



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Presiding: David F. Luebke
Present: Sheila De Forest, Regina Dunkin, Regina Hendrix, Kevin Leavy, Mark Preuschl, Marilyn Sloniker

Absent: None

1. President Luebke called the meeting 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. Councilor De Forest read the Proclamation recognizing July as Park and Recreation Month. Parks Director Brian Ramsey and Recreation Supervisor Spencer Waite accepted the Proclamation. File 7148
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Community Development Director, Julie Christensen, introduced a Public Hearing to Solicit Input on the Community Development, Housing, and Homeless needs in the City for Inclusion in the 2017 Annual Action Plan. She explained that HUD requires that we provide an opportunity each year for citizens to give input on community development, housing, homeless, and public housing needs and to prepare an Annual Action Plan in order to qualify to receive CDBG funding. President Luebke opened the public hearing.
 - Ian Hedges, Executive Director for HealthNet addressed the Council explaining the use of the CDBG funds they receive. HealthNet serves uninsured and underinsured individuals with healthcare and medication. He explained that while HealthNet serves all of Rock County, approximately 40% of the patients they see are residents of the City of Beloit. He was proud to explain that services recently added to expand the ability to serve people at their greatest need. The connection of these funds to the CDBG Annual Action Plan is that studies show that healthy people are able to work and participate in their community and HealthNet strives to provide the services that make people healthy
 - Donna Ambrose, Executive Director of Caritas in Beloit, addressed the Council to share concerns about emergency housing and housing assistance. Caritas is primarily a food pantry and do not at this time, provide emergency housing assistance. The calls they receive are for residents in this area and the concerns go beyond the need for monetary assistance and often revolve around issues of being fairly treated in the housing they have. She explained that often, landlords in this area do not take their tenants seriously and often violate privacy laws by entering premises without proper notice and they have no one to turn to and are reluctant to report their landlords for fear of retaliation. She illustrated the issues even though this area is beyond the scope of Caritas because they are real issues. She said that this must result in greater accountability of landlords here in Beloit. Taking advantage of disadvantaged people is a difficult problem to solve. She proceeded to share the statistics at the food pantry explaining a spike in 2015 were 22,000 households (duplicated). In the month of May, 2016 they served 1400 households (731 unduplicated). Their partner agency is the Second Harvest Food Bank and between all agencies here in Beloit at the end of this fiscal year, there was a total of 1,404,479 pounds of food provided.
 - Lynn Volbrecht, Community Development Manager at Community Action of Rock and Walworth County and Will Chapman also spoke on behalf of Community Action explaining the success of some of the services they provide. He highlighted the mentor program, fresh start program, college visits where high risk and at risk youth participate in programming to empower youth to stay on the right track and paving the way for them to be leaders.

No one else spoke.

President Luebke closed the hearing. File 8725

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- a. Sandy Disrud, 806 Hart Road, Beloit addressed the Council as a candidate running for the Register of Deeds office in Rock County. She has been the Deputy Register of Deeds for the past 7 ½ years. She is confident she can fill the shoes of her boss, Randy Leyes who is retiring at the end of this term. There are two sides to the office of the Register of Deeds: the vital records side and the real estate side. She has done much of the staff training in the office who currently works in the Register of Deeds in Randy's absence, making her the premiere candidate for the next Register of Deeds, and believes it's the next logical step for her in her career development. She thanked them for their service and asked for their vote August 9.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested to have items 6.g and 6.i be removed from the consent agenda. Councilors Hendrix and Sloniker made a motion to adopt the consent Agenda items 6.a – 6.f, and 6.h. Motion carried.

- a. The Minutes of the Regular meeting of June 20, 2016 were approved.
- b. An application for a new Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor (Cider only) License for Shopko Stores Operating Company, LLC, d/b/a Shopko, located at 2761 Prairie Avenue, Ben Broge, Agent was referred to ABLCC. File 8721
- c. An application for a new Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License for Victoria Rose LLC, d/b/a Victoria Rose, located at 946 Wisconsin Avenue, Francisco Amador, Agent was referred to ABLCC. File 8721
- d. An application for a new Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License for Royal Enterprizes LLC, d/b/a Ole Louisiana Cajun Café & Catering Co., located at 315 State Street, James H. Bennett Jr. Agent was referred to ABLCC. File 8721
- e. A resolution approving Installation of a new Monument Sign at the Krueger Municipal Pool was approved. File 8722
- f. A resolution Awarding Public Works Contract C16-09, Colley Road Reconstruction was approved. File 8723
- g. Department of Public Works Director, Greg Boysen, presented a resolution awarding Public Works Contract C16-09A, Colley Road Traffic Signals. This project will install new traffic signals at the intersection of Colley Road and Gateway Boulevard. The signals were originally included in Colley Road Reconstruction Project – TEA Grant. This portion was found to be ineligible during design and was therefore bid separately using only TIF 10 funding established for Colley Road project. One bid was received for this project. The low bid of \$109,639.58 was from MP Systems, Inc. d/b/a Pieperline and is 12.76% more than the engineer's estimate of \$ 97,230.00. MP Systems, Inc. d/b/a Pieperline is considered a responsible bidder for this project. The costs for this project are as follows: \$109,639.58 for construction, \$16,360.42 for Change Orders or extra work, for a total of \$126,000.00. Funding is available from the Colley Road Reconstruction Project, in TIF 10 capital budget for 2016. Councilor De Forest wanted to know why the project was bid over budget estimates and explain the funding. Mr. Boysen explained that these are estimates and can fluctuate with market and time. City Manager Luther explained that this estimate is consistent with what our costs are for traffic signals. Councilors De Forest and Dunkin made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried. File 8723
- h. A resolution Awarding Public Works Contract C16-11, Pavement Markings was approved. File 8723
- i. Department of Public Works Director, Greg Boysen, presented a resolution authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a State/Municipal Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for STP-Urban project for the reconstruction of Prairie Avenue from Cranston Road to Huebbe Parkway. In September of 2015, the City submitted this project to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation STP-URBAN PROGRAM to assist in the payment for public roadway improvements. It was accepted and approved and now the attached *State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Urbanized Area STP-Urban Project* is necessary to finalize the financial participation between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Beloit. This resolution authorizes the City

Manager to enter into this agreement which will allow for the City to begin the design of the Project and the bidding and construction process to proceed by the State of Wisconsin with the project completion required by June 30, 2022. This project is 6200 feet in length and proposes to replace the existing concrete pavement which has severe transverse joint failures. The traffic signals will also be upgraded to current design standards, street lighting will be added and bicycle accommodations are proposed and will be evaluated. This project was included in the 2016 Capital Budget for design, anticipating the STP-URBAN funding. The estimated design review costs to the DOT are \$60,000 and estimated construction costs for this project are \$2,446,500. The agreement stipulates that the State will contribute 80% of the eligible construction costs up to \$1,900,497 with the balance being funded by the City of Beloit. Funding for the City's design costs is partially available in the 2016 Capital Improvement Budget. The balance of the funding for design is anticipated to be included in the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget. The City's portion of construction funding will be in future year CIP budgets. Councilor De Forest asked what "road diet" means. Mr. Boysen explained it is a term of art for roadway planners and designers look at considerations for reducing the number of thru lanes. This is a design phase and it could be a few years before these improvements would begin. Councilors Preuschl and Sloniker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried. File 8724

7. ORDINANCES - None

8. APPOINTMENTS - None

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor De Forest attended a vigil to protest solitary confinement hosted by JOB. The School District of Beloit summer meals has kicked off and people can call 361-3446 to find a location near them. She attended the batting cage breakfast at Pohman Field. She was asked to read a statement from Beloit resident Garrett Price, Dewey Avenue, regarding the damages to his sidewalks due to roots in the trees in the terrace area owned by the City.
- Councilor Sloniker had no report.
- Councilor Dunkin toured the west side with Julie Christensen and Teri Downing to learn about the efforts to revitalize the neighborhood.
- Councilor Preuschl shared concerns about panhandlers in response to an article in the Beloit Daily News in the downtown area and believes giving panhandlers money won't make things better. He is looking forward to the car show and Cancer benefit tomorrow.
- Councilor Leavy had no report.
- Councilor Hendrix attended the Big Hill Center event. She enjoyed a movie on the lawn with family and announced the next showings will be July 16 and July 30. She enjoyed the July 4th festivities.
- President Luebke was pleased with the events in the City this July 4th and enjoyed the fireworks.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Finance and Administrative Services Director Eric Miller presented the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Mr. Miller thanked staff in the City Manager's Office, the Treasury, Dawn DeuVall and the Accounting Division, and the Finance Division for their assistance with the Audit. He explained that the full audit has been placed online for Councilors and the public under the Finance Department tab. Mr. Miller introduced Carla Gogen, Partner with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, who presented the City's 2015 Audit of the general fund and utility accounts, respectively. File 8649

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

12. Councilors Leavy and De Forest made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion Carried.



Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk