

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, April 18, 2017; Mayor Steven Connelly presiding. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Davis, B. Fraley, T. Schultz, B. Wooten, J. Little, S. Caudill, C. Wilson, R. Terrill

OFFICIALS: J. Gilbert, R. Stone, C. Chasteen, S. Meeks, S. Sandlin, J. Hampton, D. Isaacs, K. Hensley, E. Fortner, P. Bloom, D. Brindley

VISITORS: Thirty-five (35) visitors present

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Davis motioned; Caudill seconded to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 4, 2017

One correction was noted.

PROCLAMATION: APRIL – AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Nick Carpenter thanked the mayor and city council for recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month; he gave a presentation recognizing Autism and the events the schools, and Parks & Recreation does to help students here in Berea and Madison County. Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring April, 2017 as Autism Awareness Month; he presented Nick with the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: SARACARE

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring the week of April 17th – 21st, 2017 as Saracare Week. Eddie & Norma Kennedy thanked the Mayor and the city council for the continued support and recognition of the event. They invited everyone to attend the annual event being held at Union Church, Friday evening, April 21st, many local singers and artist will be present. By the end of this year, \$42,000 will have been given, in scholarships, to local students.

PROCLAMATION: CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Judy Halstead, president of the Berea Women's Club came to accept the proclamation. She introduced, Nancy Milton, member of club and board member of CASA. Last week they planted 429 pinwheels representing each substantiated child abuse case in Madison Co. during 2016.

OPEN BIDS – CONTRACTOR LABOR

General Contracting – Philip Hurt

Plumbing – Philip Hurt

Drywall Contractor – Shannon Devere

General Contractor – Shannon Devere
Electrical – Joe Stamper
Electrical – Dale Ballinger
HVAC – Brian Caudill
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Bids will be turned over to the City Administrator for review and recommendations.

ORDINANCE #06-2017; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE VII, CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, SECTIONS 22.500.22.611, BE AMENDED BY ADDING DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 22.600; BY ADDING SECTION 22.604 PROVIDING SPECIFIC ENFORCEMENT POWERS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; BY ADDING SECTION 22.605 PROVIDING FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD ORGANIZATION, MEETINGS, AND QUORUMS; BY ADDING SECTION 22.606 PROVIDING FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEMBERS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST; BY AMENDING SECTION 22.608 PROVIDING FOR APPEALS FROM FINAL ORDERS OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; BY ADDING SECTION 22.610 PROVIDING FOR LIENS ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; BY ADDING SECTION 22.611 PROVIDING FOR A LIENHOLDER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM; AND BY ADDING SECTION 22.612 PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REMEDY A VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES WHEN A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE EXISTS, - 2ND READING

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by summary; noting added section 22.610 (E); upon satisfaction of any lien created by this section, the city shall release the lien with the time established in KR382.365 (1). Caudill motioned, Fraley seconded to approve Ordinance #06-2017. Roll call vote, all ayes; ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE #07-2017; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 32.104(H) TO REVISE THE RATES AND TARIFFS ON NET METERING ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS. – 2ND READING

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Little motioned, Caudill seconded to approve Ordinance #07-2017. Roll call vote, all ayes; ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE #08-2017; SURPLUS ORDINANCE – 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety.

RESOLUTION #04-2017; DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 (DMA 2000)

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entirety. Michael Bryant of the Madison County EOC informed the council this resolution is a required update that must be done every five years in Berea, Richmond, and Madison County. Caudill motioned, Fraley seconded to approve the resolution; all ayes.

RESOLUTION #05-2017; DENOUNCING HATRED AND HARASSMENT

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entity. Wooten motioned, Schultz seconded to approve the resolution. Wooten stated this resolution is not meant to supersede the resolution passed by the previous city council in 2015, but the new 2017 city council is also affirming the fact that they stand against violence and harassment, against anyone in our community. All council voting aye; resolution approved.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT – MIRIAM PRIDE

Ms. Pride stated the commission has received a number of community members who were concerned about acts of violent and harassment. The commission passed a resolution in committing their selves to work for education, and for research to help them to understand what problems may exist in our community. She is very grateful for the council's approval of this resolution; many forms of harassment are also very often difficult to prove after the fact. The commission hopes to be able to collect all data that is brought before the Human Rights Commission; she thanked the council for their support to all citizens in our community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & Finance; Caudill reported the committee met last Wednesday and discussed the progress on the new police/fire/city hall building project. Change orders concerning safety and security of the building were addressed. The committee visited the building project, which is very impressive. The bid received for the Carbon Cylinders was recommended by Fire Chief Sandlin to be awarded to Bluegrass Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$28,253.00. The bid received for the Street Resurfacing, from The Allen Company was recommended to be awarded by the Public Works Department for \$109,269.90. Recommendations accepted and approved.

Economic Development; Davis reported the new businesses that opened recently; Native Bagel on Boone St, Clementine's on Chestnut St., Roadside Diner on 21 West, Green Peach Antiques in Old Town, and Quality Inn at Exit 77. He encouraged everyone to visit and support these new businesses. The next meeting will be April 26th at 5:30 at the Utility Bldg.

Parks & Rec; Schultz reported the stadium is down and removed; the Dog Park is still a work in progress, and the next committee meeting will be April 27th, at 5:30 at the Utility Bldg.

Personnel; Wilson reported the committee met last week to get updates, and current information with the new members; we will plan to meet again soon.

Public Works; Little reported the Allen Company bid came in under budget, they were very pleased with the bid.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Miriam Pride announced the Human Rights Commission will be meeting in the council chambers each first Monday of the month at 6:30p.m. Also, next Tuesday, "Lexington Fair Housing", along with other community organizations, is hosting a "Get on the Bus Berea" event to learn about history in Berea, and how it affected the housing in our area. Meet at the new Forestry Outreach Center at 8:30 a.m., registration is required.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: R. STONE

- We will have two change orders for our building facility project; we have had the old EOC location in the basement of the former city hall cleaned out, we will refurbish this entire area; we have decided to remove the old elevator due to its age, and wear and tear, a new elevator will be installed to access the third floor. These two items are within our building budget reserve.
- Intect Supply, located in California will be supplying the decoration molded concrete that will be on the top, and center of the new building; we were having some difficulties in getting the material in a timely manner, but things should be on schedule now.
- Rock Trucking completed the Duerson Stadium removal; they did a great job, with concerns to not destroy the surrounding surfaces, and walking trails. They hauled dirt back in and seeded and placed down straw on the entire area.
- We are working on getting the deeds signed from residents along Short Line Pike for the Indian Fort Trail connector, once the deeds are signed, they then go to the State for review and approval. Once completed, the deeds will go to our attorney for final closing; the city will pay at this time, and the State will then reimburse us.
- Work is continuing on the Brushy Fork Trail; we are working with the college to locate the center line of the trail. It will go from Slate Lick to Scaffold Cane.
- Bell Engineering is working on extending the sewer collection system in the Menelaus Road Industrial Park.
- Spring Clean-Up is this week.
- Parrot Paving is re-paving a portion of the Stevenson Walking Trail; the Public Works Department has widened the trail from the Utility Office down to the Pole Yard.
Drainage work also has been taking place in the front parking lot of the Utility Bldg., and in the yard area over to Brushy Fork Creek.
- General Fund monies this week was \$1, 494,972, and Tourism had \$279,772.

Questions:

Terrill asked for a meeting to be set-up, prior to the next council meeting, with Tourism and city council, to determine if the council will redirect some of the Tourism monies.

Stone stated the council needs to know what the Tourism budget is to see what their expenditures and liabilities are first. Mayor Connelly suggested council should also wait to see what Tourism Commission submits in their request for funds; then evaluate it.

Wooten asked about the progress towards the bleacher replacement at the school. Stone stated he has met with a representative but would like to get Mr. Hogg's opinion before proceeding.

Caudill asked if a cost determination for the field changes has been done yet to widen it. Stone stated the GIS Department has performed a topo of the area, but it needs review.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Caudill – good meeting this evening; he commended Nick Carpenter for coming to speak to the council about the Autism Awareness Proclamation; thanks to Eddie and Norma Kennedy for all they do for our community; and thanks for the Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation. He announced the “Red Bud Ride” cycling event that will be held this week-end, it will host approximately 2,000 cyclist. This is a huge event for London; Berea will be hosting the Sunday portion of the ride, everyone is invited. Thanks to police and fire departments who assisted and comforted his wife, and children last week, when they were involved in an accident.

Little – thanks Mr. Stone for the employee directory.

Davis – he requested the By-Laws of the Human Rights Commission be updated.

Fraley – the Kentucky League of Cities has announced an oral history pilot project called “Who will tell the Story”, with applications due May 5th. He quoted the definition of “Oral History” and wished he could hear the voices of the many people who were instrumental in the history of our city. He recommended that we seek volunteers from the council/elected officials and/or city employees to form a committee to consider submitting an application, or open a discussion about it. Mayor Connelly stated that he too, had seen the information and did send in an application, but the application requested consent that those that would be interviewed (the end product) (would be owned by University of Louisville), he replied no, and he has not heard back. Mayor stated he would follow up to see if we could acquire ownership of product. Fraley feels this is a worthy project. Mayor Connelly agreed is it a good project and that we as the city, can do something like this of our own, locally.

Schultz – tonight the city passed a resolution condemning acts of hatred and violence; he is sad yet hopeful; it grieves him that this city of Berea which was founded on tolerance and compassion, must now state the obvious, and emphasize our opposition to evil and criminal acts against our citizens. Many citizens still think this council and the city government tolerates the mistreatment of our citizens, this is not true. I hope tonight's resolutions will bring all Berean's into closer harmony, and let those know who commit such crimes against our people, know that such behavior will be punished under the law.

Wooten – he thanked the council members for passing the resolution this evening. He requested the breakdown of the Tourism advertising expenditures. He commended Ms. Virginia’s Bland son for the wonderful speaking job he did this evening. He thanked everyone that has been involved with the work and input towards the “Dog Park”, a lot of good suggestions have been brought up from local residents; his students will have the draft completed soon; this park is going to be good for everyone. We will be getting an estimate for the fencing tomorrow. The CASA basketball tournament will be on April 28th, from 6pm-8pm at Seabury Center; six teams have signed up, with some city employees volunteering. All proceeds will go to CASA, please come out, and support this cause.

Meeting adjourned: 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Steven Connelly

City Clerk