



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

TO BECOME A PLACE ANYONE COULD PROUDLY CALL HOME FOR A LIFETIME

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

March 3, 2017

*A weekly publication
from the Office of the
City Manager*

Lori S. Curtis Luther
City Manager
City of Beloit
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

608-364-6614
608-364-6756 (Fax)

lutherl@beloitwi.gov
www.beloitwi.gov

[Follow us on Facebook!](#)

Special points of interest:

- **City Council Agenda**
(page 2)
- **City and Community
Events** (page 4)

CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Attended the monthly Rock County breakfast with representatives from Janesville and Rock County.
- Participated in the City Center Committee meeting.
- Joined mayors, managers and finance directors from across the State of Wisconsin for the Winter Urban Alliance meeting in Madison.

Activities:

- Participated in the Blender Café Groundbreaking event at the Beloit Public Library.
- Introduced the Director of Wisconsin Public Television (WPT) Jon Miskowski for the premier of "Around the Corner" in Beloit with John McGivern. It aired on WPT this past Thursday evening and can be seen online at <https://tinyurl.com/zsmf2bn>

"AROUND THE CORNER WITH JOHN MCGIVERN"

Visit Beloit and the Downtown Beloit Association have been working on this project since 2015 and the premier airing of "Around the Corner with John McGivern" was a huge success this past week. John McGivern and his film crew stopped in Beloit for five days last summer and said "Beloit really surprised the Around the Corner crew, and they're not easily surprised." While in Beloit he interviewed community members, toured historic sites, dined, explored and concluded that Beloit's a pretty special place (we knew that)! If you were unable to attend the premier, the episode is now available for viewing on the Wisconsin Public Television's website. Following the premier, John McGivern spoke to the audience and expressed his admiration for our city. His enthusiasm is contagious—we hope you'll watch the show—you might learn something new!

SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AT BLUFF AND GRAND AVENUE

Drivers and pedestrians will note that the signal equipment at the intersection of Bluff and Grand has failed due to age and is currently in red/red flash mode. Traffic volumes have decreased significantly over the years and the signals may no longer be necessary. The Engineering Division will begin a study to determine if removal is advisable. The study will last approximately 90 days and the signals will be in flash mode for the duration of the study. If it is determined that the signals should remain, then new control equipment will be installed. If removal is determined as appropriate, the process of approvals for removal will begin. Signage will be installed at the intersection to notify the public of the study.

BELOIT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

BIFF continues through this weekend with movies, music and "BIFF After Dark" events. The Silent Film Showcase on Saturday, March 4th features "The Freshman" a 1925 film classic, with the award winning Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Orchestra providing the musical accompaniment. Check out the BIFF website for more information and a list of films and events: <https://beloitfilmfest.org>

GRINNELL HALL SENIOR CENTER SEEKS TALENT

Grinnell Hall, 631 Bluff Street, will hold their annual Talent Show on Friday, April 21, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. They are looking for talent of all kinds to perform. For more information or to sign up to perform, please call Grinnell at 608-364-2875 by April 10th or stop in to their office anytime Monday—Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION ELECTS NEW CHAIRPERSON

The Equal Opportunities Commission recently elected Steve Howland as the new chairperson. Please see [attached](#) press release for more information.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING—MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017

At 6:00 p.m. the City Council will hold a [Special Meeting](#) in the 4th floor City Manager's Conference Room. The Council will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to perform the City Manager's annual Performance Evaluation. Following the Special Meeting, or at approximately 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a [Workshop](#) in the City Manager's Conference Room to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

*The attached [agenda](#) is for the **Monday, March 6, 2017** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum. The entire City Council Agenda Packet is available on the City's website (click [here](#)).*

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation in Recognition of Emmanuel Baptist Church celebrating a Century of Service.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow an outdoor seating area in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 605 Eclipse Blvd. As a condition of granting the Conditional Use Permit, the City Council stipulated several conditions and restrictions in the public interest. This outdoor seating area is related to the Blender Café project. Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 20, 2017.
- b. Resolution approving a Farm Lease between the City of Beloit and Walsh Family Farm, LLC for Burton Street Property. The subject property consists of approximately 23.06 tillable acres. The lease provides revenue to the City's General Fund.
- c. Application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a drive-through use and an outdoor seating area in a C-3, Community Commercial District for property located at 2787 Milwaukee Road. The applicant has proposed the opening of a Dunkin Donuts restaurant in an existing space at the eastern end of the existing retail strip center. The proposed restaurant includes a drive-through window and an outdoor seating area. The current building was designed with a drive-through window, but that use was never established. The applicant has proposed the reconfiguration of the parking lot and the construction of a new one-way drive lane around the western end of the building. This item will be referred to Plan Commission for review and recommendation.
- d. Application for Exception to Architectural Review and the Landscape Code for property located at 2787 Milwaukee Road. This item refers to 6(c). The proposed one-way drive lane would encroach approximately one foot into the required 5 feet of open green space, leaving approximately 4 feet of grass along the lot line. This item will be referred to Plan Commission for review and recommendation.

- e. Application for a new Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for J T Hankins LLC, d/b/a The Restaurant at “Muni”, located at 1611 Hackett Street (Krueger-Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse), Joelle K. Hankins, Agent. The City is in negotiations with Mr. Hankins to operate the concessions at the clubhouse for the golf course. D & D Buck, LLC d/b/a Bucky’s Bunker, submitted a letter relinquishing their license upon approval of this application by the City Council at its March 20, 2017 meeting. This item will be referred to Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.
- f. Application for a new Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for Inked Sports Bar LLC, d/b/a Inked Sports Bar, located at 443 E. Grand Avenue, Justin A. Christophersen, Agent. This is the site of the “Game On Bar & Grill.” This license is contingent on Joseph A. Jensen of Game On Bar & Grill relinquishing his license upon approval of this application by the City Council at their March 20 2017 meeting; Mr. Jensen has submitted a letter stating such. This item will be referred to Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance amending the Zoning District Map to change the zoning district classification from C-1, Office District to M-1, Limited Manufacturing District for property located at 1895 Gateway Blvd. The proposed microbrewery use is the impetus for the requested zoning change. Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0. Second Reading.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving an Addendum No. 2 to Kadlec Drive Condominium Plat for property located at 2660 Kadlec Drive. Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0.
- b. Resolution approving 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Local Funding Priorities.
- c. Resolution Waiving Right of First Refusal for 1 Reynolds Drive. The City was approached about the potential sale of 1 Reynolds Drive. By virtue of the Declaration of Restrictive covenants, the City has repurchase rights related to the property. The City has no interest in exercising those rights and wishes to consent to the transfer of the property.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—MARCH 6–10, 2017

Monday, March 6	5:30 p.m.	Special meeting of the Equal Opportunities Commission , Forum Conference Room (R. Dunkin)
Monday, March 6	6:00 p.m.	Special City Council meeting , City Manager's Conference Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, March 6	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conference Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, March 6	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Wed., March 8	6:30 p.m.	Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission , DPW Operations Center, 2351 Springbrook Court
Wed., March 8	Cancelled	Plan Commission (K. Leavy)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website:

www.visitbeloit.com

Tuesday, March 7	5:00 p.m.	Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce 90th Annual Dinner , Eclipse Center. \$75/ person, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 365-8835 by March 3rd. Keynote speaker will be Stephanie Klett, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.
Friday, April 21	4:30 p.m.	Roy Chapman Andrews 2017 Distinguished Explorer Award Event , Eaton Chapel, Beloit College Campus. Public Welcome, FREE event. This year's award recipient will be Wade Davis.
Saturday, April 29	11:00 –2:00 p.m.	Dia Del Nino Celebration and Cinco De Mayo , St. Jude Catholic Church, 717 Hackett Street. Sponsored by Latino Service Providers and St. Jude Catholic church. FREE Admission; \$5 per person for food. Children 3 and under FREE. Music, games, and more!



100 State Street Beloit, WI 53511
Main 608-364-6700 Fax 608-364-6609
www.beloitwi.gov
[Follow us on Facebook](#)
Equal Opportunity Employer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Teri Downing, Director of
Community & Housing Services
608-364-6705

CITY OF BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION *Elects New Chairperson*

February 28, 2017 - At the Beloit Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 a new chairperson was elected by the Commission. The previous chairperson had resigned last November after posting what many considered to be a racist comment on Facebook. This was the first meeting of the EOC since that resignation. Steve Howland was elected as the new chairperson and during the meeting he and the rest of the Commissioners affirmed their intent to ACTIVELY pursue the Commission's "purpose," which is: "The Commission has been created to improve the quality of life by the elimination of racism in the Beloit community. The purpose of the commission is to take action, study, analyze and recommend solutions with respect to the major social, economic and cultural problems that affect people residing or working within the City, including discrimination in housing, education, employment and public accommodations and facilities..."

Howland has served on the EOC for the past three years and also serves on the Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, as well as being involved with several groups working on mental health issues. Previously he served on the Rock County Board of Supervisors and the Ad Hoc Diversity Committee for the Board of Education. The Commission intends to create channels of communication and networking with various communities, organizations and entities that reside or work in Beloit; and to collaborate with current efforts by the City Manager, the City Council and other appropriate city departments to address issues of discrimination.

Howland in a written statement said, "Beloit is a great place to live. Having lived in church provided parsonages most of my career, my wife and I chose Beloit when we bought a home here eleven years ago in anticipation of retirement. I am a retired United Methodist pastor who served churches in the Chicago area from the mid 1970's until I retired in 2011. We were attracted to Beloit by the diversity of the community and the wonderful people we met here. There is a richness of culture and opportunity in Beloit that is outstanding. However, not everyone experiences the benefits of that richness. Disparities exist from the cradle to the grave in infant mortality, in health care, in education, in jobs, in housing, in the criminal justice system, in income levels, in accumulated wealth, in life expectancy. It is the duty of the EOC to expose and address any underlying discriminatory issues or problems be they conscious or unconscious, deliberate or unintended. One of the great opportunities that Beloit offers is the opportunity to make a difference by becoming involved. When we see past the differences, when we are not blinded by resentment, when the other person stops being a problem and is viewed as a possibility to learn, grow and see life from a new perspective, quality of life is enhanced. The EOC will have made a difference if we improve the quality of life for all those who reside and work in Beloit."

###

[Return to page 2](#)



NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

March 6, 2017

6:00 p.m.

4th floor City Manager's Conference Room

City Hall - 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF BELOIT COUNCIL
CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of City Code a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll call
2. The City Council will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to perform the City Manager's annual **Performance Evaluation** (Luebke)

Following the Special Meeting, or at approximately 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a **Workshop** in the City Manager's Conference Room to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

Dated: March 1, 2017
Lorena Rae Stottler
City Clerk

[Return to page 2](#)

[Return to page 4](#)

**Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.



**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 6, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Proclamation in Recognition of Emmanuel Baptist Church celebrating a Century of Service (Leavy)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow an outdoor seating area in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 605 Eclipse Blvd (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 20, 2017 (Stottler)
 - b. Resolution approving a Farm Lease between the City of Beloit and Walsh Family Farm, LLC for Burton Street Property (Janke)
 - c. Application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a drive-through use and an outdoor seating area in a C-3, Community Commercial District for property located at 2787 Milwaukee Road (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
 - d. Application for Exception to Architectural Review and the Landscape Code for property located at 2787 Milwaukee Road (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
 - e. Application for a new Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for J T Hankins LLC, d/b/a The Restaurant at “Muni”, located at 1611 Hackett Street, (Krueger-Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse) Joelle K. Hankins, Agent (Stottler) Refer to ABLCC
 - f. Application for a new Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for Inked Sports Bar LLC, d/b/a Inked Sports Bar, located at 443 E. Grand Avenue, Justin A. Christophersen, Agent (Stottler) Refer to ABLCC

7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance amending the Zoning District Map to change the zoning district classification from C-1, Office District to M-1, Limited Manufacturing District for property located at 1895 Gateway Blvd (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0 Second Reading

8. APPOINTMENTS

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving an Addendum No. 2 to Kadlec Drive Condominium Plat for property located at 2660 Kadlec Drive (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0
- b. Resolution approving 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Local funding Priorities (Christensen)
- c. Resolution Waiving Right of First Refusal for 1 Reynolds Drive (Krueger)

12. ADJOURNMENT

** Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

Dated: March 1, 2017
Lorena Rae Stottler
City of Beloit City Clerk
www.beloitwi.gov

City Council meetings occur on the first and third Mondays of the month. Meetings are televised on Charter Cable Access digital channel 992, and are live streamed via the Beloit Access Television (BATV) YouTube Channel. Council meetings are rebroadcast on Charter Cable Access digital channel 992 multiple times throughout the week, and are archived on the BATV YouTube Channel for viewing at your leisure.

[Return to page 2](#)

[Return to page 4](#)



CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 PM
The Forum Conference Room, First Floor
Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of the February 15, 2017 Meeting
3. Discussion of Municipal ID Petition from League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
4. Public Participation
5. Discussion and Approval of EOC Annual Strategy
6. Discussion of Fair Housing Month - April
7. Determine Next Meeting Date
8. Adjournment

Notice Emailed: March 1, 2017

Approved: Teri Downing
EOC Staff Liaison

Please Call 364-6650 before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2017
if you are unable to attend.

[Return to page 4](#)

* Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511

PUBLIC MEETING

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

6:30PM

DPW OPERATIONS CENTER

2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: November 9, 2016
- 3.) Citizens Participation

- 4.) Old Business – None

- 5.) New Business
 - a.) Review and consideration to permit a Transmission Line Easement within Eagles Ridge Park.
 - b.) Discussion and consideration of potential projects as related to the development of the 2018 CIP Plan.

- 6.) Director's Report
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- * *Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Brian Ramsey @ 608/364-2919 or the Parks Administrative Secretary @ 608/364- 2929 prior to the meeting.*
- ** *Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services.*
- *** *For additional information or to request this service, please contact the Parks & Leisure Services Division located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by calling 608/364-2929.*



CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511
Office: 608/364-6700 • Fax: 608/364-6609
www.ci.beloit.wi.us
Equal Opportunity Employer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Plan Commission Members

FROM: Julie Christensen

DATE: March 3, 2017

SUBJECT: **Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting**

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **March 8, 2017** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **March 22, 2017**.

Please call me at 364-6703 or e-mail at christensenj@beloitwi.gov with any questions or comments.

[Return to page 4](#)