



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL  
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511  
Monday, August 4, 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
  - a. Vice President Haynes presented a proclamation declaring August 5, 2014 as **National Night Out** to Beloit Police Chief Norm Jacobs. Chief Jacobs thanked the Council for the proclamation, and he thanked the block captains and all the others who are participating in the event including the Fire Department and Crime Stoppers. File 7148
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
  - Brian Fitzgerald, 3906 Capella Drive, Janesville, said that he is a Janesville City Councilman and is running for State Senate in District 15. He said that bringing jobs to the area is the focus of his campaign.
  - Jason Dowd, 523 Moore Street, said that he represents Beloit on the Rock County Board of Supervisors. He asked for the City Council's support of a Resolution he is proposing to the County Board asking the Governor and State Legislature to accept Medicare funds. He said that over 3,000 people in Rock County would be served by these funds and said that he would like to see a referendum on the November ballot.
  - Richard Harris, 141 N. Oak Street, Whitewater, spoke out against the recent violence in Beloit. He said that he interned at Rock County and met with young people in the area who did not have any hope for the future. He said that he has faith that Beloit's leadership will do something to stop the violence.
  - Daniel Barolsky, 1301 Chapin Street, said that the current juvenile truancy ordinances fail to meet the goals and the revocation of the current ordinances is a starting point to fixing the problem.
  - Steve Howland, 1617 Emerson Street, said that he would like to see the truancy fines reduced to \$25.00. He said fines are not effective deterrents and that the support structure for these kids needs to be greater. He requested that a committee be formed to look at the problem.
  - Mike Fallon, 1232 Elm Street, said that the truancy ordinances are not effective and would like to see the community get involved in finding a solution.
  - Heather McCoy, 935 Gerald Avenue, said that she would like to bridge the gap between City officials and community members with the hopes on stopping the violence in Beloit.
  - Lakeidric McCoy, 935 Gerald Avenue, said that everyone needs to step up to the plate to stop the recent violence.
6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Spreitzer requested that item 6.c. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. and 6.b., and Councilor

Hendrix seconded. 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 July 21, 2014, and the Special Meeting of July 28, 2014, were approved.
- b. The application for **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for JD Second Time Inc., d/b/a The Grand Avenue Pub, located at 132 West Grand Avenue, Gayle Schliem, Agent, was referred to the ABLCC. File 8645
- c. City Engineer Mike Flesch presented a resolution rejecting all bids for **Public Works Contract C14-10, Third Street Pier**. Mr. Flesch said that the bids received were significantly higher than the Engineer's estimate. Councilor De Forest asked how the City is planning to proceed. Mr. Flesch said that, if the bids are rejected, he will meet with the bidders to see why the bids were so out of line with the estimate. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8654

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Deputy City Attorney presented the second reading of 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. Councilor De Forest asked about the status of setting up a meeting with the school district, and City Manager Larry Arft said that they are scheduling a joint School Board/City Council meeting in mid-September. Councilor De Forest made a motion to enact the ordinance, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. Councilor De Forest made a motion to amend the ordinance to reduce the citation for first offence habitual truancy from \$100.00 to \$50.00. Councilor Spreitzer seconded. Councilor Luebke said that he may agree but that he would like to meet with the community in a committee setting first. Councilor De Forest said that she is excited for the possible changes that the committee could come up with but that she would like to see the citation cost decreased now. Councilor Spreitzer said that there is no objection by the School District to reducing the fines and that the committee will look at the larger truancy issue. Councilor Haynes said that the Municipal Judge would have to review any amendments to the ordinance so it would have to be laid over tonight. Councilor Luebke asked Fred Atlas from the Beloit School District to speak regarding this issue. Mr. Atlas said that the District stands by the current procedures for dealing with truancy. He said that the cost of the citations is out of the realm of the District and that his job is to ensure that young people get an education. The motion to amend the ordinance carried 5-2 with Councilors Haynes and Luebke voting in opposition. Councilor Haynes made a motion to lay this item over until the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 7774/4906

## 8. APPOINTMENTS – none

## 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Luebke said that it was nice to see so many people at the Street Dance and the Beloit and Beyond bicycling event the next day.
- Councilor De Forest said that she volunteered at the Street Dance and attended the Hands of Faith corn boil. She said that she is looking forward to National Night Out and thanked those hosting block parties. She announced that there would be local transportation construction training that will train people for the jobs associated with the I-90/39 construction project. She also expressed condolences to the family of the young man who was shot and encouraged people to step up and contact the police.
- Councilor Hendrix said that she is looking forward to National Night Out and attending some of the Stop the Violence events in Beloit. She said that the community has to come together to solve the problem. She encouraged people to attend the Beloit Strong event on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Summit Park from 2-6 p.m.
- Councilor Kelly said that she is looking forward to meeting regarding the reconstruction of I-39/90 and National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he is looking forward to attending as many National Night Out block parties as he can and will attend the I-39/90 construction meeting as well. He said that he

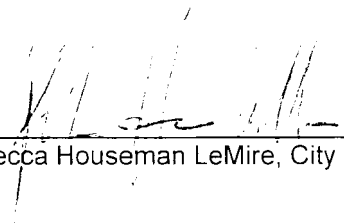
attended the Hands of Faith corn boil and that Saturday was Craig Knutson Day in honor years of service as the Rock County Administrator.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Fire Chief Brad Liggett presented a resolution amending the **2014 Capital Improvements Budget** for a Fire Department Utility Terrain Vehicle Equipment Purchase. Chief Liggett explained that the UTV will be used for all-terrain rescues. He indicated that this equipment will be funded through savings from a past ambulance purchase. Councilor De Forest said that the funding is from the capital budget which cannot be used for personnel, and she asked if any cost-sharing opportunities were researched. Chief Liggett said that he did not look into sharing the cost with other municipalities because the funds were available and it is advantageous to have the equipment housed with the City. Councilor Luebke said that this equipment may be used during mutual aid responses. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8574

12. At 8:04 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried 7-0.



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Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: August 18, 2014