**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 3, 2016**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, May 3, 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, Wagers, Caudill, Hembree

**ABSENT:** Farmer, Little, Terrill

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

**VISITORS:** Beth Meyers, David Rowlette, Jennifer Napier, Andy McDonald, Reid Connelly, Tom Schultz

A council work session was held at 6pm to hear the annual 911 request for funding. Chief Brock, and Wendy Lynch presented their report.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 19, 2016**

Caudill moved, Wagers seconded to approve the minutes of April 19, 2016; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL CALLED MEETING APRIL 26, 2016**

Kerby moved, Wagers seconded to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016; all ayes.

**RESOLUTION: GEORGE OBERST**

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation that he prepared to recognize, respect and honor the life of George Oberst; a Berea resident and dedicated public servant. George served on the Planning & Zoning Commission and on the Board of Adjustments and was an advocate for sidewalks and bike lanes, and a devoted conservationist who believed in promoting public rules and governmental action that enhanced the safety and resiliency of our community. Caudill motioned, Powell seconded to approve and adopt the resolution; all ayes.

**OPEN BIDS – SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS – FIRE DEPT.**

Two bids were received:

1. Bluegrass Uniforms & Equipment - $31,786.32
2. Adam Bales Fire Equipment – no bid sheet was included.

Bid will be referred to the Fire Department for review and recommendation.

**OPEN BIDS – PERIMETER FENCING – UTILITY DEPT.**

Two bids were received:

1. Eades Fencing - $31,000.00
2. Myers Fencing - $41,100.00

Bids will be referred to the Utility Department for review and recommendation.

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**OPEN BIDS – IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT – UTILITY DEPT.**

One bid was received:

1. Kentucky Irrigation Company - $24,841.25

Bid will be referred to the Utility Department for review and recommendation.

**RESOLUTION #14-2016; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, RECOGNIZING AND PROCLAIMING BOONE TRACE AS A ROAD OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE WORTHY OF BEING FURTHER IDENTIFIED, PRESERVED, PROTECTED, MARKED AND MADE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entirety. Kerby motioned, Hembree seconded to approve and adopt Resolution #14-2016; all ayes.

**CHANGE ORDER #01- OAK STREET SUBSTATION**

Utility Director, Ed Fortner informed the council of the change order; it is a balancing amount of an additional $21,010.37. Original contract was $697,540.00, revised amount is $718,550.37. With no objections, Caudill motioned, Hembree seconded to accept and approve the change order; all ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works – C. Powell**

* Old business items were reviewed and updated.
* The Public Works Director reported numerous “No Parking” areas that need to be painted and identified.
* A drainage issue on Lorraine Court will be addressed soon, weather permitting.
* Caudill reported the walking trail makers will be installed soon; the Indian Fort Trail will run from the Utility Dept. to Indian Fort parking lot, the Artisan Trail from the Artisan Center to town, and the other will be named at a later time. The portion of the John B. Stephenson which now involves the Indian Fort Trail path will be recognized with a plaque. The markers will be installed for public safety purposes in case of accident or need for emergency personnel.
* Banks Engineering has reviewed the drainage issue on South Cumberland and Hughes Avenue; we will look at installing an additional retention pond and drainage boxes. These items will be in next year’s budget.
* We will continue to monitor the drain pipe that runs under Plaza Drive.
* The curb painting in front of the Volunteer’s station on Melody Lane is complete.
* Powell motioned to paint the West side of Boone Street for “No Parking”, this is the Peoples Bank side; 274 feet. Caudill seconded, all ayes.
* The committee received a complaint about a large tree at 114 Harrison Court dropping dead limbs on a neighboring property. The Tree Arborist Clint Patterson from Berea College was called to give an analysis of the tree’s health. He determined the tree was sound and in good health, it was not in the way of

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any power lines, or causing any hazards; it was determined to be approximately 70 years old and therefore will not be removed.

**Economic Development: C. Hembree**

No report.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** None

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:** No additional reports.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: R. STONE**

* Work has been completed on the Old Sewer Commission Office which will now house the Berea Food Bank. We assisted them with moving their freezers and refrigerators. The Firemen also assisted them moving some items on Saturday. They are expecting to work from the old location for approximately one more week, then close down and move the final stock over to the new location. The Fire and Police Department will schedule some training in the old location before it is torn down to make way for our new building project. The new County Clerk’s area located at the rear entrance of this building in nearing completion; the new windows and doors will be installed and the carpeting and trim will be going down soon. We expect to have them ready to move within the next two weeks.
* We are continuing with the final paperwork from Rural Development to complete our loan for our new building.
* We have an easement agreement ready to sign with the trustees of the Christian Church. We will have a shared parking area between the two buildings.
* Our meeting is not being televised this evening due to a problem getting the video feed out; Time Warner has been contacted and we hope to be up and running soon. We placed an internal notice to our employees asking for people who would be interested in running the cameras and learning the equipment for the various city meetings. We received a good response.
* We will stay with Baptist Health for our health insurance even though we received a 9% increase, we will have some reductions on prescriptions, and doctor office visits.
* Travelers Insurance has offered to the city (one of the first offers in the state of KY), a “0%” increase on property and casualty for the next three years. We will stay with them for this offer.
* The Department Heads are working diligently on preparing the 2016-2017 Budget and it has proven to be quite challenging with the new building project. I commend them for making adjustments to their departments. We have the agreement with CSEPP for the purchase of a new fire truck that will come in this year’s budget. The County will contribute $400,000, we will contribute $350,000 plus $85,000 towards the required equipment. Getting this kind of large expenditure in our budget and not hindering any of our city services has been the

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biggest challenge, but the staff has worked hard on getting everything in line and ready for the New Year.

* We received a notice from KU today of an 11% cost increase based on our formula rates that will go into effect in July. Their cost increase on Purchase Power is 10.9%, we will not receive a transmission cost until after June 1. Based on our sales of electricity from last year (if we have the same numbers again this year) this will be $900,000 increase. There will be a meeting at KU of the municipals on May 27th, Mr. Fortner will be attending. The cities will be going over the new rates in depth; if there are any changes after the meeting we will inform you. Last year’s rate was approximately 3%. Mayor Connelly added this increase could be due to new infrastructure KU is anticipating.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

He informed the council of the Japanese Sister-City Welcoming evening reception falling on our second monthly meeting date of Tuesday, May 17tth. The welcoming reception is open to the council and the mayor to attend but normally does not fall on a council meeting week. Discussion was held among the council. Hembree motioned, Wagers seconded to cancel the meeting on the 17th and hold a special called meeting on Monday, the 16th at 6:30 p.m.; all ayes.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Hembree:** motioned to bring back further discussion regarding the KYMEA Inter-local Agreement at an upcoming meeting; Kerby seconded. Discussion was held among the council to determine an appropriate time; the city administrator will be out on vacation, but it would be important for him to be there. The meeting to discuss our Purchase Power Options will be in June. Caudill motioned to amend the previous motion and discuss the agreement in June rather than at the next Special Called meeting. Powell added the discussion is only to have someone from Berea as a participant. Fortner stated by signing the agreement it gives us participation at the KYMEA meetings, it does not commit the city to purchase power through KYMEA. Mr. Fortner is already attending the meetings, but by joining in the agreement it would allow Berea to vote on various items brought before the board, it would empower Berea to have a say at the table. KYMEA has the full intent to bring back full details for Purchase Power opportunities in June, but we are not committed to a particular provider. A copy of the Inter-Local Agreement will be circulated to the council for review. There was no second but the consensus of the council was to discuss the inter-local agreement and further discussion at the June 7th meeting.

**Caudill:** Happy Birthday Chester.

**Wagers:** Happy Birthday Chester.

**Powell:** Council person Vi Farmer had knee replacement surgery today and is doing well; she will receive therapy before returning home.

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Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.