**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 21, 2016**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session; Tuesday, June 21, 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, Caudill, Hembree, Terrill

**ABSENT:** Wagers

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

**VISITORS:** Beth Meyers, Tim & Darlene Taylor, Leann Lacy, Mike Carroll, Jennifer Napier, Bill Suters, Representative of D. W. Wilbur

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 7, 2016**

Farmer motioned, Little seconded to approve the minutes of June 7, 2016; all ayes.

**OPEN BIDS – BEREA MUNICIPAL POLICE, FIRE AND SAFETY BUILDING**

One bid was received from D. W. Wilburn in the amount of $9,958,000.00. Bid will be turned over to the architects for review.

**RESOLUTION # 17-2016 – HUD CDBG FUNDS FOR THE POLICE, FIRE, AND MUNICIPAL CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entity; Kerby motioned, Farmer seconded to approve the resolution. All ayes.

**RESOLUTION #18-2016; DESIGNATION OF APPLICANTS AGENT – FEMA**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entirety; Caudill motioned, Little seconded to approve the resolution. All ayes.

**ORDINANCE #08-2016; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF BEREA LOCATED AT 212 – 304 CHESTNUT STREET AND 103 – 108 PARKWAY AVENUE DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM R-2/B-2 (RESIDENTIAL/MAYOR BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO PSF (PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC FACILITIES). – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety; Kerby motioned, Farmer seconded to approve and adopt Ordinance #08-2016. Roll call vote; all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #09-2016; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND OWNED BY TIM TAYLOR AND DARLENE TAYLOR HEREIN FROM 1-2 (INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT) TO B-2 (MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT). 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety. Little motioned, Terrill seconded to approve and adopt Ordinance #09-2016. Roll call vote; all ayes.

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**ORDINANCE #10-2016; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2016, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDING FOR A LONG RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AND PLAN. 2ND READING – 2ND READING.**

Corporate read the ordinance by title and summary. Kerby motioned, Little seconded to approve and adopt Ordinance #10-2016. Roll call vote: Powell –yes, Kerby – yes, Little – yes, Farmer – yes, Caudill – yes, Hembree – no, Terrill – no. Motion passes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance** – J. Little – no report.

**Personnel** – V. Farmer – no report.

**Public Works** – C. Powell

The regular Public Works meeting that would be scheduled for the 1st Monday in July falls on the fourth; we will cancel this meeting.

**Economic Development** – S. Caudill

The committee met Monday, the 20th and received industry updates; Hatachi is preparing for a large expansion. Our Business Development Director, Danny Isaacs will be meeting with the president to discuss the building project. We looked at Mayde Road for a possible extension. Danny will also be updating our web-site to provide good industrial and business information for Berea. Nov. 9th and 10th will be the Kentucky Association of Economic Development Fall Conference. Berea has seen a growth in restaurants; Street Side Café opened on Chestnut Street, Yamoto and Noodle Nirvana are opening soon. Other new businesses are the Beauty School on Pauline Drive; Rental Pro on 21 West, and Berea Art House. It is exciting times in town, hopefully we can support them and continue to provide success for them. We also reviewed the restaurants that have been approved for alcohol. Entrepreneurship Workshops will begin in August to help people learn about starting and opening their own businesses.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No additional reports.

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

* We will forward the bid to Brandstetter & Carroll for review.
* As of Monday, the 20th; General Fund had $1, 600,000, Tourism had $292,000. We are within a week of approving our new sign program sponsored by

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Tourism. New signage will be going up throughout town. There will be a special called meeting of the Tourism Commission next week to discuss the advertising agencies they recently interviewed; a decision is expected to be made.

* Several things will be going on for the 4th of July event; Damen Farmer is returning to do a sand sculptor, local food vendors and live music will start out the evening at 6pm, with the fireworks at dusk. There is not a rain date scheduled.

**Questions:**

Terrill asked how much has been spent to date, in preparing for the renovation and building of our new Police & Fire Safety Building. Stone stated we have spent approximately six hundred and twelve thousand for the architect work, approximately two hundred and eighty thousand in renovations, relocating the food bank, and tearing down buildings. This does include new infrastructure including phone and data lines for all the city departments and buildings. We have budgeted for the move and the improvements. We expected around twelve million once the project is completed.

Terrill asked if there was a meeting last week with a bonding guy about refinancing the building. Stone stated the meeting was held with representatives from the Madison County Airport Board, Mayor Jim Barnes, and a representative of the Fiscal Court to discuss funding for the future anticipated airport expansion. Chris Bowling and RJ Palmer came to give them guidance on financing and get a plan together to see if the three governments can assist them with their project.

Little asked about the base bid for our building project. Stone stated there were alternatives that we could add or delete such as solar panels, but we asked for the lowest or minimum bid.

Kerby asked to schedule a joint meeting of the city council and tourism is the near future.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

A list of boards that have terms expired and/or vacant was distributed; please give us suggestions or names of interested people who might like to serve on any of these boards.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Hembree** – there are a lot of good things going on in Berea this summer, he encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy some of our events.

**Caudill** – hopes everyone has a great Fourth of July and can enjoy the fireworks. He informed the council and citizens of the loss of Kelly Ambrose this morning, he was a major part of Berea, keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Farmer** – wished everyone a happy, healthy, and safe Fourth of July, and a nice summer.

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**Little** – reminded everyone to keep Dale VanWinkle in their thoughts and prayers; he is going through a lot at this time. Thanks to the Codes staff for picking up and keeping things going good during this time.

**Powell** – we have a lot of men and women who are in, or have served the military; they don’t get much recognition when they return and many turn to drugs and bad lifestyles. Some towns recognize their service people who are from their communities; he would like to get a committee together to gather names for a recognition plaque somewhere in our new building.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 p.m.