

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

Invocation and prayer.

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

**OFFICIALS:** J. Gilbert, R. Stone, D. Gregory, D. VanWinkle, S. Meeks, K. Hensley, E. Fortner, D. Isaacs, D. Brumley, S. Sandlin

**VISITORS:** Kelly McKinney, Jacqueline Bowling, Virginia Bland, Ed LaFontaine, Ben Robinson III, Doris Wyatt, Tom Howser

- A council work session was held at 5:45 to review: a.) Southern Madison Water Contract; b.) Investigation Division – Police Dept.; c.) Glades Road Resurfacing

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Caudill motioned to amend the agenda by adding Glades Road Amendment; Fraley seconded, all ayes. Little motioned to add Electric-Transmission Contract date; Terrill seconded; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES; JUNE 20, 2017**

Caudill motioned, Fraley seconded to approve the minutes as distributed; all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #10-2017; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREAL, KENTUCKY,  
PROVIDING THAT THE LAND MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE  
OF THE CITY OF BEREAL, KENTUCKY, ORDINANCE NO. 18-04, AS AMENDED BY  
ORDINANCE NO. 16-07, BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 406.7,  
PROVIDING THAT CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ARE  
PERMITTED USES IN THE I1 (INDUSTRIAL) ZONE CLASSIFICATION, WITH  
CERTAIN LIMITATIONS. – 2ND READING**

Schultz motioned, Davis seconded to approve and adopt Ordinance #10-2017; roll call vote, all ayes. Ordinance adopted.

**ETHICS COMMITTEE NOMINATION** – Ben Robinson III

Fraley motioned, Caudill seconded to nominate Ben Robinson III to serve a term on the Ethics Committee Board; all ayes.

**GLADES ROAD CONTRACT – AMENDMENT**

Caudill motioned to approve additional funding to complete improvements to the project; Terrill seconded. Additional amount is \$132,605.00 revised the total amount of the contract is \$241,874.90; all ayes.

**ELECTRIC-TRANSMISSION CONTRACT & AGREEMENT WITH AMP & KEMA**

Councilman Little requested a time for the council to meet and discuss the contract agreement for our electric transmission to ensure our rate payers get the best contract available. A work session will be scheduled.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance** – S. Caudill; requested council input in keeping an open-line of communication with the Tourism Commission. Discussion was held to hold quarterly meetings and schedule a joint meeting with the council in September.

**Economic Development** – J. Davis; yesterday the committee along with the mayor, the city administrator and our Business Development Director, Mr. Isaacs visited Station 211 in Somerset, a co-working business started by two young men who reside in Somerset. This is a growing trend to be able to work from home, or in a space provided; they are interested in coming to Berea. Hyster-Yale and PGW are hiring at this time. Next meeting is Monday, August 14. Please support our local businesses!

**Parks & Rec.** – T. Schultz; next meeting is Thursday, July 28th.

**Personnel** – C. Wilson; interviews were held for Fire Fighters. Fire Chief Sandlin informed the council three have been recommended for hire; Brent Billings, Brad Saylor, and Jacob Adams; two of three will need to pass their CPAT test.

**Public Works** – J. Little; many of our streets, curbs, and drainage areas are in need of repairs, the council needs to be thinking of where funding will come from to take of these problems. Our next meeting will be Monday, July 31; we will discuss spec requirements for new developments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jacqueline Bowling; requested the council to consider consistency in the board appointments; she feels appointees should be citizens of Berea. She requested the web-site be monitored closely for updates; By-Laws for the Human Rights Commission need to be established.

Ed Lafontaine; he supports the new Wings, Etc., but questioned as to when he could get his drink beverage when ordering a meal; he ask for consistency when dining at other restaurants in Berea.

Doris Wyatt; Berea Housing Authority. Ms. Wyatt gave an update on the recent evaluation of the Housing Authority as received from by the US Department of HUD. Berea received 94 out of a 100% score. Many new programs have recently been initiated and are being well received. Old heating/ac units, and old water heaters are their largest maintenance cost, plans are budgeted for replacements soon. The outdoor basketball court was updated recently. Monies for re-roofing of the units will take place this year. The housing authority is operating within the Federal Guide Lines and within

budget, the low-income housing serves this community well. Ms. Wyatt answered further questions from the council.

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

- As the ABC Administrator for the city, and in addressing Mr. LaFontaine's question; on June 29th House Bill 187 allows a Sports Bar to serve an alcoholic drink once a meal has been ordered.
- General Fund cash this week; \$1,618,944; Tourism \$380,711. Our finances ending this year, and beginning our new year is very strong. Our 2017 Fiscal Year is closing out and the auditors will be here in the following weeks for their review of our accounts.
- The Strategic Plan meeting will be July 25th at the Tolle Building at 5:30 p.m.
- The Cumberland/Hughes Project is 50% complete.
- The Public Works Department will be cleaning the drainage on Castle Drive, and will be mowing this week throughout town. This is brush pick-up week.
- We are currently on schedule for the completion of the new building, although they are allowed 14 weather days. Site work around the grounds and drainage is taking place within the next week. Many of our staff members have played a big part in this project and we hope to complete the final change orders within a timely manner.
- We had a great Crafts Fair this year that was very well attended.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Terrill** – requested speakers be placed on agenda.

**Wilson** - thanked Ms. Wyatt for her presentation this evening.

**Little** – quoted information in the Kentucky League of Cities news magazine; the City of London implemented a restaurant tax that has allowed them to add new playground equipment, a splash pad, a new walking trail, and a scenery walk. Plans are underway for a dog park and a tree top adventure was added at Levi Jackson. The funds from the additional tax dollars can be used for many things.

**Wooten** – he attended the crafts fair and was very impressed, is looking forward to hearing the follow-up report. The Levitt-Amp Concert series is being well attended with a few minor adjustments that have been taken care of, he appreciates the concerns being brought fourth. The Learn Shops were also very informative and well attended.

**Schultz** – thanked everyone who presented this evening. He attended the Levitt Amp Concert series this past Friday, and was disturbed about a bucket collection for donations, it's supposed to be a free concert series. Other events have their buckets marked for what the donations goes for so people who wish to donate know what it is going towards.

**Fraley** – thanked Ms. Wyatt for her informative information she presented this evening, he had visited with Ms. Wyatt and Housing Authority last fall. He reminded the council to

attend the "First Responders Camp" that will begin Monday, July 24th, open ceremonies will be held at Memorial Park at 8:30 a.m., and the closing ceremony will be Friday the 28th at 3pm. The "Swing for a Cure" will be held July 28th, 29th and 30th at the ball park; it will be a softball tournament to raise funds to various charitable organizations. Thirty-Six teams will be participating, please welcome our visitors to town.

**Davis** - thanked Doris Wyatt for her report on the Berea Housing Authority. He has attended both Friday night concert event but was offended by the last band's political statements and left the concert. He would like to see the concert series succeed. He feels that the City should purchase its insurance locally.

**ADJOURN:** 7:30 P.M.