



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**  
**Monday, April 7, 2014**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Councilor Spreitzer presented a proclamation in recognition of **National Library Week**, April 13-19, 2014, to Interim Director Jennifer Laatz and Circulation Services Manager Michael DeVries. Ms. Laatz thanked the City Council for the proclamation and encouraged the Council and the public to participate in the upcoming celebrations for National Library Week and the five-year anniversary of the new library on Eclipse Boulevard. File 7148
  - b. Councilor Spreitzer presented a proclamation in recognition of **Fair Housing Month** to Community and Housing Services Director Teri Downing and Equal Opportunities Commission Chairperson Marilyn Sloniker. Ms. Sloniker said that the EOC is working to raise awareness about fair housing issues. She encouraged the Council and the public to vote for their favorite Fair Housing poster by April 17<sup>th</sup> and said that the winner would be announced at the next City Council meeting. She also thanked Councilor Van De Bogart for participating in the mock hearing over the weekend. File 7148
  - c. Councilor Spreitzer presented a proclamation in recognition of **Teenagers Drinking Alcohol Awareness Month**, April 2014, to Debbie Fisher, Rock County Youth to Youth, and Fran Fruzen, past Chairman. Ms. Fisher thanked the Council for making this issue a priority and welcomed the Council to attend an Underage Drinking Townhall Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. File 7148
  - d. Councilor Spreitzer presented a **Recycling Award** to the City of Beloit Department of Public Works from the State of Wisconsin. Operations Director Chris Walsh accepted the award and thanked the residents, the public works office staff, the solid waste collectors, and the Code Enforcement inspectors who have all contributed to the City's excellent 40 percent diversion rate.
  - e. Councilors Haynes and Spreitzer presented a plaque to **James Van De Bogart** by a Grateful Community in Appreciation for Service on the Beloit City Council from April 2004 to April 2014. Councilor Van De Bogart thanked the citizens who elected and re-elected him several times. He said that the tenor of the Council has changed for the better over the last 10 years and that the Council has established a professionalism that will serve the City well. He said that the City is going in the right direction and that he has been glad to be a part of that.
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow Contractor Office and Storage uses in a DH, Development Holding District, for the property located at 2100 Newark Road. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 5-0. Councilor Haynes opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. Councilor De Forest expresses gratitude to the applicants for cleaning up the site. The motion carried 6-0. File 8634
  - 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 319 and 333 Bluff Street from R-1B, Single-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 5-0. Councilor Haynes opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Van De Bogart made a motion to

the motion carried 6-0. On the merits of the proposed ordinance, Councilor Van De Bogart made a motion to enact. Councilor Luebke seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. File 8636  
Ordinance 3529

## 5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- Jason Dowd, 523 Moore Street, said that he was recently elected to the Rock County Board of Supervisors as the representative for District 16, which is in Beloit. He introduced himself and said that he wants to make connections with the Beloit City Council.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested that items 6.e., 6.f., 6.g., and 6.h. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Spreitzer made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.d. Councilor Luebke 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 and Special Meetings of March 17, 2014, were approved.
- b. The application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow an Outdoor Seating Area in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District, for the property located at 1901 Liberty Avenue (Clara Bo, formerly the Liberty Inn), was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8639
- c. The application for an **Amendment to the Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for The Hideout, LLC, d/b/a Clara Bo, located at 1901 Liberty Avenue, Scott Murray, Agent, to amend the licensed premises description to include an outdoor seating area, was referred to the ABLCC. File 8590
- d. The application for a **Class "A" Beer License** for Casey's Marketing Company, d/b/a Casey's General Store #3316, located at 2350 Cranston Road, Nancy Gollmer, Agent, was referred to the ABLCC. File 8590
- e. Public Works Director Greg Boysen presented a resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C14-02**, Bayliss Avenue Rehabilitation, from Park Avenue to Nelson Avenue. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Van De Bogart seconded. Councilor De Forest asked why the City decided to rehabilitate the road instead of reconstructing it. Mr. Boysen said that the decision was based on the condition of the road and the available funds. The motion carried 6-0. File 8637
- f. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C14-05**, Cracksealing and Sealcoating. Councilor Spreitzer made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. Councilor Spreitzer asked if the City could separate the projects to obtain the lowest bids for each, and Mr. Boysen stated that this is a new project and they will be evaluating its effectiveness in the future. Councilor De Forest asked which part of the project is new, and Mr. Boysen stated that seal coating had not been done in several years but that new technologies have improved the practice. The motion carried 6-0. File 8640
- g. Economic Development Director Andrew Janke presented a resolution approving **Farm Leases** between the City of Beloit and Gary and Michelle Hahn, for 1800 Gateway Boulevard. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Spreitzer seconded. Councilor De Forest asked about the requirement for automobile insurance, and Deputy City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger said that the farm equipment used on the property must be insured so that the City is not liable for accidents. Councilor De Forest questioned the vagueness of the requirement that the farmer use "best management practices." Mr. Janke explained that the language protects the City in case proper farming practices are not used. Councilor De Forest asked if Mr. Janke had received any feedback from the farming community regarding the plan to bundle the City's farm leases starting in 2015. Mr. Janke said that he has not received feedback, but that the new process would be easier and more cost-effective for all parties. The motion carried 6-0. File 7834
- h. Mr. Janke presented a resolution approving **Farm Leases** between the City of Beloit and Gary and Michelle Hahn, for 3015 Cranston Road. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Spreitzer seconded. The motion carries 6-0. File 7834

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Mr. Boysen presented a proposed ordinance to establish **No-Parking** on Chapin Street between College Street and 165' East of College Street for a second reading. Beloit College representative

Jason Hughes, who submitted the request, stated that the street is currently one-way with parallel parking on both sides, which makes it difficult to navigate during busy times. Councilor Luebke made a motion to enact the ordinance, and Councilor Spreitzer seconded. Councilor De Forest asked if the College knows how to contact the active neighborhood group in the future to have a collaborative dialogue regarding parking, and Mr. Hughes said that he does. The motion carried 6-0. File 7791 Ordinance 3530

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor De Forest congratulated the Water Resources Division for the small number of frozen water services this winter. She said that the NAACP is planning an educational summit May 17<sup>th</sup> at Aldrich Middle School and that she appreciates Councilor Van De Bogart's service, commitment to residents, and participation in community events.
- Councilor Van De Bogart said that he has enjoyed his time on the Council and learned a great deal. He congratulated Councilor Haynes on his two-year tenure as President.
- Councilor Kincaid said that he hopes Councilor Van De Bogart will have even more time to participate in community activities.
- Councilor Luebke thanked Councilor Van De Bogart for his decade of service and said that his influence will remain.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he attended a Business after 5 event at Community Action and a Youth to Youth award ceremony. He said that he wishes Councilor Van De Bogart the best and encouraged him to join one of the City's Boards or Commissions.
- Councilor Haynes said that this is his last regular meeting as Council President and that it has been humbling to serve in that capacity for the last 2 years. He thanked Councilor Van De Bogart for his service.

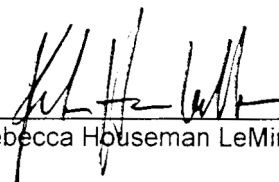
10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATIONS

- a. Public Works Operations Director Chris Walsh provided a **Spring Yard Waste** presentation to the City Council. She said that spring yard waste pick up is taking place during the weeks of April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> on the same day as residents' normal garbage day. She said that each bag or bundle needs a sticker, five of which may be purchased for \$7.50 at City facilities and several private businesses in Beloit. She also said that curbside collection will continue during the second week of each month through October.
- b. Assistant to the City Manager Beth Jacobsen presented a report to the Council regarding the June 23, 2014 **Tour of America's Dairyland downtown criterium** bicycle race. She said that Visit Beloit Director of Sales and Servicing Matt Bosen is coordinating the event, which will include a children's bike race and a street fair. Ms. Jacobsen said that two state highways will be partially closed and detours will be posted. She said that the event will highlight the Downtown and that Council action is not required. She said that Mr. Bosen and representatives from the bike race are present to answer any questions the Council may have.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Beloit to submit an Application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for the **Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Program Planning Grant**. He said that this grant would allow the City to hire a consultant to update and upgrade the City's Storm Water Management Plan. Councilor De Forest made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The motion carried 6-0. File 6841

12. At 8:16 p.m., Councilor Van De Bogart 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