**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 17, 2018**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, April 17, 2018; 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, D. Rowlette, J. Little, S. Caudill, C. Wilson, R. Terrill

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Connelly requested to remove the Bid Opening and replace it with a board appointment for the Housing Authority. Little moved to approve the agenda with the changes, Davis seconded; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 3, 2018**

Caudill moved, Fraley seconded to approve the minutes of April 3, 2018; all ayes.

**PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATION’S WEEK**

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring the week of April 8 through 14, 2018 as National Public Safety Telecommunication’s Week in the City of Berea. Jodi Webb, 911 Supervisor accepted, and thanked the mayor and council for the recognition.

**PROCLAMATION – SARACARE**

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring the week of April 16 through 20, 2018 as SaraCare Week in the City of Berea. Norma Kennedy, invited everyone to attend the annual benefit, Friday evening at Union Church. She thanked the mayor and council for their support.

**US25 YARD SALE – RANDY COFFEY**

Mr. Coffey reported that this year will be the 7th annual US25 Yard Sale event; it runs from Ohio to beyond the TN line; approximately 325 miles long. This is a free event will begin on Thursday, June 7th, and will run through the 8th, & 9th. This a good event for Berea with many organizations reporting good sales during the three day event.

**JAPANESE SISTER-CITY DELEGATION SPRING VISIT – REID CONNELLY**

Mr. Connelly, Vice President of the Madison Co. delegation reported the Japanese Delegation will be arriving in Berea on Wednesday, May 15th and will be departing on the morning of May 19th. Many good events are planned during their visit for both Berea and Richmond, and the group will travel to Cumberland Falls on Friday during their time in KY. The farewell dinner will be on Friday evening at the Folk Center and everyone is invited. This program began in 1988 and is the longest running sister-city relationship in the United States. A new program will begin this fall; a group of 36 Japanese high school students will be in Berea and will stay with host families and attend Berea Community High School here for two-weeks... The program will be funded by the Japanese High School organization. He encouraged the council members to welcome the delegation and attend some of the Berea events during their stay in Berea.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT – BEREA HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

Mayor Connelly nominated Pastor Rick Fulton, of Glades Christian Church to fill the current vacancy on the Berea Housing Authority. Davis moved, Schultz seconded the nomination; all ayes.

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**MUNICIPAL ORDER #01-2018; APPOINTMENT TO THE MADISON CO. AMBULANCE BOARD**

Mayor Connelly read the municipal order re-appoint Sundae Park to a two-year term on the Ambulance Board. Caudill moved, Fraley seconded to appoint Ms. Park to the board; all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #03-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 22.700, BE AMENDED BY REVISING THE PURPOSE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, SECTION 22.701, BE AMENDED BY REVISING THE DEFINITION OF DISCRIMINATION, AND SECTION 22,703, BE AMENDED BY REVISING THE SCOPE OF THE FUNCTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety. Fraley moved, Caudill seconded to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote; Terrill- yes, Wilson-yes, Caudill-yes, Little-yes, Rowlette- no, Schultz-yes, Fraley-yes, Davis-yes; seven-yes, one-no. Ordinance approved and adopted.

**ORDINANCE #04-2018; REVISING PARKING AREAS – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Police Chief Gregory addressed concerns from the council, particularly parking at Exit 77 by the large trucks.

**ORDINANCE #05-2018; SURPLUS ORDINANCE – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety.

**ORDINANCE #06-2018; STANDARDS OF BUDGET PREPARATION – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance and summary.

**ORDINANCE #07-2018; 2018 AMENDED BUDGET – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary.

**JOB FAIR 2018 REPORT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, DANNY ISAACS**

Mr. Isaacs reported there were forty-six different employers from Berea, Richmond and surrounding counties represented at the job fair held last week at the Berea Church of God. The fair was hosted by the KY Career Center. Many of the local high schools bused their students to attend the event. Mr. Isaacs distributed a pamphlet that provided further information for the job seekers; each visitor received the employers contact information. He thanked the city departments for helping in the making the event happen.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

The committee met April 11th and discussed the amended budget. Prior to the council meeting this evening, the Tourism Commission members met with the council to discuss the upcoming FY 2019 budget; we would like to schedule another meeting next month.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

The committee met last evening; the Small Business recognition event will be on May 3rd; the next meeting will be May 14th. Congratulation Mr. Isaacs for a successful job fair.

**Parks** – **T. Schultz**

The next meeting will be April 26th at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel** – **C. Wilson**

The committee met April 9th to further discuss the department head survey; next meeting will be on April 30th at 5:30 p.m.

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**Public Works** – **J. Little**

The committee will meet April 30th at 5:30th

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No additional reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

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

Mr. Stone reported the following:

* The bids for the Indian Fort Trail Phase 3 Project will be opened tomorrow at 4pm.
* We received a notice from the state that we will receive $79,000 for the Development Phase of the By-Pass.
* Today, we completed the exterior final punch list on the new building; it will be sent to D. W. Wilburn for review.
* This is the annual Spring Clean-Up week in the city.
* The MS4 audit has been completed and accepted.
* He, along with the police chief attended a meeting at the extension office today. The topic of the meeting was the “Angel Program; it involves a social worker as a staff person in the police department, to offer assistance to individuals involved in drug abuse.
* The follow-up to the Strategic Plan meeting will be May 3rd at 6pm.
* Monies in General Fund this week are $1,430,126; Tourism has $478,494.
* The Public Works Department is prepping the area at the park for the stadium delivery.
* The filtration system at the pool is nearing completion.
* The Public Works Department also will be doing the demolition of the old baby pool, in preparation for the installation of the new splash pad.
* The Allen Company is making good progress on the 25 North Project.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Little** – he is very disappointed about the process of our electric/energy provider; it’s been around two months and we still do not have an answer; it troubles him.

**Caudill** – he encouraged everyone to attend the Sara Care Event, and to take part in the US25 Yard Sale event. He thanked Reid for the update about the Japanese Delegation program. The high school exchange program is a great opportunity for our students to experience their culture. The Red Bud Ride event is this Sunday; he hopes to see lots of cyclist out, everyone be aware of the riders.

**Wilson** – echo Caudill.

**Terrill** – he asked Mr. Stone to prepare an ordinance on the tourism tax; citizens think the money is not being dispersed like it should, especially when they heard they hired a manager over a few people at the 1-233 Gallery; also somebody came back in and got $7,000, and he hopes David come back and applies for another $5,000 because they ended up getting $10,000. We need to look at that real hard, especially during the new budget.

**Rowlette** – he thanked the Berea Tourism Commission for their presentation this evening; questions he gets often are when will they be moving into the Tolle Building, and what are the plans for depot?

**Schultz –** Reid; where can he learn Japanese?

**Fraley** – compliments to everyone that was involved with Berea Career Fair; we saw a lot of good participation from both employers and students. He encouraged people to attend and support the SaraCare event, and to attend the Autism Awareness event being held at the Folk Center on Sat. the

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21st. He attended The Trail Town meeting about the Red Bud ride; the event will bring 75 bicyclist to town with many staying overnight in Berea. The 2nd annual First Responders Camp will be held July 9th – 13th for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

**Davis** – when he ran for council, he had three local independent insurance agents approach him about the way the City of Berea buys its health and property casualty insurance. After the election he had a good conversation with Randy Stone about this issue. He hoped he would more than just understand his position; in the last city staff meeting, health insurance was discussed and he felt we were going down the same path, and doing business as usual. After again speaking with Mr. Stone, he was told that the agent in Knoxville, TN, would have the health insurance contract; the same as it has been in the past several years. Currently the property and casualty insurance is purchased from agents in Richmond and Lexington, and will be up for renewal in the coming months. Why would we do business with out of town agents when we have people here in Berea who would are more than qualified to write the insurance for the City of Berea? They can write for, and represent the same companies that currently supply our insurance; one agent can write for the Kentucky League of Cities. The local agents can do as good of job as the one we do business with now; they pay taxes and support our local schools and organizations, he doubts the out of towners pay any taxes. He thinks we should buy our insurance local.

Meeting adjourned: 8:01 p.m.

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Mayor Steven Connelly

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