



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 4, 2015

Presiding: Charles Haynes
Present: Sheila De Forest, Regina Hendrix, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, David F. Luebke,
Marilyn Sloniker
Absent: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall by President Haynes.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Councilor De Forest presented a proclamation declaring May 10-16, 2015 as **National Police Week** to Police Chief Norm Jacobs. Chief Jacobs thanked the Council on behalf of the entire Police Department's command and support staff and patrol officers. File 7148
 - b. Councilor De Forest presented a proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2015 as **Emergency Medical Services Week** to Fire Chief Brad Liggett, Deputy Joe Murray, Matthew Ahrens and Parker McKenzie. Deputy Murray explained the Emergency Medical Services and a future program of Community Health Paramedic. File 7148
 - c. Councilor De Forest presented a proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2015 as **National Public Works Week** to Public Works Director Greg Boysen. Mr. Boysen invited the public to the Farmers Market where his staff will explain the services and programs of the Department of Public Works and showcase the equipment used in providing those services. File 7148
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a resolution authorizing a Conditional Use Permit to allow a residential care apartment complex in a C-1 Office District, for property at **2020 Cranston Road**. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 6-0. Councilor Haynes opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Ms. Christensen stated the applicant assured staff the financing is in place and the project is ready to proceed starting May 31st and completion in March 2016. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Councilor Sloniker. Motion carried 7-0. File 8684
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
 - Edwin Armstrong, 2945 S. Paddock Road, Men's Club representative to the Municipal Golf Committee, stated he was opposed to the fee structure at the golf course as it is too late in the season to change. Mr. Armstrong suggested running specials, coupons. He said that having golf boards along with golf carts will bring in teens and young golfers.
 - Norbert Larson, 2120 Riverside Drive, #30, stated he is against the increase in the fee schedule for Krueger Haskell Golf Course.
 - Gerald Hoey, 14865 Liston Avenue, South Beloit, IL, stated he was previously a two term member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, ten year member of the Golf Committee; Treasurer of the Men's Club and has played Krueger Haskell Golf Course for sixty years. Mr. Hoey stated that golf is not a rich man's game, but played by seniors and people on fixed incomes and an increase in fees will hurt them.
 - Art Case, 1044 ½ Moore Street, suggested holding early outings at 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to maximize the use of the golf course, especially on high volume weekends.
 - Dede Bucholtz, 3430 S. Prairie Avenue, owner of Bucky's Bunker with husband Dan. Ms. Bucholtz expressed concerns about the golf fees going up and said her customers said that

this would cause them to go to other golf courses. She said if this happens it will hurt their revenue, and they would have to give up their business as concessionaire.

- James Van De Bogart, 2091 Collingswood Drive, represented the Executive Committee of Friends of Welty Environmental Center, asked the Council to vote in support of the Operating Agreement for office space at Big Hill Center.
- Roger Blohm, 1817 Merrill Street, expressed his concern with the number of dogs loose in the City, especially pit bulls and stated his wife and two neighbors were attacked by pit bull dogs. Mr. Blohm also said he was concerned with the amount of rental property in the City and felt the City needed to find a way to increase home ownership.
- Vincent Borgogni, 2144 Collingswood Drive, suggested raising the golf fees in increments of 5% per year for the next four years. Mr. Borgogni also suggested eliminating the season golf passes.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested that item 6. d. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Kincaid requested item 6.c. be removed from the Consent Agreement. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda which consists of items 6.a. and 6.b., second by Councilor Kelly. Motion carried that the Consent Agenda be accepted, approved, adopted or referred and acted upon as required by state and local code by a vote of 7-0.

- a. The Minutes of the special and regular meetings of April 17, special and regular meetings of April 20, and the organizational meeting of April 21, 2015 were approved.
- b. Applications for **Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses** for License Period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 were referred to ABLCC. File 8688
- c. Public Works Director, Greg Boysen, presented a resolution awarding Public Works Contract **C15-11 for Colley Road Interceptor Lining** to Michaels Corporation. Mr. Boysen stated that funds are available in the 2014 and 2015 CIP, and the City should have a very reliable pipe for many decades to come. Councilor Luebke moved to adopt, second by Councilor Sloniker. Motion carried 7-0. File 8678
- d. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a resolution approving **Residential Offers to Purchase** the properties located at 940 Second Street, 42 Merrill Street, 9578 Third Street and 959 Third Street. Ms. Christensen stated the tenants would continue to rent the units which are already owner occupied and the Beloit Housing Authority will manage these units. City Manager Arft stated the goal is for the tenants to be out in six months, and stated if the tenants are making a good faith effort to relocate that they would not be forcibly evicted. Councilor Kincaid moved to adopt, second by Councilor De Forest. Motion carried 7-0. File 8689

7. ORDINANCES – none

8. APPOINTMENTS

President Haynes presented the following City Council **Committee/Board/Commission Appointments:**

- Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee – Councilor Kelly
- Appointment Review Committee – President Haynes and Vice President De Forest
- Business Improvement District (Downtown Beloit Association) – Councilor Luebke
- Community Action, Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties – Councilor Hendrix
- Community Development Authority – Councilors Kelly and Kincaid
- Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors – Councilor Hendrix
- Equal Opportunities Commission – Councilor Sloniker
- Landmarks Commission – Councilor Kelly
- Metropolitan Planning Organization – Councilor Sloniker
- Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission – Councilor De Forest
- Plan Commission – Councilor Kincaid
- Traffic Review Committee - Councilor Luebke

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Hendrix stated she attended an activity at Beloit College sponsored by Black Lives Matter Committee. She is also planning with Visit Beloit for the Summer Gospel Jam on June 20th featuring Mississippi Mass Choir, and encouraged the public to attend this free event. She also announced the following upcoming events: Financial Literacy Conference hosted through Community Action on May 9th at Aldrich School, First Generation film at Beloit College on Saturday, May 9th.
- Councilor Sloniker said she attended the Arbor Day event. She said that the Equal Opportunities Commission held two ownership seminars which was a goal for Fair Housing Month.
- Councilor Kelly stated she attended the Arbor Day event, the UW Rock County Dean's Luncheon, and announced that the Jazz Band will play their last concert on May 18th at La Casa.
- Councilor Luebke stated he attended the Dean's Community Council, Farmers Market and Arbor Day event.
- Councilor De Forest announced a Community Action event on May 8th for free summer training for welding.
- Councilor Kincaid attended the League of Women Voters breakfast, Farmers Market, and went to the Krueger Haskell Golf Course and enjoyed watching the High School golf tournament. He also attended the Land of Oz program at Beloit Library.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Manager Larry Arft introduced the presentation on Krueger Haskell Golf Course operations and explained that the financial reports for 2014 showed a \$50,000 operating loss at the golf course as well as a \$50,000 property tax subsidy that was approved by Council. He noted that the Manager Arft further explained the accumulated fund balance from the Golf Course General Fund is \$970,000 and is threatening the General Fund. Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services, reviewed the history of the Krueger Haskell Golf Course and that the course has failed to exceed revenue over expenditures for at least the past twelve years. Mr. Ramsey explained a comparable study of rates and fees of competitive golf courses and said that the proposed new fee schedule is comparable and competitive. File 7382

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution authorizing a revision to the 2015 Schedule of Fees, Charges and Rates for Krueger Haskell Golf Course. Councilor De Forest stated if the rates are not raised the City will lose the golf course and she moved to adopt the resolution, second by Councilor Kelly. Councilor De Forest made a motion to amend the resolution to remove the Season Golf Passes and Discount Card Fees from the resolution, second by Councilor Luebke. Motion carried 5-1-1 with Councilor Sloniker voting no, and Councilor Kincaid abstaining. Motion to adopt the amended resolution carried 5-1-1 with Councilor Sloniker voting no and Councilor Kincaid abstaining File 8649/7382
- b. Ms. Christensen presented a resolution approving amendments to the City of Beloit's Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program. Ms. Christensen stated there has been an increase in vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties and the staff is proposing incentives in the Loan Program to encourage investors and potential owner-occupants to purchase and rehab properties. Councilor De Forest moved to adopt, second by Councilor Kincaid. Motion carried 7-0. File 7977
- c. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution approving a First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Beloit and the Ho-Chunk Nation for Colley Road and Willowbrook Road TIGER Grant Project. He explained the amendment provides funding for the TIGER Grant to be increased to \$2,400,000 and extends the completion date to October 31, 2022. Councilor Luebke moved to adopt, second by Councilor Sloniker. Motion carried 7-0. File 8525
- d. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution to the City of Beloit's "Gateway to Opportunity" TIGER 2015 Grant Application. He emphasized the resolution would create the City's commitment of \$1.5 million if the TIGER Grant is awarded. Councilor Luebke moved to adopt, second by Councilor Sloniker. Motion carried 7-0. File 8525
- e. Fire Chief Brad Liggett presented a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Beloit and Mercy Health System Corporation regarding its designation as a

Medical Control Hospital for the City's basic and advanced life support services program. Chief Liggett stated this is an excellent program which would be provided to Beloit at no charge. He explained that Beloit Health Systems would like a chance to compete for this program and staff recommended giving them a chance. Manager Arft emphasized this is for the administration for emergency medical care services and the City is not steering business away from Beloit Memorial. Councilor De Forest moved to lay this matter over to an indeterminate date, second by Councilor Luebke. Motion carried 7-0. File 8690

- f. Manager Arft presented a resolution authorizing an Operating Agreement between the City of Beloit and Friends of Welty Environmental Center, Inc. for office space at Big Hill Center, 201 Big Hill Court. Manager Arft advised that this is a great opportunity for enhanced joint programming and educational opportunities for the community. Councilor Luebke moved adopt, second by Councilor Kincaid. Motion carried 7-0. File 6811
- g. City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented a resolution designating Larry N. Arft as City Manager Emeritus and explained that this would clarify that Lori Curtis Luther will take over all the powers and duties of the position of City Manager on June 1, 2015 and Larry Arft will become City Manager Emeritus on June 1, 2015 and ending July 3, 2015. Councilor Luebke moved to adopt, second by Councilor Hendrix. Motion carried 7-0. File 8052

12. At 10:00 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilor Sloniker. Motion carried.



Judith A. Elson, Deputy City Clerk

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Date approved by Council: May 18, 2015