**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, November 20, 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. Sandlin, D. Brumley, K. Howard, P. Bloom, K. Hensley

**INVOCATION:** Mark Sarver

**PLEDGE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motioned by Davis, second by Shultz to approve the agenda; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCT. 16, 2018**

Motioned by Caudill, seconded by Little to approve the minutes of Oct. 16, 2018; all ayes.

**OPEN BIDS: THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA – FIRE DEPT.**

Two bids were received:

1. Bluegrass Fire - $60,715.00
2. Feet & Fire Equipment - $57,670.00

Bids will be referred to the Fire Dept. for review and recommendation.

**BEREA ARTS COUNCIL – LEVITT AMP MUSIC SERIES GRANT**

Arts Council Director Gwen Childs reported the voting ends this evening at 8 p.m.; currently we are in the Top 25, and 41 cities are in the running for the grant. The Levitt Foundation will choose up to 15 winners and will be announcing those on Dec. 15th. Middlesboro, KY has received the funding, four years in a row; they have received a commitment from Levitt AMP to provide them with three more years of funding, which means in a 7-year period, Middlesboro will receive $175,000 coming into their community from a foundation in LA, California. Four cities in KY are in the running for the grant. She encouraged everyone to get on the website and vote, and she thanked the city for continuing support of this wonderful event for our city.

**MADISON CO. INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Kent Gilbert and Reid Connelly gave a brief report of the recent Madison Co. delegation trip to Hokoto City, Japan. Sixteen members from both Berea and Richmond made the trip. Mayor Eiko Watanabe sent greetings to Mayor Connelly and Mayor-elect Fraley. She also sent a certificate of appreciation for the relationship we have shared with our sister-city for the past sixteen years. The Japan delegation will be visiting Berea in May of 2019.

**ORDINANCE #16-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KY, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KY, BE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTION 40.100, ADOPTING SPEED LIMITS UPON STREETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS – 2nd READING.**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Caudill motioned, Little second to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote, all ayes. Ordinance #16-18 adopted.

**ORDINANCE #17-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KY, BY REVISING SECTION 31.341(K) TO PROVIDE FOR REVISIONS IN WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT STANDARDS REGARDING AMOUNTS OF RESTRICTED WASTE DISCHARGES ALLOWED FOR INDUSTRIAL PERMIT HOLDERS – 2nd READING.**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title. Caudill motioned, Little second to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote, all ayes. Ordinance #17-18 adopted.

**ORDINANCE #18-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KY, DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING IT TO BE SOLD – 2nd READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Fraley motioned, Caudill seconded to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote; all ayes. Ordinance #18-18 adopted.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

Caudill asked the committee members to check their calendars for scheduling a meeting to start work on next year’s budget, and review the current budget.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

The committee met on Nov. 8th; guest was Stemco plant Manager, Chris Janick, along with some of his employees. They informed the committee the plant will be bringing a line back to Berea from Mexico, creating additional jobs. Brain Ramsey and Joe Sheehan are interested in starting a “Makers Place” in Berea; further discussion will be held.

**Parks – T. Schultz**

No report.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

No report.

**Public Works – J. Little**

The committee met last evening and discussed street lighting, drainage, and walking trail issues. Little motioned to approve the 2nd Phase of Brooklyn Blvd. from Lot #111 through Lot 127, “15,095 feet”, into the city’s maintenance program; all ayes.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No reports**.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Emerson McAfee came to follow-up with the approval of the Veteran’s Memorial Sign nominating a local veteran from Berea to be recognized. Fraley stated we will get processed as soon as possible. Mr. McAfee suggested we nominate Chess Ed Elkin for our sign. Mr. McAfee also displayed a “Veteran’s Reserved Parking” sign that the city could purchase to be placed at various locations throughout town, and at any business. The sign would be $35. Contact him if anyone is interested.

Jackson Napier read a statement from a group of concerned citizens who are working to implement a “Room in the Inn”, addressing homelessness in Berea. Many local churches have expressed interest in wanting to help. Mr. Napier invited the council, the mayor, mayor-elect, and all citizens of Berea to attend a meeting, next Tuesday, the 27th at the Berea Friends Meeting house, 300 Harrison Rd.

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

* The worksheets for the amended budget will be distributed in mid-December.
* General Fund this week; $1,295.731; Tourism has $515,051.
* “Play Power”, the company we received the new playground equipment from were in town last week to do a photo-shoot of our new playground. Students from Berea Community School came to play on the equipment while they were photographing. We will be on the front cover of their next company magazine.
* The Police Dept. will be receiving three new vehicles in late January; the Public Works and Utility Depts. will be receiving flatbed trucks.
* The final punch list and invoice for the Short Line Pike trail should be completed soon, some water crossing remediation work will to be taken care of before the project ends.
* Bids are out for the replacement of our audio/visual equipment for this building. We have been having a lot of issues with the current equipment, it is old and out dated. The floors in this area will be stripped, cleaned and re-sealed, prior to the next council meeting.
* The design for the Scaffold Cane Trail project will be ready soon, our engineers will present it to District 7 Highway Dept. to get this in the works for early 2019.
* The Madison Co. Sheriff’s Office, City of Richmond, the State Police and the City of Berea participate in a county wide HIDA program; two officers from each department currently participate. It will be reorganized at the beginning of the year, and we hope to be able to increase our man-power in this program.

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* Banks Engineering will be presenting a plan to the property owners on the Cherry Rd. project, we hope to have it ready for bid early of 2019.
* Happy Thanksgiving to each of you; City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Terrill;** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Wilson**; thanked everyone who came this evening, Happy Thanksgiving.

**Caudill;** Happy Thanksgiving everyone, and safe travels. He encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas parade, and his fellow council members to walk in the parade to distribute candy.

**Little;** complimented Katie Starzman at the Native Bagel for the free dinner they did last week; Happy Thanksgiving.

**Rowlette;** encouraged everyone to spend quality time with family and friends for the holidays; applications are still available to enter the Christmas parade.

**Fraley;** encouraged everyone to shop local, don’t forget about “Small Business Saturday”, support our local businesses, consider our local retailers, and artist as well.

**Davis;** Happy Thanksgiving, please support our local merchants, and don’t forget the business on 25 North in the construction areas.

**Shultz;** thanked everyone who came out this evening, thanks to the presenters, especially Ms. Childs, and the International Committee for the work they do. Happy Thanksgiving! Hopefully we can make progress on the homeless issue. Thanks everyone for voting, the people who were chosen will represent Berea well!

\*City Administrator Stone asked everyone to keep our former Utility Director, Ed Fortner and his wife Rachel in their thoughts and prayers. He recently relocated the Paradise, Ca and lost everything in the fires that leveled that area. They lost their home and all their belongings; KMUA and KyMEA are taking up donations for the area and him personally. We have information if you would like to contribute.

Caudill motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; Little seconded, all ayes.

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Mayor Steven Connelly

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