2011
- b. Resolution approving appointment of **Election Inspectors** for 2012-2013 Election Cycle (Houseman)
- c. Resolution approving **Change of Agent** for Beloit Professional Baseball, Inc., d/b/a Beloit Snappers Baseball, located at 2301 Skyline Drive, to Matthew R. C. Bosen (Houseman) ABLCC recommendation for approval 7-0
- d. Resolution approving **Change of Agent** for Wal-Mart Supercenter #2352, located at 2785 Milwaukee Road, to Scott F. Greschner (Houseman) ABLCC recommendation for approval 7-0
- e. Resolution approving a **Two-Lot Certified Survey Map** for the properties located at 2357 and 2426 Field Crest Road (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
- f. Application for **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the Zoning District Classification from PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District to C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District for property located at 1872 Porter Avenue (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- g. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the **2012 HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant** (Christensen)

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- h. Resolution approving **2012 Contract** Between the City of Beloit and Rock County Humane Society, Inc. (Jacobsen)
- i. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C11-13, Short Street Reconstruction (Flesch)
- j. Resolution approving **Office of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement Officer Grant Award-Beat Patrol** (Jacobs)

7. ORDINANCES – none

8. APPOINTMENTS

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Consideration of cancellation of the January 3, 2012 City Council Meeting

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution affirming local support for a **Tax Credit Application by Celadon Holdings** for Rehabilitation of Countryside Village Apartments (Christensen)
- b. Resolution approving **Cooperative Agreement** with the City of Janesville for Commercial Plumbing Inspection Services (Arft)
- c. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a **State/Municipal Agreement** with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Design of the Fourth Street Bridge over Lenigan Creek (Flesch)
- d. Resolution authorizing the **Transfer of Funds** from the General Fund Master Contingency Fund (York)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: December 14, 2011
Rebecca S. Houseman
City of Beloit City Clerk
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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.

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 7:00 PM
The Forum, 100 State Street**

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1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Joy Beckman – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2011-30 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the restoration of a concrete terrace with garden planter boxes at 703 Park Avenue.
5. City of Beloit – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2011-31 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for new signage at Horace White Park, 825 East Grand Avenue.
6. Election of Officers
7. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Education & Outreach Committee
 - B. Grant Writing Committee
9. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Approved: Michael D. Lofton II, Assistant Planner
December 5, 2011

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BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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MEETING CANCELLATION

December 21, 2011

The meeting of the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission (EOHRC) to be held in the Forum on first floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, at 5:30 p.m. is CANCELED for Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

Dated: December 15, 2011

Teri Downing
Grants Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Plan Commission Members

FROM: Julie Christensen

DATE: December 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **December 21, 2011** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **January 4, 2012**. Attached is the 2012 Plan Commission calendar.

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



beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, December 21, 2011 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

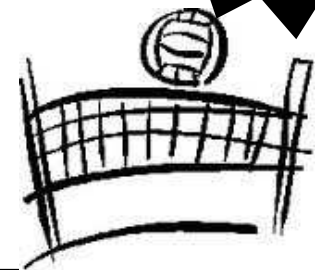
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1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting
3. Public comment
4. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
5. **Closed Session:** Motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for purposes of considering employment and compensation of particular public employees relating to the 2012 library budget and 2012 Labor Agreement. Library Board to reconvene.
6. Action Items
 - a. 2012 Budget
 - b. 2012 Labor Agreement – Local Union #2537 AFSCME
 - c. Personnel Manuals
 - d. Employee Recognition
 - e. Policy Review:
 1. Internet Policy
 2. Confidentiality Policy
 3. Displays within the Library Policy
 4. Information Services Policy
 5. Youth Services Policy
 - f. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
 - g. 2012 Payroll & Recurring Payment Authorization
7. Trustee comments
8. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

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WINTERFEST 4'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



2 Division Offered!

Competitive Division

\$100 Team Registration
Round Robin
3 game guarantee
CASH Payouts!
Champion T-Shirts
1st Place Trophy



Based on 8 teams:
1st Place \$400
2nd Place \$200

Fun Division

\$50 Team Entry
Round Robin
Champion T-Shirts

**All games will be played Saturday, January 28, 2012
At Beloit Memorial High School / Field House
1225 4th Street Beloit, WI 53511**

All games are coed and must have one of the following 4 combinations of players:

2 guys, 2 girls 2 guys, 1 girl
1 guy, 2 girls 1 guy, 3 girls

*For more information, call the
Leisure Services Office
(608) 364-2890*

TEAM ENTRY FEE

A/B Level- \$100.00

C/D/E Level- \$50.00

Mandatory Captain's Meeting 9:45 am

Start Time 10:00 am

Entries Due NO LATER THAN

5:00 pm Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Mail in registration or visit office:

Leisure Services Office

1003 Pleasant Street

Beloit, WI 53511

Women's net * All games officiated * Guys cannot leave floor inside 10 foot line
Must follow a serving rotation * No rule on guy/girl hits * Round Robin Play
Please see tournament rules on back side of this flyer!

Please detach the bottom portion of this form and return with payment.

Team Name: _____

Team Manager Name: _____

Team Manager Address: _____

Team Manager Phone Number(s): _____

Team Manager Email Address: _____

Circle ONE:

Competitive Division - Include \$100 Entry

Fun Division - Include \$50 Entry

Mail In Registration To: Leisure Services - 1003 Pleasant Street Beloit, WI 53511

Drop Off Registration: Leisure Services Office M-F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

For more information, please call the Leisure Services Office at (608) 364-2890

Make Checks Payable To: City Of Beloit

