



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting

100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511

1st Floor City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 11, 2016

Presiding: Charles M. Haynes
Present: Regina Hendrix, Sheila De Forest, Ana Kelly, David F. Luebke, Marilyn Sloniker
Absent: Chuck Kincaid

1. President Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.
2. City Clerk, Lori Stottler presented a resolution **Combining Polling Places** for February 16, 2016 Spring Primary Election. A Spring Primary Election will take place Statewide on February 16, 2016 and one contest will be on the ballot for Beloit (Justice of the Supreme Court). In the past, elections with only one contest on the ballot have experienced extremely low voter turnout. Because of the low anticipated voter turnout, the Clerk's office is requesting that the City Council combine the regular nine polling places into two: one on the west side at the Beloit Historical Society, and on the east side at Central Christian Church. Voters who typically vote in Wards 1-12 will vote at the Beloit Historical Society, and voters who typically vote in Wards 13-25 will vote at Central Christian Church. Per Wisconsin Statute §5.25(3), the City Council shall establish the location of polling places at least 30 days prior to an election. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is January 19, 2016, which does not meet the 30-day requirement, and that is why this resolution is before the council at a special meeting. Combining polling places creates a cost savings of \$5,000-\$8,000. Councilors Luebke and Sloniker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried, voice vote. File 6384
3. City Clerk, Lori Stottler presented an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.14 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit Pertaining to **Polling Places**. The School District of Beloit has sold its retired school buildings. One of those schools, McLenegan Elementary, was a polling place for Wards 19, 20 and 21, making it necessary to find a new polling place location. River of Life United Methodist Church was the best fit for the wards given the regulations and requirements under the law. Additionally, the proposed ordinance updates the addresses for Gaston School and Hackett School. This is second reading and adoption is recommended. Councilors Luebke and Hendrix moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried, voice vote. File 6384 Ordinance 3564
4. City Manager, Lori Luther presented an Ordinance to Create Section 15.06(1)(e) of the Code of General Ordinances for the City of Beloit relating to the Possession and Consumption of **Alcohol Beverages in Big Hill Center** for Director of Parks and Leisure Services, Brian Ramsey. City Ordinance allows the issuance of beer and wine picnic permits for consumption or possession (and not sale) of beer or wine in Leeson, Big Hill, Telfer, Wootton, Summit, Hilliard, and Riverside Parks, as well as within the Rotary River Center. However, no designation has been approved for the new Big Hill Center that would allow similar use in renting this new facility. Parks & Recreation Staff, as well as the Parks & Recreation Commission agree that users of the new Big Hill Center should be permitted to possess and consume alcohol beverages in a similar manner as allowed within the Rotary River Center in Riverside Park. Therefore, this new section of the Code has been drafted to replicate Section 15.06(1)(d) and references the Big Hill Center in manner as Section 15.06(1)(d) references the Rotary River Center. This is a second reading and adoption is recommended. Councilors Luebke and Kelly moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried, voice vote. File 5663 Ordinance 3565
5. Councilors De Forest and Sloniker made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.


Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk