

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, February, 7, 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, T. Schultz, B. Fraley, B. Wooten, J. Little, S. Caudill, C. Wilson, R. Terrill

**OFFICIALS:** J. Gilbert, R. Stone, C. Chasteen, D. Gregory, S. Sandlin, D. Brumley, S. Meeks, P. Schrader, P. Bloom, D. Isaacs, Tom Moreland, K. Coffey

**VISITORS:** Over fifty people attended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JAN. 17, 2017**

Minutes approved.

**PROCLAMATION: DOODLE BUG CAKES – MEGAN SMITH**

Mayor Connelly read a proclamation recognizing Megan Smith, founder of Doodle Bugs Cake that she began at age 13. The proclamation supported her, and her spirit of Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation. She is the youngest two-time winner of the Food Network Cake Wars, both in 2016 and 2017.

**GEORGE WYATT – AIRPORT PRESENTATION**

Mr. Wyatt distributed an information packet and updated the city council about the planned expansion of the newly named Central Kentucky Regional Airport. Kentucky is the number two exporter of Aerospace Manufacturing, with two of those manufactures located here in Berea. Phase I of the expansion has been completed, and Phase II will begin once funding has been secured. Chuck Conley added that the last major project that took place at the airport was in 1979; our airport is vital to the cities growth and our industrial clients. The aviation/pilot program through ECU is growing, and is also very important to our area. Funding for the 7.7 million dollar expansion project is being requested through all three governments, Berea, Richmond, and the county in the form of a bond. Mr. Conley announced that Mr. Wyatt was recently given the annual "Board Member of the Year" award at the annual Aviation meeting in Owensboro; he is very knowledgeable about aviation, and knows everyone in aviation throughout the state, he represents Berea well.

**DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS: GIS MAPPING**

Paul Schrader and Tom Moreland gave a brief overview of the GIS Department; the presentation will be made part of the record. GIS stands for Geographic Information Systems.

**ORDINANCE #01-2017; LIMITED SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR QUALIFIED GOLF COURSES IN THE EAST BEREA PRECINCT – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary.

**ORDINANCE #02-2017; PARKS BOARD – STANDING COMMITTEE – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety.

**RESOLUTION #01-2017; LOCAL PREVAILING WAGE**

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

**RESOLUTION #02-2017; SUPPORT OF THE SPOONBREAD FESTIVAL**

Councilman Fraley read the resolution supporting the Spoonbread Festival for 2017. Schultz motioned, Caudill seconded to approve and support the resolution; all ayes.

Chamber of Commerce President Scott Thompson addressed the council; he stated that the chamber owns the fact that they cancelled the festival last year, and he hopes everything that took place then, is now behind us. Many events took place that lead them to that decision, and time ran out to properly prepare for the event. The chamber supports a policy of non-discrimination of any kind. They have heard many messages and support from the town to bring the festival back, and in moving forward, many members have worked hard to do so. Mayor Connelly presented an agreement between the city and the chamber to hold the Spoonbread Festival for 2017. Meta Mendel-Reyes asked for clarification of whether or not Confederate Flag merchandise sales will be allowed. Two originals of the agreement were signed, one by the mayor and one by Mr. Thompson. Mayor Connelly then read the agreement clarifying (section b)Not to sell, display or give away, or permit any sub-vendor or attendee to sell, display or give away, any merchandise that resembles the Confederate Battle Flag or bears its image except; history books, or other educational, cultural, artistic and interpretative media where the Confederate Battle Flag is depicted in an artistic depictions of events or scenes, or displays reflecting the influence of popular culture such as an automobile in a car show that resembles the :General Lee” vehicle from “The Dukes of Hazard” television show.

**HUMAN RIGHTS BOARD**

Mayor Connelly asked for names and nominations for this board.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY RE-APPOINTMENT**

Berea Housing Authority Director Doris Wyatt submitted a letter stating the term of Amanda Rose on the Housing Authority Board had expired. She requested approval for her re-appointment. Little motioned, Fraley seconded her re-appointment; all ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill;** the amended budget will be out soon, the council will be ask to review it.

**Economic Development – J. Davis;** the committee will meet on Feb. 20th at 5:30 p.m.

**Parks & Rec. – T. Schultz;** the committee meet on Jan. 26th. The committee discussed the football stadium issue; City Administrator has spoken with Principal Mike Hogg about a proposal for removal. Bids for removal of old stadium will be out soon. A master schedule of all Parks & Rec programs was requested to better see usage of our facilities.

**Personnel – C. Wilson;** no report.

**Public Works – J. Little;** the committee met yesterday evening and discussed the following items:

- Request for additional lighting in Creekside.
- Vietnam Memorial Highway signage; our committee we will work with Richmond and the county.
- North Broadway Islands; received requests for removal to add additional parking spaces. The Public Works Department will do the work. Schultz motioned, Wilson seconded to remove the islands; all ayes.
- Roadways, Curbs and Sidewalks: the committee will start to research the areas of town that needs repairs and upgrades the most.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: R. STONE**

- General Fund monies this week as of Monday was, \$1,427,667.00; Tourism had \$401,183.00.
- We will have an ad in the paper next week for an opening of Statement of Qualification for an Engineering Firm.
- We have drafted a bid notification for the demolition of the Duerson Stadium and have it out next week as well.
- We will hold a "Topping Out Ceremony" for our new Police and Fire Safety Building; the last steel beam being placed over the Fire Department will be signed by the elected officials and employees.

#### **Questions:**

Wooten asked for an update on the Scaffold Cane Sidewalk Project; Stone stated a meeting is scheduled next week with our engineers, and Berea College to finalize our plan; we should have a design very soon. Wooten also requested an overview of the plans for the depot once Tourism moves out; Stone stated the council will be updated once the amended budget process starts.

#### **VISITORS:**

Shane Morris, Berea resident; his thoughts of what was being pushed in regards to the Spoonbread cancellation, was a political agenda. What he saw (at the festival) was agitator's serpentine through the crowd, and disrupting the parade. He took it for granted that the council would suggest other items be included in the agreement; Black Lives Matter, Rainbow Flag Intolerance, the Black Isis Flag, and the images of the butchers of Planned Parenthood. He asked when his kids and grandkids going to be

able to come sign the steel beam for the monstrosity that they are going to be paying for. The council's constituents, the tax payers drive by this every day, that was disgusting!

Cheyenne Olson, Sustainable Berea distributed information for the annual Victory Garden Blitz; orders can be placed on Feb. 28, 2017.

Marty Wayland, Berea resident, stated her support for a dog park in Berea, they are being very popular. There are over 900 licensed dogs in the county, if we had a dog park it would encourage more people to license their dogs and use the park.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Terrill** – he requested the mayor to read up on “Robinson Rules of Law”.

**Wilson** – she thanked the GIS Department for their presentation; thanks to everyone who attended this evening.

**Caudill** - he thanked everyone to attended this evening; keep Daniel Brindley, IT Department in your thoughts and prayers during the loss of their family member. Congratulations to Megan Smith, she is a treasure to this city. He commended the GIS Dept. and the city for the Master Plan on our trail system, he knows many people and friends who come here from out of town to use our trails. He also commended the GIS Dept. for coming up with the design of the “Pirate Plank” at Berea Community School, as a farther of two very young children, this helps to direct people to get in and out of the park. He suggested a future work session to be held about MS4 and Flood Plains for everyone’s knowledge, as we move our city forward.

**Little** – he thanked everyone who came out tonight to share their views and communicate with us; we can accomplish a lot for the betterment of our city if everyone will work together.

**Wooten** – he echoed for what Mr. Little said, and he commended the Chamber, the city and the mayor for the work to bring back the festival, he saw a real wiliness to negotiate, and to compromise, and he is excited about the festival coming back. He gave an update on the research of a dog park, he and his student team has visited other cities that have dog parks. The next step will be the logistics of their parks, how they are maintained and budgeted. He is working with Mr. Stone for a possible location. Plans will be to draft a proposal to present to the council for further discussion. He recently met with Tourism Director, Kerri Hensley to better understand how Tourism dollars are used. He hopes to start a marketing program to help get more information out to the citizens of what all our Tourism Department actually do.

**Schultz** – he thanked the presentations that the council heard this evening, including the Airport Board. Congratulations to Megan Smith of Doodlebug Cakes. He thanked everyone who came out this evening.

**Fraleay** – he thanked Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Chuck Conley for their airport presentation and the work they do for our behalf of our community. He thanked Mr. Schrader and Mr. Moreland for the GIS presentation, they are both very knowledgeable of their jobs. He

thanked everyone that was involved with the process to reach an agreement to bring back the Spoonbread Festival; this a good example of how everyone can work together to find common ground for the good of the community, thanks to the Chamber and the city.

**Davis** – he also thanked Paul and Tom for their presentations. He appreciated the airport presentation and information they brought to the council this evening, our airport is very vital to our community. He thanked Scott Thompson and the mayor for their work to get the Spoonbread Festival going again, it is very important to our community.

Meeting adjourned: 8:22 p.m.