



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**  
**Monday, January 7, 2013**

Presiding: Charles M. Haynes  
Present: Sheila De Forest, Chuck Kincaid, Kevin D. Leavy, David F. Luebke, and Mark Spreitzer  
Absent: James E. Van De Bogart

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS – none
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a public hearing and resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow expansion of a Warehouse and Freight Movement use in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 1877 Madison Road. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 7-0. Ms. Christensen presented the proposed project, which includes the demolition of an existing warehouse building and the reconstruction of a larger warehouse to better suit the needs of the applicant, Woodman's Food Markets, Inc. She presented the conditions of approval and indicated that Condition #3 regarding landscaping was revised since the distribution of the packet to the Council. President Haynes opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Leavy made a motion to adopt the resolution as revised, and Councilor Luebke seconded. Councilor De Forest said that she appreciates the continued investment from Woodman's in the City. The motion carried 6-0. File 7614
5. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION
  - Becky Moffett, 829 Church Street, spoke about code enforcement in the college park historic district. She said that she has lived in this neighborhood since 1985 and that she is concerned about the lack of consistency in enforcing the property maintenance code in her neighborhood. She said that some homes are allowed to deteriorate while other property owners receive demeaning letters for not making improvements fast enough.
6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. and 6.b. Councilor Kincaid 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 6-0.

  - a. The **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2012 were approved.
  - b. The resolution approving an **Office of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement Officer Grant Award** – Beat Patrol was adopted. File 7947
7. ORDINANCES
  - a. Deputy City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented a proposed ordinance to amend Sections 25.04(4)(d) and 18.02(4)(b) and to create Sections 18.02(23) and 15.15 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Animal Control Enforcement and Dog Park Regulations**. She explained that Community Service Officers will be given the authority to issue citations with regard to animal control. She said that the amendments also allow police officers to issue citations for livestock within the City and make the necessary language changes to reflect the current animal service providers. She said that the second portion of this ordinance allows

dogs to run free within the new fenced dog park and establishes an enforcement mechanism. Councilor De Forest made a motion to suspend the rules and allow a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Spreitzer seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. On the merits of the ordinance, Councilor De Forest made a motion to enact. Councilor Spreitzer seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. File 8568/5311 Ordinance 3474

- b. Police Chief Norm Jacobs presented a proposed ordinance to repeal Section 1.81 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit as it relates to disbanding the **Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance** Council. Chief Jacobs explained that the Committee has not met because there are not enough members to establish a quorum for action. He said that the one member who is interested in assisting the police with disabled parking enforcement may continue even if the committee is disbanded. Chief Jacobs said that the disabled parking ordinance will continue to be enforced by the Community Service Officers and the neighborhood Police Officers. Councilor Luebke made a motion to suspend the rules and allow a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Leavy seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. On the merits of the ordinance, Councilor Leavy made a motion to enact. Councilor Luebke seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. File 6201 Ordinance 3475

#### 8. APPOINTMENTS – none

#### 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

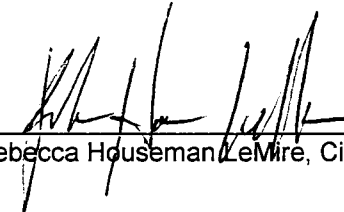
- Councilor De Forest welcomed the students from Beloit Memorial High School in the audience. She congratulated the DPW Hazmat Team, which was featured in the National Public Works Magazine for their creative approach to Hazmat situations. She said that she was in a car accident the previous week and personally thanked the police officers and paramedics for the wonderful service she received.
- Councilor Luebke said that he will attend the Beloit College vision center lecture series.
- Councilor Kincaid thanked the public works department and said that Emerson Street was cleared and looked great after the recent snow storm. He said that he appreciates Ms. Moffett's presence at the meeting and understands her frustration.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he plans to attend the lecture series.
- Councilor Haynes said that he will attend the lecture series as well.

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

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

- a. Parks and Leisure Services Director Brian Ramsey presented a resolution approving the **Naming of the Auditorium at Grinnell Hall** in Honor of John Kalkirtz. He said that the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission reviewed and recommended approval. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. Councilor De Forest said that she appreciates John and the work he has done. She said that she will miss seeing him photograph events, and she thanked him for his service to the City. Councilor Spreitzer said that John's energy and passion are overwhelming and infectious. Councilor Kincaid commended John for his energy and enthusiasm. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Ramsey invited the public, City employees, and the Council to attend receptions for John on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and to the dedication ceremony at 4:00 p.m. File 8579
- b. Mr. Ramsey presented a resolution authorizing the **Schedule of Fees and Charges for the City of Beloit Dog Park** in the City of Beloit, Wisconsin. He said that the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission recommended approval of the fees. Councilor Luebke noted that the combination dog license and dog park permit is the best deal. Councilor Spreitzer said that the City's fees are higher than Janesville's, and Mr. Ramsey said that staff reviewed fees in Janesville, Whitewater, Madison, Milton, Rockford, Racine County, and others to set reasonable fees. Councilor De Forest made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 8568/5311/8570
- c. City Engineer Mike Flesch presented a resolution amending the **2013 Capital Equipment Replacement Budget** and Appropriating Funds for the Replacement of Pickup Truck 431. He said that the vehicle was in an accident in October 2012 and needs to be replaced. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Spreitzer seconded. Councilor De Forest asked if staff is sure that the vehicle needs to be replaced, and Mr. Flesch said that a thorough analysis of the need, use, and type of vehicle was done prior to this request. The motion carried 6-0. File 8570

- d. Finance and Administrative Services Director Paul York presented a resolution approving an Amendment of the **Agreement** between the City of Beloit and VantageCare Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan. He explained that this plan allows for retirees to convert a portion of the unused sick leave for health insurance premiums after retirement. He said that this amendment changes the minimum age for conversion from 55 to 50. City Manager Larry Arft expressed some confusion as to whether or not this resolution contained the correct language. Councilor Leavy said that he wants to be sure the Council knows what they are approving. Councilor Spreitzer made a motion to lay this item over to the second meeting in January, and Councilor Leavy seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 8173
- e. Mr. Arft presented a resolution authorizing and approving a **Cost of Living Adjustment** for Non-Represented City employees. He explained that this COLA was set aside in the 2013 budgeting process and is equal to 2.75 percent of payroll. He said that the money was put aside with the intent of implementing a new pay plan in the spring and that \$50,000 from this pool will be used to implement the plan if approved by the Council. Mr. Arft said that the funds left in the pool allow for a 2.25 percent pay increase for all non-represented employee. He indicated that the proposed pay plan will be presented to the City Council in a workshop in late February. Councilor Luebke made a motion to amend the resolution to add "with warranted merit adjustment" for the City Manager. Councilor Spreitzer seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. Councilor Spreitzer made a motion to adopt the amended resolution, and Councilor Leavy seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 8570
12. At 7:50 p.m., Councilor Leavy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 6-0.



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Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: January 22, 2013