



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**  
**Monday, May 6, 2013**

Presiding: Charles M. Haynes  
Present: Sheila De Forest, Chuck Kincaid, Kevin D. Leavy, David F. Luebke, Mark Spreitzer, and James E. Van De Bogart  
Absent: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Vice President Mark Spreitzer presented a proclamation declaring May 11, 2013, as **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day** to Lynn Jones, Employment and Training Director for Community Action. Ms. Jones thanked the Council for the proclamation and invited everyone to attend a walking event on May 11<sup>th</sup> to increase awareness about Beloit's teen-pregnancy rate. File 7148
  - b. Vice President Spreitzer presented a proclamation declaring May 12-18, 2013, as **National Police Week** to Police Chief Norm Jacobs. Chief Jacobs thanked the Council and the community for their support throughout the year on behalf of the members of the Beloit Police Department. File 7148
  - c. Vice President Spreitzer presented a proclamation declaring May 13-17, 2013, as **Bike to Work Week** to local bicycling enthusiasts Sandy Thorpe and Jeff Johnson. Ms. Thorpe thanked the Council for the proclamation and said that bike-related activities bring a lot of money into Wisconsin and Rock County. She said that there are great roads, great trails, and great scenery in the area. File 7148
  - d. Vice President Spreitzer recognized the Parks and Leisure Services Division's designation as part of **Travel Green Wisconsin**. Recreation Director Spencer Waite discussed the designation, and Linda Ross of Visit Beloit thanked the council for supporting local tourism.
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a proposed Ordinance amending the **Zoning District Map** of the City of Beloit to change the zoning district classification of the properties located at 1528 and 1532 Forest Avenue and 1533 W. Grand Avenue from R-1B, Single-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 6-0. President Haynes opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Van De Bogart made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Leavy seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. On the merits of the ordinance, Councilor Leavy made a motion to enact. Councilor Luebke seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. Ord. 3490 File 8586
  - b. Ms. Christensen presented a proposed Ordinance amending the **Zoning District Map** of the City of Beloit to change the zoning district classification of the properties located at 1500 and 1505 Gateway Boulevard from R-3, Low-density Multi-family Residential District, to M-1, Limited Manufacturing District. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 6-0. President Haynes opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Luebke made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Spreitzer seconded. Councilor De Forest asked if the individual tenants in the apartment building in the area were sent public notices and if a zoning map amendment notification sign was placed on the property. Ms. Christensen stated that only the property owners within 150 feet of the

subject property were notified and that she did not know if the sign was placed on the property. Councilor Leavy said that he is comfortable with the City's ordinance that requires only property owners be notified. Councilor Kincaid asked if the property owner is obligated to tell the tenants when he or she receives a public notice, and Ms. Christensen said that they are not. Councilor De Forest said that she would like to lay this item over for two weeks and that she would like to see the City make a good-faith effort to put a sign on the property to notify tenants. Councilor Spreitzer said that the Council needs to make expectations clear to staff with respect to public notices. Councilor Haynes called the question by roll call vote. Councilors Haynes, Leavy, and Luebke voted in favor of suspending the rules, and Councilors De Forest, Kincaid, Spreitzer, and Van De Bogart voted in opposition. The motion failed 3-4. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to lay this item over to the May 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilor Haynes and Luebke voting in opposition. File 8583

#### 5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- Steve Vivian, 625 Roosevelt Avenue, asked about how residents hook into the City of Beloit's water system and asked why the City puts Fluoride in the water. Councilor Haynes and City Manager Larry Arft referred him to the Water Resources Division for answers to his questions.

#### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.e. Councilor Leavy seconded, and the motion carried that the Consent Agenda be accepted, approved, adopted, or referred and acted upon as required by state and local codes by a vote of 7-0.

- a. The **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013, and the Reorganizational Meeting of April 16, 2013, were approved.
- b. The applications for the **Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses** for License Period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, were referred to the ABLCC. File 8590
- c. The application for a **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for Merrill and Houston's Steak Joint, LLC, d/b/a Merrill and Houston's Steak Joint, Jayme Braasch, Agent, 500 Pleasant Street, was referred to the ABLCC. File 8590
- d. The application for **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for Hourglass Media, LLC, d/b/a The Castle at 501 Prospect, John Wittnebel, Agent, 501 Prospect Street, was referred to the ABLCC. File 8590
- e. The resolution approving a Temporary **Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License** for an Art Walk event on May 10-11, 2013, at Visit Beloit, 500 Public Avenue, was adopted. File 8542

#### 7. ORDINANCES – none

#### 8. APPOINTMENTS

- a. President Haynes presented the following **Committee/Board/Commission Appointments**:
  - Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee – Councilor Leavy
  - Appointment Review Committee – Councilors Haynes and Spreitzer
  - Business Improvement District (Downtown Beloit Association) – Councilor Leavy
  - Community Action, Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties – Councilor Spreitzer
  - Community Development Authority – Councilors Luebke and Van De Bogart
  - Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors – Councilor Van De Bogart
  - Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission – Councilor Kincaid
  - Landmarks Commission – Councilor Haynes
  - Metropolitan Planning Organization – Councilor Kincaid
  - Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission – Councilor De Forest
  - Plan Commission – Councilor Kincaid
  - Traffic Review Committee – Councilor Luebke

#### 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor De Forest said that she recently had a nice meeting with the owner of Beloit Bicycle Company, and she encouraged residents to bike. She said that she attended the grand opening of the Dog Park and is very impressed with this resident-initiated project.
- Councilor Van De Bogart said that he participated in the local kick-off of tourism week at the Visitors' Center and that tourism has a tremendous impact on the economy.
- Councilor Kincaid challenged the Council members to ride bikes to the next meeting. He said that he saw Public Works employees at a booth at the farmers market and that they represented the City well.
- Councilor Luebke said that he participated in the grand opening of the dog park, and he thanked Councilor De Forest for her leadership on that project. He encouraged residents to participate in the upcoming biathlon at Beloit Memorial Hospital. He said that Tony Scodwell was very touched by the support from the City Council and the proclamation declaring the week he was in Beloit as Tony Scodwell Week.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he attended Mr. Scodwell's concert where the proclamation was presented. He said that he presented the Arbor Day Proclamation at Robinson School and that he is looking forward to celebrating Art Walk and Beloit College Commencement this weekend.
- Councilor Haynes said that he attended and said a few words at dog park grand opening.

#### 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION – none

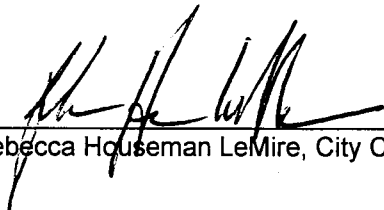
#### 11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- b. Finance and Administrative Services Director Paul York presented the Initial Resolution Authorizing **General Obligation Bonds** in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,815,000 for Street Improvement Projects. He indicated that he and Mike Harrigan of Ehlers and Associates would be presented items 11.b. through 11.g. together. Mr. York explained that there are several parts to this bond issue including general obligation borrowing, refunding of current bonds, and a state trust fund loan application. Councilor Luebke pointed out that all anticipated savings from refunding the bonds are net of all expenditures. Councilor Van De Bogart asked how the City determines the amount of money to be borrowed for street improvements when the need is greater. Mr. York explained that the Council has discretion but that the City has set a debt limit as a percentage of the valuation of the property in the City and that we are at that limit because property values have decreased. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Van De Bogart seconded. The Council voted unanimously by roll call to adopt the resolution 7-0. File 8570
- c. Mr. York presented an Initial Resolution Authorizing **General Obligation Bonds** in an Amount Not to Exceed \$275,000 for Park and Public Grounds Projects. Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The Council voted unanimously by roll call to adopt the resolution 7-0. File 8570
- d. Mr. York presented an Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed \$4,800,000 **General Obligation Refunding Bonds**. Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The Council voted unanimously by roll call to adopt the resolution 7-0. File 8570
- e. Mr. York presented a resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues and Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$7,890,000 **General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2013D**. Councilor Spreitzer made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The Council voted unanimously by roll call to adopt the resolution 7-0. File 8570
- f. Mr. York presented a resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,375,000 **Storm Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013E** of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Spreitzer seconded. The Council voted unanimously by roll call to adopt the resolution 7-0. File 8570
- g. Mr. York presented a resolution authorizing the Application and Borrowing of up to \$677,100 from the State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands **State Trust Fund Loan Program** for projects contained in the 2013 Capital Improvement Budget. Councilor Spreitzer

made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The Council voted unanimously by roll call to adopt the resolution 7-0. File 8570

- a. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution approving Amendments to the City of Beloit's **Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program**. She gave a brief history of the program, which has the goal of improving the City's neighborhoods. She explained the proposed changes to the programs and how they would impact future applicants. Teri Downing, Community and Housing Services Director explained that the proposed changes may make more people qualified for loans. She said that these changes target the middle of the market and that the lower end of the market is already being served by the deferred loan program. Ms. Christensen also explained the rental loan program, and Ms. Downing said that representatives from the landlords' association were supportive of the changes. After further discussion, Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 7977

12. At 8:37 p.m., Councilor De Forest made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor Spreitzer seconded. The motion carries 7-0.



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Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: May 20, 2013