City keeps busy with upgrades and more

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CALL EDITOR

The Beloit City Council met on Nov. 18, 2026 with all in attendance.

Councilman Andrew Grabon said he heard great comments about the Veterans Day Parade and Mandy Fincham encouraged those to shop local over the holiday season. Stores will be open on Nov. 24 until 8 p.m. for some late shopping.

– City Attorney Katie Schoeder reported that they will need to update the new Solid Waste details with an ordinance. They have also made changes with the Joe Thiessen lease on the Solar Farm area. It will take away 20 acres of irrigation line so will be a cheaper cost and the water rights are in the works. He has moved his pivots and the electricity was abandoned. Otherwise Schoeder is catching up on court work.

– City Manager Mandy Lomax reported that the transformer bids, with FAA grounding, will be open again on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. Kimley Horn can then review three bids received to be available on Dec. 2, 2026. Some tariff changes may affect delivery times. But they should proceed with the 2.3 million on grand funding to receive.

Axiem will come back after Thanksgiving to work on underground work at the solar field expansion and be online hopefully for February work.

The Grid Resiliency grant master agreement is required to add more specifics with the KCC wanted from KMEA.

The white building design is finalized for the Chautauqua Park with a contract with Gilmore and Bell and will have a resolution set after 30 days. The $850,000 number from last year is envisioned for this project. Color schemes can be changed. The inside is steel with some cedar to soften it up. Dimmers will be placed for the big space and a 50 amp will be placed for possible food trucks. Toilets will be wall mounted for easy cleaning. These will go out for bids and then a resolution will be placed.

The Willow Springs courtyard transformer bid will be out.

A Land Bank meeting will take place on Jan. 8, 2027.

Kyle Railroad will be in town the week of October. 23, to fix the area around Central Valley Ag.

A budget hearing will be published on Dec. 1 week.

Employees attended a meeting in Dodge City the past week. They were missed but learned a lot to bring back to the city.

The Craig Marcotte retirement event was well attended to wish him well after 43 years of service. He will be receiving a plaque from the city.

– City Police Chief Chad Lackey reported a first online drug court meeting and says they are looking at funding and will hold meetings for this pilot program. "Rehabilitation with integration back into the community with clean and sober living," said Lackey.

Code enforcement is always continuous, said Lackey.

"Holiday traveling is upcoming and we want to caution people on watching out for deer," Lackey said. "Take the extra time traveling and be cautious of the weather as well."

The LE are doing a safe campaign over the holidays so be aware.

Two officers were sent to Dodge City recently for the Aride program on law code enforcement which will help bridge the gap for drug recognition. Officers will be using their training this holiday.

Radio Encryption for the police department is seeking approval for a $25,209.93 purchase to add encryption to 14 radios already owned by the BPD, seven in-car radios and seven handheld.

After discussing the project with the City Manager Lomax and with her approval, three bids from three local lending institutions were submitted for two and three year purchase rates.

Estimated annual payments begin in Jan. 2028.

The three bids are:

Solomon Valley Bank, 3.50% 2-year rate, 2-year annual $13,270.52 – 3-year rate 3.50% , 3 year annual $8,998.29.

Bank of Tescott, 5.355% 2 year rate, 2-year annual $13,626.26 – 3-year rate 5.425%, 3 year annual $9,331.12

Guaranty Bank, 4.90% 2-year rate, 2-year annual $13,538.82 – 3-year rate 4.90%, 3 year annual $9,239.96

These estimates assume the full purchase price is financed with equal annual payments, with the first due in January 2028. The two-year terms run through January 2029 and the three-year term through January 2030. These are estimates.

This upgrade will help safeguard protected criminal justice information on the shared 800 MHz law enforcement talkgroups and support compliance with the FBI's CJIS Security Policy. Once upgraded the Mitchell County Dispatch, Mitchell County Sheriff's Office and the MC PD will be able to stay in radio contact on these talkgroups.

This issue will be on the next city council agenda for approval.

– Emily Benedick was present to report on the MIH rural development grant for the six duplexes, hopefully in Jan. 2027.

The girls' school clean-up days were a big success with amazing weather conditions.

The EPA grant side has the RFP responsibility for asbestos removal from the EPA with a 30 day timeline. "I think once the work starts it will all go well," said Benedick.

The federal pay system will be approved within 10 days after.

Commerce has a town grant for $25,000 with a 10 percent match and can be used towards park projects. This is being looked into.

– In Public Comment, Max Chase was present to discuss a fence issue after the City worked on his area.

"I have spent two weeks trying to talk with the City Attorney Katie Schroeder and was told she was informed to not talk with me," said Chase.

Mayor Tom Naasz quickly interrupted the Chase 3 minute allowed discussion by saying, "You have been notified with what the governing body will not do and the Attorney did not make that decision. You will have to take legal action now."

Chase had the attorney read a Construction and reclamation sentence showing that after the removal of the pipeline, the city would replace it the best way they could to fix it."

"What was damaged was replaced," said Chase. "I have an appointment with a lawyer on Nov. 24 and you will be reliable for his charges. I lost a whole year for that pasture ground and my horse died after being hurt by this damage."

"We are aware of all of this," ended Naasz.

– During the resolutions to set a public hearing for an unfit structure on 703 N. Hersey Ave, Mr. Bentz was present to ask for more time for demo after suffering health issues. The 2026-26 Unfit Structure 703 N. Hersey Ave. was approved for a public hearing on Jan. 6, 2027. He can get another 30 day extension if needed then.

Resolution 2026-27 Unfit Structure 808 Roosevelt Dr. was approved for a Public Hearing date on Jan. 6, 2027.

In Formal Actions:

Transformer Bid approved.

KMEA agreement approved.

Budget Hearing set for Dec. 2, 2026 approved.

A Closed Executive Session was then held for consultation with the city attorney pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for a period of five minutes.



A black bird houses on an electric line in Beloit.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTO

Take Heart, Do not allow fear

The headlines seem relentless these days. Political anger. Economic uncertainty. Wars and rumors of wars. A culture increasingly confused about truth, morality, and even the value of human life. Many of us here in Beloit look at the world our children and grandchildren are inheriting and quietly ask, "Lord, what is happening?"

The Bible never calls us to ignore reality. Evil is real. Sin is real. The consequences of rebellion against God are all around us. Yet Scripture also calls us to remember something the world often forgets: God has not surrendered His throne.

When the prophet Isaiah saw nations trembling and kingdoms raging, he was reminded that the Lord still ruled from heaven. When the disciples watched Jesus nailed to a cross, it appeared evil had won. Darkness celebrated. Hope seemed lost. Yet three days later the stone was rolled away, and God declared to all creation that He alone has the final word.

That same truth sustains the Church today.

We do not place our ultimate trust in Washington, Wall Street, political parties, courts, or cultural movements. We place our trust in Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Savior. The Gospel tells us that our sins are forgiven, our future is secure, and our King is coming again. No election, economic crisis, social upheaval, or spiritual darkness can overturn the promises sealed by Christ's blood.

So, take heart, Beloit. Do not allow fear to become your constant companion. Lift your eyes above the noise. Open the Scriptures. Gather with God's people. Attend worship. Receive His Word. Pray with fellow believers. In your local congregations, around altar and pulpit, in Bible studies and fellowship halls, you will encounter the living Christ who still speaks peace to troubled hearts.

The world may grow darker for a season, but darkness has never defeated the light. Evil may be loosed upon the earth, but it will not triumph. Jesus Christ is Lord, and in the end, His kingdom alone will stand.

Prayer for Beloit

Heavenly Father, we lift up the people of Beloit, Kansas. Calm anxious hearts, strengthen weary souls, protect our families, guide our leaders, and renew Your Church. Help us to stand firm in faith, rooted in Your Word and confident in Your promises. In times of uncertainty, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Fill our community with hope, courage, compassion, and peace. Remind us that You remain sovereign over all things and that nothing can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Until next time, this is Pastor Rick Raymer wishing you a blessed day.

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Tuesday Mass - 8 a.m.
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Pastor Cory Murashige
801 N. Bell, Beloit • 738-2539
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
gefriendschurch@ncken.com

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99 W. Pearl, Jewell
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"Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength." *Ephesians 6:10*

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