



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL

100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511

City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 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
 - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented an ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Beloit **Comprehensive Plan** to change the future land use designation of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from Planned Neighborhood to Mixed Residential. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 5-0. Councilor Spreitzer opened the public hearing.
 - Frank McKearn, Batterman, said that he is here representing the property owner and will answer any questions from the Council.Councilor Spreitzer closed the public hearing. Councilor De Forest said that she is concerned about the rental density in the area. Mr. McKearn said that the property owner plans to change the zoning and market the property to a developer who will create a multifamily project on the lot west of the proposed extended Kadlec Drive. Councilor Spreitzer asked Ms. Christensen if the Council could determine an appropriate density for the area. Ms. Christensen said that, if the zoning change is approved, the property owner could construct one multifamily building on the property or seek a Planned Unit Development from the City Council for more buildings on the same property. Councilor Kincaid asked if the public would have a chance to testify regarding a planned development on the property, and Ms. Christensen said that a public hearing is required for a Planned Unit Development. Councilor Luebke made a motion to suspend the rules and offer a seconded reading of the ordinance. Councilor Kincaid seconded. Councilor De Forest asked if a sign describing the proposed zoning change was installed in the property, and Ms. Christensen said that a sign had not been installed. Councilor Spreitzer said that, given that the last time this matter came before Council it was recommended for denial by the Plan Commission, it would be appropriate to install a sign and lay this item over until the next meeting. The motion to suspend the rules failed 0-7. Councilor Haynes made a motion to lay this item over to the April 6th City Council meeting, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 5913
 - b. Ms. Christensen presented an ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from R-2, Two-family Residential District, to R-3, Low Density Multi-family Residential. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 5-0. Councilor De Forest made a motion to lay this item over to the April 6th City Council meeting to allow staff to install a sign on the property. Councilor Hendrix seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. File 5913
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
 - A'neya Frazier and Erin Hudson spoke on behalf of the Beloit Memorial High School Minority Excellence Organization regarding the upcoming 2015 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Tour.

- Art LeFeber, 637 Wisconsin Avenue, said that he thinks the City should provide additional resources to the public safety departments to help reduce the violence in the City.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.e. Councilor Kelly 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.

- The **minutes** of the special and regular meetings of March 2nd and the special meeting of March 9, 2015, were approved.
- The resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for The Local, LLC, d/b/a The Local Bar & Grill, 443 East Grand Avenue, Mike Dutter, Agent, was approved. File 8645
- The resolution approving a two-lot **Certified Survey Map** for the property located at 1401 Townhall Road, was adopted. File 8673
- The resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-05**, Seal Coating, was adopted. File 8677
- The resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-06**, Colley Road Water Main Extension, was adopted. File 8678

7. ORDINANCES – none

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Luebke congratulated the City Manager for receiving the Headliner Award at the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.
- Councilor De Forest commended Mary Garza in the Transit Department for receiving an Accommodation for Customer Service. She thanked Beth Jacobsen for her wonderful work as the Assistant to the City Manager and Monica Krystopa for her hard work at Visit Beloit. She also thanked the Beloit Public Library staff for organizing Book Quest.
- Councilor Kincaid said that he is excited for spring.
- Councilor Hendrix congratulated Beth Jacobsen and Monica Krystopa and wished them well. She said that she is supervising the upcoming HBCU tour and encouraged the public to support students.
- Councilor Kelly said that she attended the Chamber dinner and saw the City Manager receive the Headliner Award. She said that she attended the League of Women Voters Candidate Forum and that all candidates did well.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he attended Book Quest and the Chamber dinner. He congratulated the City Manager on receiving the Headliner Award and wished Beth Jacobsen and Monica Krystopa well.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- Police Chief Norm Jacobs presented information regarding the Police Department Commission on **Law Enforcement Accreditation**. He stated that the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) will begin reviewing the Department's policies with a public listening session on March 23rd starting at 3:00 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall. Chief Jacobs provided updates regarding the East Side Substation, the "Stop the Violence Initiative," the Rock County Sheriff's Department enforcement assistance, and the recruitment process for new officers.
- City Manager Larry Arft presented the annual **Report to the Community**. He updated the Council and the community on the improvements to the City Center over the last ten years. He highlighted public infrastructure improvements and private redevelopment and investment.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Public Works Director Greg Boysen presented a resolution authorizing the Public Works Department to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NWS/NOAA) to implement a **River Gaging System on Turtle Creek**. Councilor De Forest asked about ongoing maintenance costs, and Mr. Boysen said that it may be a couple hundred dollars per year or less. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8679
 - b. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution accepting a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Urban Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Abatement and **Storm Water Management Grant** and amending the 2015 Storm Water Operating Budget. He said that the City's Storm Water Management Plan must be updated to comply with the DNR's permit requirements and that the grant would cover 60% of the associated costs. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8587
12. At 8:27 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor De Forest seconded, and the motion carried.



Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: April 6, 2015