



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
Monday, February 2, 2015

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. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – none
6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.e. Councilor De Forest 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 7-0.

- a. The **Minutes** of the regular meeting of January 20, 2015, were approved.
 - b. The application for a **Recreation Path** in Big Hill Park was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8587
 - c. The application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow indoor alcohol sales in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District, for the property located at 412 Liberty Avenue (Liberty Mart), was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8489
 - d. The application for **Sidewalk Easements** for the proposed Milwaukee Road Corridor Improvements was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8463
 - e. The resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-03**, Concrete Pavement Repair, was adopted. File 8674
7. ORDINANCES – none
 8. APPOINTMENTS – none
 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS
 - Councilor Luebke said that he was pleased to attend the Beloit International Film Festival (BIFF) kickoff party and encouraged the public to participate in the festival.
 - Councilor De Forest thanked the residents who attended listening sessions and completed surveys regarding the city manager recruitment process. She thanked the City's Public Works, Police, and Fire employees who keep the public safe.
 - Councilor Kincaid said that he enjoyed the BIFF event and urged the public to participate in the festival.
 - Councilor Hendrix said that she attended Head Start's 50th anniversary celebration and that there will be a Soul Food Luncheon on February from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Beloit Memorial High School to celebrate Black History Month.
 - Councilor Kelly said that BIFF tickets are available online.

- Councilor Haynes congratulated the Public Works Department on how efficiently they handled the snow recent emergency.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he is looking forward to BIFF and that the Public Works employees did a great job with snow removal.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- Police Chief Norm Jacobs presented information regarding the recent violent crimes in Beloit and how the Police Department is responding. He explained Project Stop the Violence and said that there will be two squad cars in the City's Merrill Neighborhood instead of just one. He indicated that the Department is looking at locations for a temporary police substation in the neighborhood to show police presence. He reminded the public that Beloit's overall crime rate has decreased in the last five years and requested the Council's continued support. City Manager Larry Arft and Councilor Luebke thanked Chief Jacobs for the presentation. Councilor De Forest thanked him for the report and asked if the Chief needs more police officers. Chief Jacobs said that additional officers may or may not prevent crime. Councilor De Forest said that she is committed to providing the resources the Police Department needs.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- Finance and Administrative Services Director Eric Miller presented a Resolution providing for the Sale of \$760,000 **General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2015B**. He introduced Dawn Gunderson, Ehlers and Associates, who explained that the bonds will be bid competitively and that she would be back in March with resolutions approving the bid with the lowest cost of financing. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote 7-0. File 8649
- Mr. Miller presented an Initial Resolution Authorizing **General Obligation Bonds** in an amount not to Exceed \$1,950,000 for Street Improvement Projects. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote 7-0. File 8649
- Mr. Miller presented an Initial Resolution Authorizing **General Obligation Bonds** in an amount not to Exceed \$535,000 for Parks and Public Grounds Projects. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote 7-0. File 8649
- Mr. Miller presented a Resolution directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues and Providing for the Sale of not to Exceed \$2,485,000 **General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2015C**. Councilor Kincaid made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kelly seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote 7-0. File 8649
- Mr. Arft presented a resolution supporting the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' **Partnership for Prosperity Legislative Agenda**. He said that funding from the state has been reduced over the last several years and that the League wants to encourage the state to invest in quality urban places. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Luebke seconded. Councilor Spreitzer indicated that he will abstain from voting on this matter as he will likely be asked to take action in the future as a Wisconsin Legislator. Councilor De Forest indicated that she supports most of the recommendations but disagrees with the levy limit provision and will be voting against the resolution. The motion carried 5-1-1, with Councilor De Forest voting in opposition and Councilor Spreitzer abstaining. File 5532

- At 7:45 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor De Forest seconded, and the motion carried.


 Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk