**BEREA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MAY 16, 2016**

The Berea City Council met in a special called meeting, Monday, May 16, 2016; Mayor Steven Connelly presiding. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**ABSENT**: Farmer

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

**VISITORS:** Cheyenne Olson, Abby Adams, Gauge Goji, Beth Meyers

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 3, 2016**

Caudill motioned, Hembree seconded to approve the minutes of May 3, 2016; all ayes.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BIDS RECEIVED: FIRE DEPARTMENT – SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS**

After review of the two bids that were received; Fire Chief Shawn Sandlin recommended accepting the bid from Bluegrass Uniforms & Equipment for the amount of $31,786.32. There were no objections.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BIDS RECEIVED: UTILITY DEPT. - PERIMETER FENCING**

After review of the two bids that were received; Utility Director, Ed Fortner recommended accepting the bid from Eades Fencing for the amount of $31,000.00. There were no objections.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BIDS RECEIVED: UTILITY DEPT. – IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT**

After review of the one bid that was received; Utility Director, Ed Fortner recommended accepting the bid from Kentucky Irrigation Company, LLC for the amount of $24,841.25. There were no objections.

**SUSTAINABLE BEREA – CHEYENNE OLSON**

Executive Director, Cheyenne Olson came to thank the city, and the council for its continued support of the Victory Garden Blitz Program. Five grants were awarded to various groups in town who wanted to do projects to improve our community, and many more garden beds were distributed this year than in previous years. The group maintains the garden at the Berea Municipal Utilities, it is a registered Monarch Butterfly Waystation. She asked everyone to mark their calendars for the September 10th, “Celebrate the Harvest” event.

 Abby Adams, program manager displayed the successful numbers from the project of gardens that were installed this year during April 12-16. Thanks to all the contributors, 187 raised beds were installed throughout the community. There were

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over 95 volunteers who worked throughout the event. In partnership with the library, eight months of gardening classes were offered to the public free of charge. Each person who received a garden were informed of the classes and they have been well attended.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT CREATING THE KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY**

Mayor Connelly distributed copies of the agreement, the By-Laws of the Agency, and the proposed ordinance. There was no discussion.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF KYMEA MEETING SCHEDULES:**

The next meeting of the agency will be held in Bowling Green on May 26th from 11:00 a.m. until approximately 4pm. The meeting will be televised in the city administrator’s office for anyone who would be interested in viewing it.

Meeting adjourned: 6:48 p.m.