

**RESOLUTION 2016-003 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BRODHEAD AUTHORIZING A
BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING AMENDING THE
U.S. CONSTITUTION TO OVERTURN *CITIZENS UNITED***

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Brodhead having determined that it shall include as a ballot question on the April 5, 2016 election ballot a question to the citizens of the City of Brodhead whether the Council should pass a Resolution to support amending the U.S. Constitution to overturn *Citizens United*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court held that corporate spending on elections cannot be limited under the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, such a Resolution, if supported by the citizens of the City of Brodhead and passed by the Council, would support the proposition that only human beings and not corporations, unions, non-profits, or similar associations, have constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, such a Resolution, if supported by the citizens of the City of Brodhead and passed by the Council, would support the proposition that money is not speech and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following ballot question shall appear on the April 5, 2016 election ballot in the City of Brodhead:

Shall the Common Council of the City of Brodhead, Wisconsin adopt the following Resolution?

Resolved, that "*We the People*" of the City of Brodhead, Wisconsin, seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

- 1. Only human beings — not corporations, unions, non-profits or similar associations — are endowed with constitutional rights, and**
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.**

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Brodhead is to take the necessary steps to place the above-referenced ballot question on the April 5, 2016 election ballot, including forwarding the above-referenced ballot question to the Clerk of Green County, Wisconsin.

Approved by the Common Council of the City of Brodhead this 19th day of January, 2016.


CITY OF BRODHEAD

By: _____


Douglas Rinnow, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____


Teresa Withee, Clerk/Treasurer