**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 1, 2016**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session; Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Mayor Steven Connelly presiding. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Powell, Kerby, Little, Wagers, Caudill, Terrill

**ABSENT:** Farmer, Hembree

**OFFICIALS:** J. Gilbert, R. Stone, C. Chasteen, D. Gregory, S. Sandlin, D. Brumley, S. Meeks, E. Fortner, K. Hensley, D. Isaacs. P. Bloom

**VISITORS:** Over 30 people were in attendance which included the Madison Southern High School Cheerleaders, parents, and sponsors.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES; FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

Kerby motioned, Little seconded to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016; all ayes.

**PROCLAMATION: CHILDREN’S CHAMPION MONTH**

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring the month of March, 2016 as Children’s Champion Month. Diane Smith representing the Children’s Campion campaign introduced Isiah Lewis, a 3rd grade student at Berea Community School. Isiah is this year’s poster winner; his drawing will be on three (3) billboards located around Madison County.

**PROCLAMATION: MADISON SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS**

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring March 26th and April 9th, 2016, as MSVC days in Berea, and recognizing the significant achievements of the team. The cheerleaders attended, and placed second in the 2016 Large Varsity Division II competition of the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) held at Walt Disney Resort in Orlando, Florida on February 7th. This was the highest a team from Madison County, KY has ever placed at the varsity level. Coach Teresa Jefferson accepted the proclamation and thanked the mayor and council for the recognition.

**RESOLUTION #02-2016: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ACCEPTING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000 FOR THE BEREA FIRE AND MUNICIPAL CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entirety. Kerby motioned, Terrill seconded to approve the resolution; all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #05-2016; AMENDING ORDINANCE #12-2012, LICENSING AND REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN RESTAURANTS AND DINING FACILITIES FOR THE LIMITED SALE OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary.

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**ORDINANCE #06-2016; AMENDING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary.

**POLICE CHIEF DAVID GREGORY – POLICE DEPARTMENT SMART PHONE MOBILE APP**

Chief Gregory displayed on the overhead the new police department mobile app that will soon be available to the public. The information gathered will then be shared and will provide better communication and public safety to our citizens. The app can send out audio messages to the police department; alerts, notifications, and emails can be sent through the app also. Important phone numbers for various city services will be listed; photos can be uploaded; forms, parade permits, and city ordinances will be listed on the app. He expects the app to be ready by mid-March. The cost to develop the information is $11,000; $1,000 per year for maintenance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit** – no report.

**Public Works** – Caudill reported the committee met last evening; many projects will be in process as soon as the weather warms up and the crews can start work.

* Yellow curb parking will be reviewed and upgraded.
* The walking trail mile marker signs will be labeled soon to help with emergency needs.
* The engineers have performed a study of the water drainage issues on S. Cumberland and Hughes Ave; we are trying to get a solution for this area soon.
* Adkins Excavation took a camera into the storm water drains to determine the problem of the water issue on Plaza Drive coming from the Wal-Mart side; we will consider bidding a project for repairs or replacement of the drains.
* Public Works Director, Dwayne Brumley met will county and state officials to redefine who is responsible for county/state roadways maintenance that run through and around the city. Hwy1016/HWY595 will be taken care of by the county, and US25/US21 by the state.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Steve Wilkins, member of the Berea Energy Efficiency Supporters passed out a recommended list of questions their group would like for the council to ask and consider at next the utility meeting of the council with the consultants and the KYMEA representatives.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Tourism Director, Kerri Hensley announced the KY Crafted event will be held this week-end at the Lexington Convention Center; our Artist Accelerator’s will be in booth #454.

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**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

* In reference to Ordinance #05-2016 that was read this evening, the State ABC Officials had some questions on the use of “bars” in our restaurants, we needed to clarify that so we would not allow a standalone bar.
* I had previously reported that we would have a pre-meeting concerning the construction of our new building but we have had some changes in the plans, and we need to run a 30-day environmental notice in our local paper. We will be meeting Rural Development tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. for our letter of conditions concerning the grant/loan we received through them. I expect a better a time table after this meeting.
* Our staff is now working on their 5-year capital plans, and their 2016-2017 capital budgets; worksheets will be distributed soon.
* David Gregory has put a lot of hard work in on developing the app for the police department, and the fire department now has the capability to do on-line reporting/scheduling. All our department heads are really involved in making sure we are up to date on everything we need to be in the 21st century.
* We have received the building plans for the new Science Building that will be constructed on campus, and the Codes Department received eleven (11) new home building permits pulled just today. Things are starting to make progress in the city.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

He announced that he has received numerous inquiries about the safety of our water in light of the issues with lead in the water in Flint, Michigan and Jackson, Mississippi. He read a letter preparing by our Utility Director, Ed Fortner. Our Berea Municipal Utilities meets all requirements of the EPA, and we are in compliance of all Kentucky Division of Water regulations. Our water is tested often at various locations for lead and copper. Our drinking water comes from the college reservoirs and we take the safety of our drinking water very serious; we continuously monitor our sources, checking for any and all contaminants. BMU encourages our customers to look at the annual consumers’ confidence report listed on the cities web-site, and on the BMU web-site.

He also read a letter the city received from Todd Ritter, of the Division of Water, stating Berea qualifies for reduced monitoring. Berea (BMU) have not exceeded the lead and copper action levels of the 2015 monitoring period, we qualify for the reduced monitoring at a frequency of once every three years. We are required to submit the analytical results of 30 samples for lead and copper by October 10, 2018.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

No additional comments.

Meeting adjourned: 7:24 p.m.