

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511 Monday, July 21, 2014

Presiding:

Mark Spreitzer

Present:

Sheila De Forest, Charles M. Haynes, Regina Hendrix, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, and

David F. Luebke

Absent:

None

- 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 None
- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS None
- 5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION None
- CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.d., and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried that the Consent Agenda by accepted, approved, adopted, or referred and acted upon as required by state and local codes.

- a. The **Minutes** of Special Meetings of June 30 and July 1, 2014, and the **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting on July 7, 2014, were approved.
- b. The resolution approving **Change of Agent** for Mead-Allen Post #2306, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, d/b/a VFW Club, located at 2711 Afton Road, from Ronald Becker to Steve Mayfield, was adopted. File 8645
- c. The application for a Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License for Fiesta Cancun Authentic Mexican Restaurant of Beloit Inc., located at 2648 Prairie Avenue, Jose Cortez, Agent, was referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee. File 8645
- d. The resolution setting a date for a Public Hearing for the **Vacation** of an unnamed east-west alley between the nine hundred blocks of Johnson Street and Townline Avenue in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, was accepted and referred to the Plan Commission. File 8653

7. ORDINANCES

a. Deputy City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented a proposed ordinance to amend sections 25.04(1)(d), 31.30(1) and 15.30 and to create section 31.30(1m) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Forfeitures for Juvenile matters** in Municipal Court. She explained that the base fine is set by the City Council but there are additional fees and assessments that go to the County and the State. Councilor De Forest said that the base fines along with court costs still seem too high. Councilor De Forest made a motion to lay this item over to the next Council meeting for a second reading. Councilor Haynes seconded. Councilor Luebke requested that the City invite others who deal with this issue including principals, truant officers, social workers, and school psychologists. Councilor De Forest said that we should make a special effort to get more input from school district officials. Councilor Spreitzer said that he wants to make sure the Council is comfortable with the total costs of the tickets. Councilor De Forest said that the base fine should be lowered to \$50.00 for habitual truants and others. Councilor Haynes said that there does not seem to be a consensus among the Council and that they may not be ready to vote in two weeks. The motion to lay this item over until the August 4th City Council meeting carried 7-0. File 7774/4906

8. APPOINTMENTS

President Spreitzer announced the openings and submitted the following appointments to the City Committees, Boards, and Commissions for approval. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to approve the appointments, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

- **a. Board of Appeals:** Robert E. Wilks, as 1st Alternate, for a term ending May 31, 2017. File 6130
- **b. Community Development Authority:** Manuel Casares for a term ending December 31, 2017. File 6054
- **c. Municipal Library Board:** Missy Henderson, School District of Beloit Representative, for the 2014-2015 school year. File 5991
- **d.** Park, Recreation, & Conservation Advisory Commission: Mark Smullen, School District of Beloit Representative, for the 2014-2015 school year. File 6180

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Luebke reminded everyone to attend Music and More in Riverside Park.
- Councilor De Forest said that she enjoyed the parks tour, and she thanked the Parks staff.
 She said that she enjoys the Farmers Market and reminded the public of the upcoming Street Dance.
- Councilor Hendrix said that she enjoyed the west side parks tour and that the flash mob at the last Music and More was fun.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he enjoyed the parks tour and the ground-breaking event at the Northstar development site.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

a. Finance and Administrative Services Director Eric Miller presented the 2013 Audit Report. Mr. Miller thanked staff in the City Manager's Office, the Treasury, the Accounting Division, and the Finance Division for their assistance with the Audit. Carla Gogin and Jodi Dobson, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, presented the City's 2013 Audit of the general fund and utility accounts, respectively. Councilor De Forest asked if there are any material weaknesses that need to be addressed and Ms. Gogin said that the City should look into developing a formal risk assessment.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Police Chief Norm Jacobs presented a resolution approving School Resource Officer Program Agreement between the City of Beloit and the School District of Beloit. He said that this agreement represented an extension of many years of intergovernmental cooperation between the City and the School District. Chief Jacobs noted that this is a four year agreement and the largest change is the addition of one School Resource Officer to accommodate the new intermediate school. Councilor Luebke said that he has worked with School Resource Officers in the schools in the past and that this is a great program. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kelly seconded. Councilor De Forest asked how the officers are utilized when school is not in session, and Chief Jacobs said that they are encouraged to take leave time or used as patrol officers. The motion carried 7-0. File 6654
- 12. At 8:04 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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