

The Berea City Council met in a regular business session, Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Resolution #04-2026 Grant Program Funding for ARC Application

Ordinance #12-2026 Solid Waste Franchise Contract Amendment

Ordinance #14-2026 Property Valuation Tax Rate

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mike Barnett, John Payne, Teresa Scenters, Steve Caudill, Barry Poynter, Virgil Burnside

COUNCIL ABSENT: Katie Startzman, Jerry Little

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jerry Gilbert, Shawn Sandlin, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Priscilla Bloom, Kevin Howard, Amanda Haney, Jason Hays, Susan Helton, Nancy Conley, Charlie Russell

INVOCATION: Teresa Scenters

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Teresa Scenters

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to amend agenda by adding 8A. Municipal Order #05-2026 Standing Legislative Committees of the City Council.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Payne motioned; Poynter seconded motion to approve agenda as amended.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 4, 2026

Caudill motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve minutes as presented.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

JOB SHADOWING REPORT

Jackson Schill, 17 years old, Senior, Berea Community High School, shared his job shadowing experience at City Hall. This summer, he had the opportunity to spend a day with every City Department to see how the City worked and each Department's responsibilities and future goals.

Schill thanked Mayor Fraley, City Administrator, Shawn Sandlin, and everyone who took the time out of their day to allow him to see and experience the work of City employees.

He learned about the management of essential services, i.e., water treatment and electricity, public projects, purchases for the City, how businesses came to Berea, how roads got paved, and how all Departments must work together to build a better Berea for tomorrow. He grew an immense respect for the work of every Department, experiencing the long phone calls, long meetings, deep dedication, and detailed thinking.

Schill asked the Council to expand and create new opportunities for young kids, the next generation, in Berea, to have this same experience. Leading them to wanting to step up and lead in our community.

Believed Berea could and should strive for more and had the opportunity to be a trailblazer and innovator in civic engagement. When given the chance to lead, he knew young, responsible applicants would jump at the opportunity to be able to learn and lead. By taking the opportunity to invest in Berea's young leaders, the City would be shaping tomorrow's future, ensuring Berea would thrive for generations to come. Thanked Council for letting him speak and the opportunity this summer.

RESOLUTION #04-2026 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERE, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION AND FILING OF A GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ACCELERATING NEEDED TRANSFORMATION (GRANT) PROGRAM OF 2026 PROJECT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$135,000 IN GRANT PROGRAM OF 2026 FUNDS WITH THE CABINET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ("CED"); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BERE ("AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE") TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY CED TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT; PERMITTING REVIEW AND EXECUTION OF ALL AGREEMENTS AND REQUEST OF ALL DISBURSEMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT PROGRAM OF 2026.

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #04-2026 by title summary.

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #04-2026.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #05-2026 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERE, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING THE STANDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, THEIR MEMBERS AND THE CHAIRPERSON.

Mayor Fraley read Municipal Order #05-2026 in entirety.

Scenters motioned; Burnside seconded motion to approve and adopt Municipal Order #05-2026.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #12-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BERE, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-2024 AND ORDINANCE 07-2025, PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT REGARDING OVERFILL CONTAINERS AND OVERFILL CHARGES TO CUSTOMERS. - 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #12-2026 in entirety.

ORDINANCE #13-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BERE, KENTUCKY, VACATING AND CLOSING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF BERE, KENTUCKY, KNOWN AS SEVENTY-SIX BOULEVARD. - 2ND READING

Being subject to a Work Session, Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #13-2026 by title summary.

Barnett motioned; Burnside seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #13-2026.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Burnside, Poynter, Caudill, Scenters, Payne, Barnett

Nays - None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #14-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR CITY PURPOSES UPON ALL PROPERTY, NOT OTHERWISE EXEMPT, IN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY. - 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #14-2026 by summarization.

Council Member, Scenters, noted the current rate would stay the same, no increase.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Due to all the recent rain, approximately nine major drainage issues, City wide, had been identified. Currently, two had been repaired, Misti Drive and Ginger Drive. Plans were to bid out some of the issues, to get caught up, as all issues could not be done in-house. If anyone came across other drainage issues, let him know. Although winter is coming quickly, plans were to get all issues completed before then.
- Currently working with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) regarding odor issue at Exit 77, a low area that is holding water. Met with KYTC and EcoTech. KYTC had agreed to re-ditch the area, along with the remainder of HWY 595. They were also looking into cleaning out all their ditches and re-ditching the southbound on-ramp. Testing was also being done to cover all bases.
- Trailhead Restroom Project was 95% complete.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COMMENTS

- Thanked Jackson Schill for teaching the City something, helped us to see City services and education through the eyes of a high school senior. Complimented Jackson for reaching out and working with him on something that would be meaningful and manageable. Looked forward to working with him and others on his idea, in which he chartered the course. Appreciated his work and good luck to him and all students as they began the new school year.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Burnside No comment.

Poynter No comment.

Caudill No comment.

Scenters No comment.

Payne Regarding programs in the community, the Madison County Citizens Police Academy, an eleven-week interactive program, was scheduled for September 14th to November 23rd. A very good program and encouraged anyone to take part.

Barnett No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Caudill motioned; Burnside seconded motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Bruce Fraley

City Clerk