

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, October 3, 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, P. Bloom, D. VanWinkle

**VISITORS:** Kenny Davis, Jr., Tim Taylor, David Rowlette, Eef Fontanez, Kelly McKinney, Ed LaFontaine, Shane Morris, Robert New, Jaqueline Bowling, Virginia Bland, Bill Suters, Bill Old, Steve Wilkins, Bob McMahan  
Invocation and pledge.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Council person Cora Wilson motioned to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; Fraley seconded; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES; SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

Caudill motioned, Schultz seconded to approve the minutes of Sept. 19, 2017; all ayes.

**BEREA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ELECTRIC CREW RECOGNITION:**

Utility Director, Ed Fortner recognized Dustin Barnett, and Adrian Isaacs for their service in traveling to Florida to help in the disaster recovery from the recent hurricanes. They were there for sixteen days helping restore electricity to approximated 1500 customers. The linemen thanked the mayor and council for allowing them to be able to travel to Florida to assist the residents there, and they thanked the linemen who took care of Berea while they were away.

**PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring October 2017 as National Disability Employment Awareness month. Eef Fontanez accepted the proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION – INDUSTRY APPRECIATION MONTH**

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring the month of October as Industry Appreciation Month in the City of Berea. An event is being planned to recognize our local industries.

**RESOLUTION #08-2017; A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SEPARATION OF CERS FROM THE KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entirety. Caudill motioned, Schultz seconded to approve and support the resolution; all ayes.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BID RECOMMENDATION – FIRE CHIEF SHAWN SANDLIN**

Chief Sandlin recommended awarding the bid received from 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment/Adam Bales in the amount of \$30,510.00. No objections. Bids were also opened recently for equipment that is needed for the new quint truck that is being built; one bid was received and recommended from High Tech Rescue in the amount of \$29,352.50; no objections.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS RE-APPOINTMENT – DENISE HAGEN-RUBIN**

Mayor Connelly informed the council that the Board of Adjustment's term of Denise Hagen-Rubin had expired; she has indicated her willingness to serve another term. Fraley motioned, Caudill seconded to approve her re-appointment; all ayes.

**STATUS OF KYMEA & AMP CONTRACT – J. LITTLE**

Councilman Little requested an update to the status of the contract and transmission. Mayor Connelly stated the city will proceed with administrative due diligence; we will investigate the risk, the cost, and the possible unreliable service, based from the E3 report. A representative from AMP will be at the Oct. 17th meeting to discuss our concerns. An audit will also be requested to evaluate our risk/cost.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Audit & Finance - S. Caudill**

The city's audit is on-going. He suggested for the committee to start preparing for the 2019 budget soon.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

The next meeting will be October 23rd at 5:30.

**Parks – T. Schultz**

The committee met Sept. 28th and heard an updated plan for the proposed dog park. A meeting with the residents of Harrison Court will be held Oct. 19th at 5:30 in council chambers to hear public input concerning the possible location of the dog park. A survey will be distributed to see if there is any interest for a movie theater in town. A long term use plan for the possibility of expanding our park facilities was discussed; a public forum will be held at a later date. The committee will be working with the trail town committee and Peter Hackburt to create a triathlon to be held next summer. Tom Howser plans to grow his "Swing for a Cure" event again next year, it will be held the last week-end in July. The committee heard a presentation from Laura Wick proposing an indoor recreation facility. Next meeting will be the fourth Thursday in Oct. at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

Ms. Wilson requested the committee to meet on Oct. 24th at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Works – J. Little**

The committee met yesterday; the Cumberland Street project is nearing completion and a large drainage project will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No additional reports.

- Council meeting was adjourned to go in to Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.; reconvened at 7:35 p.m. Mayor Connelly reported the session was to discuss a personnel/employee concern; no action was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ed LaFontaine spoke about his issues with the use of KYMEA as our electrical energy partner for Berea. (A copy of his concerns is attached to the permanent record).

Shane Morris; he thanked the council for beginning the process of dismantling the KYMEA business. It was at the expense of virtue signaling at the expense of the rate payers. He congratulated the council for moving against it. He expressed another concern about the Spoonbread contract; no response was given at this time.

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

- The building project is continuing really well; we will be striping the parking lots this week, and both church parking lots will be completed as well. We appreciate both the Baptist and Christian churches for accommodating us during the construction.
- There will be a final change order on the building to bring the project to completion.
- Cash in our General Fund this week was \$1,566,000; Tourism has \$389,013. A memo was recently sent to each of the council members listing of all our CD's; on September 27th, the city had \$7,148,000 in cash; GF had \$4,763,000 in CD's. In our Capital Sinking Funds we had \$2,129,000 in CD's. We fronted the purchase for the new Quint Fire Truck that CSEPP partnered with us. Once we receive the truck, we will also receive \$400,000 back to the city. Total funds at the end of September; we have twenty-two-million dollar cash holdings. Our finance director reminds us that we operate on a cash balance only.
- Recent development that has taken place in the city in the last few years has been in-fill; developers taking down old buildings or lots, and building new. One builder pulled 25 permits to build in the city, another has pulled 46 permits for apartment complexes and single family units in the city. Another has done multi-family units. People are willing to spend their money in Berea, and we appreciate what they do.
- We are 10 months into this year, and 3-4 months into the new budget; each department recently listed all their projects they have going on, and everyone is very busy everyday doing service to this community. The Fire Department has responded to 722 calls to date, and the Police Dept. has responded to 13,000

- calls since the first of the year. Our employees are dedicated to their jobs and Mr. Isaacs, Economic Development is currently working with 19 different entities right now, and only one is currently located within the city. We are seeing growth, and new businesses will be opening in the Broadway area soon. We appreciate the mayor and council in passing our budget each year, and we appreciate all our departments in executing what we ask them to do.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Halloween is October 31st; typically in the past we hold Trick-or-Treat from 6pm-8pm for houses with their porch lights on. Caudill motioned, Fraley seconded to approve the times and date. This is also the Halloween in the Park times.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Terrill** – he thanked the Street/Public Works Department for their work during the Spoonbread event, they were left out last council meeting.

**Wilson** – she also thanks Public Works Director, Dwayne Brumley for their help. She thanked everyone who attended, and thanks to the mayor for the executive session.

**Caudill** – he requested a follow session for the Strategic Planning in the coming weeks.

**Little** – he reminded everyone to be thankful for what we have tonight and to live in a safe city; thoughts and prayers to the people in Las Vegas.

**Davis** – in his absence from the last meeting, he thanked Mr. Rowlette and the Chamber for all their hard work, and all the city departments who helped to make the Spoonbread Festival successful.

**Fraley** – the next class series of the Business Development seminars will be Thursday, Oct. 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Tolle Building; it is a business and accounting class held by Kandi Hylton.

**Schultz** – he thanked all the departments in city government for doing their jobs, when they do their jobs, our city moves forward.

**Wooten** – he added thanks to the police, fire, and public works departments for their work during the Spoonbread. He announced that 400 people will be coming to Berea College to attend a speech and debate tournament next week, the topic will be city government. This is the largest tournament ever held. The college is bringing a folk music group to the Phelps Stokes Chapel, on Oct. 20th, doors open at 6:30; the event is free to the public. The survey about the pilot study for a movie theater coming to Berea, in order to get feedback, will be out soon. The Berea Business Fest will be held November 13th, we already have 40 businesses coming to the campus and sell their goods and raise awareness to the students.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

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Mayor Steven Connelly

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City Clerk