**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING May 1, 2018**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, May 1, 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, D. Gregory, S. Sandlin, S. Meeks, D. Brumley, A. Haney, K. Hensley, D. Isaacs, P. Bloom, E. Fortner

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Caudill moved, Little seconded to approve the agenda; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 17, 2018**

Caudill moved, Fraley seconded to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018; all ayes.

**PROCLAMATION: SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK 2018**

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation declaring the week of April 29, through May 5, 2018 as Small Business Appreciation week in the City of Berea.

**BID OPENING – B-LAKE; PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY REPAIR – UTILITY DEPT.**

Mayor Connelly opened and read the four (4) bids that were received:

1. Sturgeon Creek Construction - $199,710.00
2. Todd Johnson Construction - $210,748.80
3. Ford Contracting, Inc. - $132,000.00
4. JAVE, LLC - $173,500.00

Bids will be turned over to the Utility Department for review and recommendation.

**ORDINANCE #04-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY REVISING SECTION 40.306 TO REVISE THE NO PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO AN INTERSECT6ION FROM TWENTY FEET TO TWENTY FIVE FEET, AND SECTION 40.307 PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES ON CERTAIN STREETS WITH THE CITY. – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Caudill moved, Little seconded to approve and adopt Ord. #04-2018; roll call vote, all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #05-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING IT TO BE SOLD. – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entity. Little moved, Terrill seconded to approve and adopt Ord. #05-2018; roll call vote, all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #06-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY ADDING ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 24 (FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION), SECTIONS 24.300 – 24.308, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF FORM AND DETAIL FOR PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL PROPOSED BUDGET – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Fraley moved, Davis seconded to approve and adopt Ord. #06-2018; roll call vote, all ayes.

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**ORDINANCE #07-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #09-17 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Davis moved to table the ordinance to review the expenditures, Terrill seconded; all ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

The committee will meet next Monday the 7th, at 6pm to review the amended budget ordinance. A recommendation will be made soon for an auditor for the city.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

The committee will meet May 14th at 5:30 p.m. We will recognize our new businesses, business with anniversary milestones, and others with notable achievements, this Thursday evening, at the Boone Tavern events center.

**Parks – T. Schultz**

The committee met on April 26th; items to report are as follows:

* The first pour of the concrete for the stadium has now taken place in preparation for the bleacher delivery.
* The football field will not be widened this year, the school will do so next year.
* The Berea Youth League reports an increase in the number of children that have signed up to play both baseball and softball; 480 youth will be playing ball this year, and increase of 120 new players.
* The pool is scheduled to be open May 26th, with the Splash Pad opening date, July 4th.
* There will be a Public Hearing on the proposed “Dog Park”, May 17th at 6pm; Banks Engineering will be present to answer questions.
* “Let’s Grow Berea” representative, Martina LaForce presented ideas for the Chestnut Street park to make it more user friendly.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

There was a special called meeting today to further discuss the Department Head Survey’s. The committee will meet on May 31st at 6pm.

**Public Works – J. Little**

The next committee meeting will be June 4th at 5:30 pm.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No additional reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ed LaFontaine stated he made a public records request and received a copy of the Goss Report; in it were included recommendations; he asked the council to keep the “people” of Berea informed as to what action has been taken on those recommendations. In the Sept. 6, 2016 meeting minutes; there was some confusion in the report as the the intent of this council; he urged the council to restore the videos of those meetings for “all of us” to be well informed as to what has taken place.

Reid Connelly gave an update to the upcoming Japanese Sister-City Delegation visit. Glenn Jennings will be hosting the welcoming dinner event which will be at Delta Natural Gas, at 6pm on the 15th; the council is welcome to attend. The group will be visiting various locations in Richmond on the 16th, and will also be touring Berea on the 17th, and will attend ‘Pickin on the Porch” that evening. On the

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18th, the delegation will get to visit Cumberland Falls, and the going away dinner will be that evening at the Folk Center at 6pm, everyone is welcome to attend.

Martin Richards, Director of the Community Farm Alliance reported the Community Alliance will be submitting a grant to work with FAHE on a feasibility study at the old Parker Seal Building. He requested a letter of support from Mayor Connelly to include with their application.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

* We have had two pours of concrete to form the pad for the stadium this week; additional concrete will be poured this week. The stadium structure will be delivered the 7th, and Toadvine Industries will be on site to erect the structure.
* The Public Works Department has completed nearly half of the demolition of the baby pool, making way for the installation of the Splash Pad. The Filtration System is now installed, and work is be finalized in preparation for testing.
* Water leaks have been repaired in the Park this week.
* The city has signed and sent the contract to The Allen Company for the construction of the Short Line Pike portion of the Indian Fort Trail Project. We hope to receive notification of the beginning date soon.
* The US25 North Project continues to make marked progress, diversion road are now being put in place for the installation of the drainage areas.
* The staff is completing the 2019 Budget, we will review the departmental budgets May 9th; the draft budget will then be presented to the council for review.
* We will hold an open house of the new building on Tuesday, May 15th, with an official dedication to be held September 28th; 50 years to date the original city hall was dedicated.
* General funds this week are: $2,125,025, and Tourism has $545,308.
* The 123 Gallery suffered a fire last evening; our fire department was able to extinguish the fire in a timely manner due to their training, and the availability of excellent equipment. The police department was there assisting, and the Public Works Department brought equipment to help out as well. The Tourism staff and members of our community helped the artist to remove their inventory from the building. We pledge to get our artist up and working again as soon as possible, and we hope to get the building repaired soon, thanks to all who helped out during this loss. We will keep everyone informed moving forward in getting the program reestablished.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

He too, praised the support given to our artist from all the city staff, police and fire departments, and everyone who helped out.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Terrill** – thanks to the fire department for an excellent job, we are lucky to have such a good group.

**Wilson** – thanks to all who came tonight and a special thanks to all the first responders who helped out during the fire, they did a great job, I am very proud of each of them.

**Caudill** – echo to what has already been said. In the past years we have moved the council meeting time on the welcoming night for our Japanese Sister-City visit, if appropriate. He motioned to move the meeting to 5:30pm, as a special called meeting; Little seconded. Caudill asked Reid Connelly to confirm space availability; motion stands pending the response; all ayes.

**Little** - echo what’s been said about the fire.

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**Rowlette** – he is glad to see the budget preparation ordinance passed, it should be an asset going forward. Compliments to all the fire fighters who helped out last evening, they are professionals in their jobs.

**Schultz** – echo what has been said about our fire fighters. One thing he finds disturbing is that several meetings ago, Jerry Little ask to have a representative from AMP to come address some of the questions we have, nothing has been done? City Administrator, Stone stated he has been in contact with AMP based on some of the questions the council has; we are also working with a legal group and will be meeting with each of them soon to get answers.

**Fraley** – his heart goes out to the tenants of the 123 Gallery who lost some of their work and supplies. He is thankful that much of it was saved. Compliments to both our fire fighters and our Volunteer fire fighters, they helped keep the damage to a minimum. Everyone worked together to help out during the face of the emergency. Other artist, neighboring businesses, and many concerned people and citizens were there helping during the recovery effort.

**Davis** – everyone did a wonderful job helping the artist at the gallery.

Meeting adjourned: 7:22 p.m.