**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2017**

The Berea Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, December 5, 2017; Mayor Steven Connelly presiding. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**OFFICIALS:** R. Stone, C. Chasteen, D. Gregory, S. Sandlin, S. Meeks, A. Haney, K. Hensley, D. Brindley, D. VanWinkle

**VISITORS:** Ronica Shannon, Mark Reves, Cheyenne Olson, William Old, James Ballinger, Ram Lakham, Tim Taylor, Jacque Bowling, David Rowlette, Tina McIntosh, Scott McIntosh, A. Carpenter

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**:

Caudill motioned, Little seconded to approve the agenda; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES; NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

Davis motioned, Caudill seconded to approve the minutes of November 7, 2017; all ayes.

**DR. LOUISA SUMMERS; PROFESSOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE, BEREA COLLEGE – DATA ON HEALTH IMPACT OF THE SHARED USE PATHS**

Dr. Summers thanked the council for their leadership in the city and in leading the development of the shared use paths across the nation. Berea became a certified Trail Town in December of 2015, and the Kentucky Tourism Department created the trails to help boost economic development. A survey was conducted to help determine usage on our paths, and to estimate the health impact of the shared use paths in Berea. Many people are excited, and are anticipating the next connector to the Indian Fort Path to be completed. The data that was collected was very positive; walking provides many health benefits and will extend the life of many individuals. On an average there are 170 people using the trails daily. Another survey will be conducted in June 2018. A follow-up report will be presented; an increase of users is expected.

**ORDINANCE #14-2017; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED OWNED FROM A (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) – 2ND READING**

Mayor Connelly read the ordinance in its entirety; Schultz motioned, Fraley seconded to approve and adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote, all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #15-2017; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-98 TO CORRECT A CLERICAL ERROR IN SAID ORDINANCE , BY PROVIDING THAT THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED AT THE TIME BY OLIVER PROPERTIES BE CLASSIFIED R-1**

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**(SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND R-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) – 2ND READING**

Mayor Connelly read the ordinance in its entirety; Little motioned, Caudill seconded to approve and adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote, all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #16-2017; 202 & 208 SOUTH BROADWAY STREET; AUTHORIZING TO BE SOLD – 1ST READING**

Mayor Connelly read the ordinance in its entirety.

**RESOLUTION #11-2017; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE LEASING OF CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BEREA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE AS AN ATHLETIC FACILITY**

Mayor Connelly read the resolution; Little motioned, Schultz seconded to approve the resolution. Discussion was held in regards to what the new stadium and press box would be named: Caudill motioned to keep the name “The Duerson Stadium”; Wilson seconded to approve as amended. All council voted aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

No report.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

Next committee meeting will be Dec. 18th at 5:30 p.m.

**Parks – T. Schultz**

Next committee meeting will be Dec. 28th at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Works – J. Little**

No report; the first meeting in Jan. which falls on New Year’s Day, will be cancelled.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No additional reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

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

* The first meeting in January falls on the 2nd, he asked the council to consider cancelling as well; city offices are only open Wednesday and Thursday during the Christmas break, and many people are out due to the holidays. Holiday schedule is; closed Monday and Tuesday, the 25th & 26th, closed Friday and Monday, the 29th and New Year’s Day.

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* Progress in being made on the new building; the additional basement re-construction is 65% complete, and the shrubbery, outside benches, and the flag pole have been installed. An outside employee break area will be installed, and both elevator cars are in and waiting on State Inspection. The floors in the fire department are completed. On December 20th we anticipate a complete full building walk through to finalize everything, we hope to get all the computer, phone equipment, and furniture installed by the end of January.
* General Fund this week had; $2,195,285 and Tourism had $500,240.
* We expect two new police cars in service by the end of this week, and two new police officers will be sworn in on Friday.
* The bleachers and press box materials have been placed on order; a 120 day delivery is expected.
* We have received confirmation for the pool filtration; it is expected in Feb.
* The Splash Pad bid will go out in late Jan. or Feb.
* The Parks budget for this year is anticipating a half-million dollars of improvements to our park infrastructure. The parking lot repairs, and repaving will come out of next year’s budget.
* The Indian Fort Trail project has made great progress and we hope to bid it out in early spring. We now have more opportunities to increase our shared use paths in and around town, including the new Brushy Fort Trail, which will bring us to 12- 15 miles of trails. Terrill suggested looking into an electronic stop light system at the end of the Short Line connector crossing.

Schultz asked about the Scaffold Cane Project; Stone stated a study has been conducted and we can requested monies from the state; there are many issues concerning the area due to its proximity to the college.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Wooten** – the college has approved moving forward for the movie pilot project, Sept. 2018 is expected for our first movie night. The first Business Fest was very well attended; 614 people attended and 64 businesses and organizations were represented. We hope to move the event to September next year when the new students arrive on campus. The college and city has given their approval of the QR Code Project, this is a way to distribute coupons and advertise local restaurants to the hikers and visitors to Indian Fort; he will speak with Mr. Hackbert concerning this project.

**Schultz** – he thanked Dr. Summers for her presentation, and he thanked the city and the community school for working together to see that we have an updated athletic facility that our football and soccer teams can use, as well as for city events. Merry Christmas to everybody.

**Fraley** – he encouraged everyone to attend the Chamber’s Christmas parade this week-end at 6pm, he appreciated the Chamber for changing the date of the parade so

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people could attend the Madison Southern Football game in the State Championship on the 2nd. Compliments to the entire staff of the Codes Enforcement for their professionalism and expect knowledge in helping him with the permit and inspection process.

**Davis** – he encouraged everyone to shop local and support our local businesses. He asked the mayor for an update on the KYMEA due diligence process, the mayor replied it will be after the first of the year.

**Terrill –** last week there were 27 senators staying at Boone Tavern; he was a little disappointed that the mayor was invited but didn’t go down and talk to them, but Steve Caudill did.

**Wilson** – she thanked Dr. Summers for her presentation; she encouraged everybody to go to the Christmas parade, echo what Bruce said.

**Caudill** – echo the same comments; thanks to the Chamber in postponing the parade and showing support to Madison Southern, they had an outstanding football season and congratulations to them, the Friday night pep rally was well attending and exciting and the mayor was there to speak, it uplifted the city. Thanks to Dr. Summer for her presentation.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.