

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, March 21, 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:** J. Gilbert, R. Stone, C. Chasteen, D. Gregory, S. Sandlin, S. Meeks, E. Fortner, D. Brumley, D. Isaacs, K. Hensley, P. Bloom, D. Brindley, D. VanWinkle

**VISITORS:** Bill Robinson, Beth Meyers, David Rowlette, Ed LaFontaine, Aja Croteau, Martina Laforce, Robert New, Jacqueline Bowling, Randy Coffey, Steve Wilkins, Mariam Pride, Gail Warford, Estelle Sizemore, Rick Wolf, Tom House

- A work session was held at 5:45 to hear the Berea Municipal Utility Departmental presentation from Ed Fortner, Director.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Caudill moved, Little seconded to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017; all ayes.

### **SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM PRESENTATION – MARTINA LAFORCE**

Ms. Laforce distributed information about the Summer Food Service Program, she thanked the council and city for the support of the program. Sites for the program are destinations where children and teens visit to enjoy nutritious meals, at no cost to their families. A site can take place almost anywhere, in parks, neighborhoods cul-de-sacs, community centers, day camps, even private businesses. Unlike many no-cost programs, there are no registration, income, or residency requirements. Children and teens ages 18 years and younger simply visit the sites and eat. Last year 13,880 meals were served at 12 locations throughout the city. 4,843 meals were breakfast and 9,037 were lunch. Every day during the summer program, college students and interns helped with activities designed to help the children learn and keep them engaged. Many local groups partner with the program to help to make it a success. The city will contribute \$4,000 as part of a match grant for the SFSP. For more information visit their Facebook page at Grown Appalachia, or contact Ms. Laforce.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF BIDS RECEIVED; WALNUT MEADOW SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – UTILITY DEPT.**

Utility Director, Ed Fortner stated the he and his staff have reviewed the bids received; he recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, Leak Eliminators at \$454,652.00. With no objections, bid awarded.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF BIDS RECEIVED: DUERSON STADIUM – CITY ADMINISTRATOR, RANDY STONE**

Administrator Stone informed the council the bid had been reviewed and he recommended awarding the low bidder, Rock Trucking, Inc. at \$38,000. Work will take place during the Community Schools spring break. With no objections, bid awarded.

**ORDINANCE #05-2017; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #10-16 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Fraley moved, Little seconded to approve and adopt Ordinance #05-2017; roll call vote, all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #06-2017; CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AMENDMENT – 1ST READING**

Corporate council read the ordinance by title and summary.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS VACANCY SUBMITTAL**

Mayor Connelly announced a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments; he nominated Marty Wayland Putz, a Planning & Zoning Commission member to fill, and finish the term of George Oberst. Terrill moved to table the nomination, Schultz seconded; all ayes. Little questioned the criteria for a person to serve on two boards. Mayor Connelly read the statue stating up to two people from the P&Z can also serve on Board of Adjustments.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance** – Caudill; the committee will plan a day to review the new budget and will present it to the entire council at a later date; the FY18 Budget.

**Economic Development** – Davis; the committee will meet Wed. March 29th at 5:30 p.m. The April meeting will be held on the 26th.

**Parks & Rec** – Schultz; the committee will meet on March 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

**Personnel** – Wilson; would like to schedule a meeting with the committee soon.

**Public Works** – Little; the committee will meet April 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Estelle Sizemore of Estelle Jewelry was upset about Tourism, and the new Tourist guide; information was printed out of sequence, her business was not listed in order. Others are in sequence, why is she not? She felt the guide needed to be discarded and reprinted, or amended. In addition, why was the new signage that was bid, and awarded to out-of-towners; not considered to any local artist or sign makers? Her business was also left off the new signage around the college square, a replacement even had her business name mis-spelled. She requested something be done about both issues as soon as possible. Mayor Connelly stated he would research her questions and mail her a response.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: R. STONE**

- Meetings have taken place with Berea Community School Superintendent, Mike Hogg to discuss the Duerson Stadium demolition and possible replacement of

- the stadium area; work will be scheduled the week of the school spring break, first week of April.
- We met with District 7, Highway Department yesterday on our US25 and By-Pass Project; we have received word from Frankfort to cut the US25 project by two million dollars, original design approximately three years ago was estimated to be around 6.2 million, the most recent engineering estimate from Frankfort were 8.1 million dollars. We have removed the bike lanes to help cut our cost and will be keeping the original pavement, as we widen the road. The project will only go from Ellipse Street to Highland Drive, the original was to go to the By-Pass; this was also part of cutting our cost, we hope to have a second project to reach the By-Pass and add the bike lanes/shared use path back in. This all will require a change order that could take up to six months to get approval and design. Utility work will start soon for the second phase of the By-Pass
- The staff is working on their five-year capital budgets, along with their day to day budgets; it will be compiled soon for the council's review and approval.
- We will hold a Strategic Plan meeting Tuesday, evening, March 28th at the Utility Building at 5:30. KLC representatives will be present to give us direction and help us with our budget planning.

**Questions:**

Little questioned some the changes to the original US25 widening project.

Fralely asked if a time table has been established for the By-Pass Project; no date.

Wooten asked if Berea Community School would be contributing to changes that could arise from the removal of stadium; Stone stated it is possible moving forward.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Fralely** – he thanked Ms. Laforce for her presentation and educating everyone about the Summer Food Program; thanks to Mr. Fortner on his overview of BMU. All departmental presentations have been outstanding, and they have given us the roles and responsibilities of each city department. He feels the power point presentations should be shared on our web-site to better help the public and community to understand how their tax dollars are spent; the city's budget is also on the web-site for anyone to see. More information will be on the web-site to improve communications with all our citizens at Bereaky.gov.

**Schultz** – he believes Berea would be better served if we did not allow the same people served on two boards and have term limits.

**Terrill** – he encouraged everyone to come out to the Rook Tournament at Glades Christian Church this Friday evening at 6pm.

**Wilson** – thanked Mr. Fortner for his presentation; everyone should tour the waste water treatment plant and the water treatment plant, both are very interesting. Thanks to Ms. Laforce for her presentation and what she does for the children.

**Caudill** – he thanked Ms. Laforce for her presentation; residents can go online or email Ms. Laforce to volunteer or get more information. Thanks for the Utility presentation.

**Little** – he would like to see the employee directory updated; it would be helpful to the new council.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49 p.m.

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Mayor Steven Connelly

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City Clerk