**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 5, 2016**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, July 5, 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, Farmer, Wagers, Caudill, Terrill

**ABSENT:** Hembree

**OFFICIALS:** J. Gilbert, R. Stone, C. Chasteen, D. Gregory, S. Sandlin, S. Meeks, K. Hensley, D. Isaacs, A. Haney

**VISITORS:** Beth Meyers, Tim Taylor, David Rowlette, Billie Dyer, Tuesday Knoller, Reid Connelly, Jennifer Napier, Wes Napier, John Payne, Angela Rawes, Tina Marie Johnson, Martina LeForce, Teri Williams, Andy McDonald, Craig Williams, Carol Dollins, Chrystal Mullins. Jeff Scheff

* A council work session was held at 5:30 to review the bid received from D.W. Wilburn. Mike Carroll of Brandstetter & Carroll stated the bid was very close to their estimate and the bid bond was correct. The actual bid amount could decease with a few minor changes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 21, 2016**

Farmer motioned, Little seconded to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016; all ayes.

**EAST HAITI/HAITI NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Jim Scheff, representing the East Haiti Neighborhood Association addressed the mayor and council with the on-going problem of speeders on East Haiti and Haiti. Since this issue was first addressed approximately a year ago the residents have formed a neighborhood association. Their street is one mile long, no stop signs, and no sidewalks. He asked for the council to consider lowering the speed limit, place either speed bumps, or speed humps in various locations. Craig Williams distributed information prepared by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety regarding Impact Speed, and a Pedestrian’s Risk of Severe Injury or Death. The residents recently spoke to Captain Ken Clark about their concerns. Billie Dyer is concerned for the safety of the residents, their children, and their pets. Many times while walking her dog she has had to move into people’s yards for fear of being hit. She asked the council to reduce the speed limit on their street, and she stressed the need for more signage to remind people to slow down. The Public Works Director, Dwayne Brumley stated he would work with the neighborhood association to help resolve the issue; sidewalks are not a good option for this area due to expense and limited parking in people driveways. Craig Williams would like for the city to consider speed bumps and/or speed humps for a possible solution or deterrent to the speeders.

**ORDINANCE #11-2016; ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS – CENTRAL PARK NORTH BLOCK 2**

Utility Director, Ed Fortner stated the total Sewer Line contributed to the cities maintenance is $12,924.00, which included an 8” PVC Sewer Main, manholes and the tap. Little motioned, Terrill seconded to approve accepting the improvements as Contributed Capital to the city’s fixed assets; all ayes.

**BEREA POLICE, FIRE AND CITY HALL BUILDING PROJECT**

Mayor Connelly informed the public that a work session with the council and building architect had taken place prior to the business meeting to review the one bid that was received from D.W. Wilburn. Kerby motioned to accept the bid at $10.1 million dollars including the bid alternates, and include the stipulation contingent on securing permanent financing (the USDA); Farmer seconded. Roll call vote; Terrill – no, Caudill – yes, Wagers – yes, Farmer – yes, Little – yes, Kerby – yes, Powell – yes. Motion passes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance** – no report.

**Personnel** – no report.

**Public Works** – Chairman Powell stated the committee will meet on Monday, August 1st and will address the concerns of the East Haiti/Haiti Neighborhood Association. Public Works Director Brumley suggested the association to survey all the residents who live on Haiti and East Haiti to get a consensus on speed humps, additional stop signs, and a speed reduction. He asked someone from the association to attend the next Public Works meeting.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Hubert Chasteen suggested opening the old street from Liberty Avenue that used to connect to Haiti.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

No additional reports.

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

* Thanks to the Parks & Recreation Department for the events that were held the past two week-ends. The Splash & Dash Event was held on Saturday, June 25th and was a huge success and well attended, and the annual 4th of July Celebration took place despite of the weather. Everything went on as planned and was a great event.
* We have a big week-end coming up with the annual Crafts Fair being held at Indian Fort, this will also mark the beginning of the Summer Learn Shops being held at various locations throughout town.
* We closed out our fiscal year on June 30th, we are now into our new year.

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* Last month the council voted to accept the bid of AMP Ohio as our the Purchase Power provider. We had a meeting with our consultant Brown Thornton concerning the actions of the council to go with AMP; we mapped out our strategies to see what our next steps will be.
* We talked about exploring of our options of the contract pricing, and we requested the need to clarify transmission service responsibilities.
* We have asked AMP for a five year and a three-year fixed price quote.
* We looked at their proposal in relation to energy on a liquidated damages contract, and also looked at their pricing coming out of the MISO Indiana hub. These are questions we needed to get ourselves educated on.
* AMP has agreed to pay for the MISO study, and we have to have a KU, LG & E study moving forward.
* We are required to have an AMP membership application and are working on it at this time; we have provided to them all the key information of who will be working with the contract.
* We have provided to AMP a three year assessment of our audited financial statements for the utilities.
* We are now working to execute a master service agreement with AMP, they will in turn on our behalf execute a service agreement with NextEra.
* We will meet next week with Brown Thornton to make sure we are on track to address our needs.
* We expect a copy of the contract later this week with the pricing.
* We are also looking at the cost of capacity. This is something we had never had to address before because it wasn’t required through the KU contract, so we will try to get all these questions answered. I will call a meeting prior to our next council meeting to see what the council’s aspects of this process and what we need to accomplish. Little stated the AMP didn’t require the capacity study. Stone stated this would be our insurance to make sure we have a substainstatial contract.

**QUESTIONS:**

Terrill: are we still sending a representative to attend the KEMA meetings: Yes, we are currently attending to let them know what decisions we have made. We are moving forward with the contract with AMPas instructed. Pricing is looking good. Little added that AMP said they would pay for the MISO study. Our consultants are diligently working on getting the contract ready.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Caudill** – strongly encouraged someone from the Haiti Neighborhood Association attend the next Public Works Meeting on August 1st. It would be a productive meeting. Glad everyone had a safe 4th of July and that we had no issues.

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**Farmer** – encouraged everyone to take advantage of the Crafts Fair coming up this week-end, and also people should sign up for our Learn Shops during the next three week-end, there are lots of good choices for classes.

Powell – where are we on the old stadium at Berea Community? Stone stated monies have been placed in the budget to address either repairs or replacement. Improvements would cost approximately $460,000, new bleaches could cost approximately $450,000, but we do need to address it soon.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 p.m.