



THE BELOIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we ring in the New Year, we want to take this opportunity to wish our residents, City employees, elected officials, business owners and other customers a joyous New Year. We look forward to another exciting year of change and growth in Beloit. Thank you for being part of our Greater Beloit community!

WARMING SHELTERS

Bitterly cold temperatures and wind chills are forecast for the coming days. In response, the American Red Cross and Rock County Sheriff's Department have coordinated some warming shelters in Beloit from January 2—9, 2014.

The Overflowing Cup (Daytime Warming Shelter)

310 State Street, Beloit
Effective Shelter Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
608-365-0365

St. John's Lutheran Church (Overnight Facility)

1000 Bluff St., Beloit
Effective Shelter Hours: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
608-362-8595

The Sparrows Nest (Overnight Facility)

1816 Harrison Ave., Beloit
Effective Shelter Hours: After 5:00 p.m. only
608-362-8215

The Rock County Sheriff's Office thanks the many local organizations that assist our citizens during these difficult times. For organizations that would like to participate as future shelter locations or provide emergency assistance to citizens during extreme temperatures and local emergencies, you are encouraged to notify the Rock county Sheriff's Office—Emergency Management Bureau at 608-758-8440.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The City of Beloit's Public Works Department reminds residents that curbside collection of Christmas trees will be January 6—17, 2014. Please place your tree curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your regular trash day.

Trees must be free of stands (including wooden stands), bags, lights, garlands, tinsel and ornaments, etc.

Christmas trees will also be accepted at the Recycling Drop Off Center, 2351 Springbrook Court, on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—Noon, beginning January 11, 2014.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

The City Council will hold a **Special Meeting** and adjourn into closed session at 5:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room **on Monday, January 6, 2014**. The City was recently approached by the owners of a fairly substantial tract of land located north of the Gateway Business Park along the newly constructed Gateway Boulevard. The owner has offered the land to the City under reasonably attractive circumstances and a Special Meeting has been called to review the terms and conditions of this offer. The meeting will include a closed session discussion, followed by a brief open session to consider a resolution authorizing the transaction. The Council will reconvene at approximately 6:30 p.m. for a **Workshop** to review the agenda of the regular City Council meeting.

The attached **agenda** is for the Monday, January 6, 2014 regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Comprehensive Plan** to change the future land use designation for a number of properties along Milwaukee Road from Community Commercial to Institutional and Community Service. This is the site just west of Lee Lane where the new intermediate school is to be constructed. The change merely reflects the actual planned land use for this parcel. This item has been recommended for approval by the Plan Commission and is on the agenda to suspend the rules for second reading and adoption.
- b. This is the companion Ordinance that would change the **Zoning District Map** from the current C-1, Office District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions. Again, this is related to the School District's new intermediate school to be constructed at this location. The Plan Commission has recommended for approval and the item is on the agenda to suspend the rules for a second reading and adoption.
- c. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow for Office and Health Club uses in an M-2, General Manufacturing District. This Conditional Use Permit pertains to a number of properties in the Ironworks campus along Third Street in downtown Beloit. Although offices will be utilizing some of the space, most will still be dedicated to manufacturing. The Plan Commission has recommended for approval.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular and Special Meetings of December 16, 2013.
- b. Application for a **Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor License** for Olde Town Market, 905 Henry Avenue. This matter is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.
- c. Proposed **Zoning Text Amendment** to repeal and recreate Section 9 of Chapter 19 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipal Code related to various non-conforming uses and structures. These changes are necessitated by a recent change in State law regarding the handling of buildings that become non-conforming as a result of land use regulations. This draft ordinance is being referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- d. Proposed **Zoning Text Amendment** to again amend Chapter 19 the Zoning Ordinance related to development standards in the Public Lands and Institutions District. The proposed change would allow the use of smaller lots than are currently allowed within the PLI District, facilitating greater flexibility in the use of lands under this particular zoning category. Again, this item is being referred to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation.
- e. Application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow an auto repair use in the C-3, Community Commercial District, for a property located at 1029 Fourth Street. This item is being referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- f. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the School District classification of the properties located at Sixth Street. These properties are now part of the Beloit Memorial High School site and will be used for future site improvements. This matter is being referred to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation.
- g. Resolution **Combining Polling Places** for the Spring Primary Election on February 18, 2014. In order to combine polling places for the Spring Primary (if required), Council approval will be necessary at this meeting. It is unknown at this time whether a Primary election will be required, depending on the final number of candidates meeting qualifications to appear on the ballot for the upcoming spring Municipal elections. If a Primary is required, it likely will affect only one judgeship office, and these generally do not create a huge turnout. Combining polling places is an efficient and cost effective way to conduct a Primary election when limited candidates appear on the ballot.
- h. Resolution approving the **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract for the Shirland Bridge Seal. This project replaced broken pavement and the strip seal at the east abutment of the Shirland Avenue Bridge.

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend Part J of Section III of the Index of Special Locations located in Section 13 of the code of General Ordinances related to **Parking of Vehicles on the near side of Highways adjacent to Schoolhouses**. This item came up for discussion at Council's last meeting and there were a

number of questions about the timing and whether or not there needed to be 24-hour, 7-day per week parking restrictions on these portions of the schools. Additional research by staff noted that the original ordinance adopted earlier this year did provide for the parking restrictions to run from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days, making the parking available to residents during weekends, holidays, and at other non-school times. That information has been clarified in the staff report that will be accompanying the ordinance, which will again appear on the agenda for 2nd reading.

8. APPOINTMENTS

There will be no appointments.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving Compensation Adjustments for the City Manager. Following the city Manager's annual written performance evaluation process, Councilors discussed compensation for 2014. In recognition of the Manager's continued quality performance, as well as the Manager's 10th year longevity milestone, Councilors authorized preparation of a resolution that would provide for a 3% salary adjustment for the City Manager to take effect on January 1, 2014. Councilors also felt that the Manager should receive the merit adjustment indicated by the evaluation, so the resolution provides for an additional 1/2% salary adjustment effective on July 1, 2014.
- b. Resolution authorizing changes to the 2014 Schedule of "Beloit/Janesville Express" Transit Fares for the City of Beloit. The Beloit/Janesville Express service is jointly operated by the cities of Beloit and Janesville and requires that the fare be uniformly applied. Janesville approved an across the board fare increase for their municipal transit service, which includes the Beloit/Janesville Express, necessitating the City of Beloit follow suit.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP - TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014

This [Workshop](#) is related to Mirus Partners proposed Tax Credit Financed residential development. As noted earlier in the Beloit Report, Mirus Partners, a private sector developer that specializes in tax credit financed developments, again approached the City this week and asked for reconsideration of an earlier project they submitted to build Tax Credit Financed housing on a portion of the Burton Street property owned by the City of Beloit.

The project was a low-density attached single-family row house development and would have been operated under the same terms and conditions as Tax Credit Financing housing projects located around the City of Beloit. Neighbors objected to the project and the Plan Commission ultimately failed to recommend it on a split vote. The partners then withdrew their application and set about reviewing the feasibility of moving forward with a detached single-family development which would meet existing zoning and subdivision standards for this parcel.

A review and analysis of infrastructure costs needed to build the streets and utilities required to support an extensive single-family housing development made the project financially unfeasible and the developers again asked if the City would reconsider the original submittal. The partners believe that the project, as designed and submitted, would score high in the competitive analysis for the award of tax credits in 2014.

City management suggested that the developer present his project at a workshop with the City Council and Plan Commission members in attendance. The developer could then gauge the reaction before making a decision as to whether or not to refile a formal application. The workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Forum** (agenda [attached](#)). The Plan Commission is invited, along with interested neighbors from the area. The meeting will be open to the public with opportunity for questions or comments.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JANUARY 6—10, 2014

Monday, January 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting with Closed Session , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, January 6	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, January 6	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, January 7	6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop , Forum (All City Councilors and Plan Commission)
Wed., January 8	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Wed., January 8	Cancelled	Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission (S. De Forest)
Wed., January 8	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission , Forum (C. Kincaid)

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.

Saturday, Jan. 11	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration , Blackhawk Technical College, 6004 S. County Road G., Janesville. The theme of this year's event is "Youth, Making the World a Better Place." Music, awards, ethnic food festival.
Monday, Jan. 20	4:00 p.m.	Martin Luther King Day Convocation , Beloit College, Eaton Chapel. Free and open to the public.
January 24—26		Winterfest 2014 . Various activities at multiple locations. Please click [here] to view a line-up of events.
Friday, Jan. 24	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Chills, Spills and Thrills , ice-skating at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road.



NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2014

5:30 p.m.

4th Floor City Manager's Conference Room

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

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 **discuss possible acquisition of real estate** (Arft)
3. The City Council may adjourn the closed session meeting and reconvene in open session for possible action

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

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Dated: January 2, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City Clerk

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**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 6, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Comprehensive Plan** to change the future land use designation of the properties located at 2508, 2554, 2570, and 2600 Milwaukee Road from Community Commercial to Institutional and Community Service (School District of Beloit) (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
First Reading, suspend rules for Second Reading
 - b. Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification of the properties located at 2554, 2570, and 2600 Milwaukee Road from C-1, Office District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District (School District of Beloit) (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
First Reading, suspend rules for Second Reading
 - c. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow Office and Health Club uses in an M-2, General Manufacturing District, for the properties located at 601, 605, 645, 655 and 701 Third Street (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 and Special Meetings of December 16, 2013 (LeMire)
 - b. Application for a **Class “A” Beer and “Class A” Liquor License** for Olde Town Market, Inc., d/b/a Olde Town Market, located at 905 Henry Avenue, Akbir Kang, Agent (LeMire)
Refer to ALBCC
 - c. Proposed **Zoning Text Amendment** to repeal and recreate Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2 and to amend Sections 9.1.4, 9.2.1(A), and 9.2.2(E) of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit relating to nonconforming uses and structures (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission

- d. Proposed **Zoning Text Amendment** to create Section 5-102(a)(15) and to amend Section 5-103 of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit relating to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District, uses and standards (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- e. Application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow an auto repair use in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 1029 Fourth Street (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- f. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification of the properties located at 1203, 1233, 1249, 1253, and 1257 Sixth Street from R-2, Two-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District, and the properties located at 1313, 1317, 1323, 1327, 1333, 1339, 1343, 1349, and 1353 Sixth Street and 225 and 219 North Street from R-1B, Single-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District (School District of Beloit) (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- g. Resolution **Combining Polling Places** for the Spring Primary Election on February 18, 2014 (if primary is necessary) (LeMire)
- h. Resolution approving the **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C13-14, Shirland Bridge Seal (Boysen)

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend Part J of Section III of the Index of Special Locations, Section 13.02 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit, Relating to **Parking of Vehicles on the near side of Highways adjacent to Schoolhouses** (Gaston School) (Boysen) Second Reading

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION – none

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving **Compensation Adjustments** for the City Manager for the Calendar Year 2014 (Haynes)
- b. Resolution authorizing changes to the **2014 Schedule of "Beloit/Janesville Express" Transit Fares** for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin (Gavin)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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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.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a workshop on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Forum located on the first floor of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to hear a presentation by Mirus Partners regarding their proposed **Tax Credit Housing Development** located on the City-owned properties bordered by Fir, Dell, and Aspen Drives and Burton Street. This workshop is open to the public, and a quorum of City Council members and Plan Commission members may be present.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: January 2, 2014
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Department of Public Works
Parks & Leisure Services Division
2351 Springbrook Court
Beloit, WI 53511

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014 has been cancelled. Therefore, the next scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the Operations Building located at 2351 Springbrook Court in the City of Beloit, Wisconsin.

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Dated: January 3, 2014
Brian Ramsey, CPRP
Director of Parks & Leisure Services
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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM
The Forum
Beloit City Hall, First Floor
100 State Street, Beloit

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 18, 2013 Meeting**
3. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment Related to the Public Lands and Institutions District**
Public hearing, review and consideration of an Ordinance to create Section 5-102(a)(15) and to amend Section 5-103 of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit, relating to the Public Lands & Institutions (PLI) district uses and standards
4. **Certified Survey Map – 801 Bushnell Street – First Congregational Church**
Review and consideration of a two-lot Certified Survey Map for the property located at 801 Bushnell Street in the City of Beloit
5. **Certified Survey Map – 4003 S. Walters Road**
Review and consideration of a one-lot Certified Survey Map for the property located at 4003 S. Walters Road in the Town of Beloit
6. **Zoning Map Amendment – Various Properties Located on North and Sixth Street near the Beloit Memorial High School campus**
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district classification from R-1B, Single Family Residential District, and R-2, Two-Family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands & Institutions District for the properties located at 219 and 225 North Street; and 1203, 1233, 1249, 1253, 1257, 1313, 1317, 1323, 1327, 1333, 1339, 1343, 1349 and 1353 Sixth Street
7. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment Relating to Nonconforming Uses and Structures**
Public hearing, review and consideration of an Ordinance to repeal and recreate Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2 and to amend Sections 9.1.4, 9.2.1(A) and 9.2.2.(E) of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit, relating to nonconforming uses and structures

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8. **Conditional Use Permit – 1029 Fourth Street – Vehicle Repair**

Public hearing, review and consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to allow vehicle repair in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 1029 Fourth Street

9. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**

10. **Adjournment**

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

Notice Mailed: January 3, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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LEISURE SERVICES NEWS

January 2014

Happy New Year!

WINTERFEST 2014

Join the City of Beloit, Parks and Leisure Services
Division for Winterfest 2014 January 24-26!

Line Up:

Friday

- * Family Bingo at Grinnell Hall 9:00-11:00 pm, all ages welcome! **FREE!**
- * Island Tunes! Join us at Grinnell Hall for our first Winterfest Dance with Bahama Bob! 1:00-3:00 pm, **FREE!**
- * Chills, Thrills and Spills! Public Skate with a DJ at Edward's Ice Arena 7:00-9:00 pm Music, games and FUN! Bring a non-perishable item and receive **FREE** skate rental! Regular admission fees apply.
- * Cross Country Ski Trails, open daily dusk to dawn. **FREE!**

Saturday

- * 4's Coed Volleyball Tournament at BMHS, A and B tournaments offered! (pre-registration required, call Sonya, (608) 364-2890 Ext 3)
- * Public Skate at Edward's Ice Arena 2:00-4:00 pm. Regular admission fees apply.
- * Snow Golf! Yes, Krueger Haskell Golf Course will be opening doors for snow golfers! Registration begins at noon, tee times begin at 12:30 pm, bring one club, snow golf balls (tennis balls) will be provided. Fun for all ages! \$3.00 per person, \$10.00 per foursome.

Sunday

- * Euchre Tournament at Krueger Club House. Pre-registration is required, call Sonya at (608) 364-2890 Ext 3
- * Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, always a HUGE hit! 11:00 am-2:00 pm at Big Hill Park, **FREE!** We saved the best for last, you will not want to miss this activity!

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2014 Golf Pass

Purchase your Krueger Haskell Golf Course Season Pass for 2014 prior to **March 1st**, and **SAVE!**

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

Available passes include Senior Pass, Single Pass, Family Pass, Twilight Pass, Limited Play Pass, Student and Junior Passes.

"We welcome a happy, healthy new year, full of opportunities"

-The Leisure Team!