**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2018**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, October 16, 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 Caldwell-Reis

**PLEDGE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Fraley to amend the agenda by adding Ord. #18-18; seconded by Little. Motion by Fraley to approve the agenda as amended; Caudill seconded, all ayes.

**2017-2018 AUDIT REPORT:**

Drew Palmer representing the CPA firm of Baldwin & Associates reported the firm had recently completed the city’s annual audit; a copy of the report was distributed. He reported a clean audit statement in accordance with Government Auditing. No issues of non-compliance were discovered, and the city had a very strong financial year. Motion by Caudill, seconded by Fraley to accept the audit as presented; all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #15-2018; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR BEREA, MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY. – 2nd READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety. Motion by Caudill, seconded by Little to approve and adopt Ordinance #15-2018. Roll call vote all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #16-2018; AMENDING SECTION 40.100, ADOPTING SPEED LIMITS – 1ST READING.**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety.

**ORDINANCE #17-2018; REVISING SECTION 31.341(K) WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT STANDARDS – 1ST READING.**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title.

**ORDINANCE #18-2018; DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance**: Chairman Caudill reported the committee met with the auditors last week to review the final audit report. He requested the members to meet in November in preparation for next year’s budget.

**Economic Development**: Chairman Davis reported the Industry Appreciation luncheon will be held at Boone Tavern on October 30th.

**Parks**: Chairman Schultz reported the committee met on Oct. 11th and discussed the following:

\*improvements to the Chestnut St. Park; new shading will be installed.

\*the wrap being placed around the new bleachers is waiting on finalization and payment.

\*490 youth played ball at the city parks this summer season, 200 were from the county and Richmond. Fall ball had 338 youth with students coming from both Richmond and Garrard Co.

\*the Youth Football League will hold a tournament this upcoming week-end.

\*possible installation of a ATM at the Folk Center.

\*The 17th annual Halloween-in-the-Park will be held on the 31st from 6 pm-8 pm. Oct. 26th is the dead line for vendors to sign-up.

Next meeting will be Nov. 15th at 6 pm.

**Personnel:** Chairman Wilson; no report.

**Public Works:** Chairman Little reported the next meeting will be Nov. 19th at 5:30 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No reports:

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jennifer Napier stated the Chamber of Commerce’s 5th annual Geocaching Event will take place in and around Berea, this coming week-end, Oct. 19-21st. There is also a night event on Saturday. Closing Awards will be given on Sunday afternoon. This is a family event and it brings lots of visitors to our area.

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

* Thanks to the Finance Department Director, Susan Meeks, her staff, and the department heads for the good financial reports we received.
* General Funds this week; $504,645.
* Tourism: $486,629.
* The new playground equipment has been delivered, installation will begin as soon as weather permits.
* Thanks to our Fire Department for their assistance in the search for the missing child on Sunday.
* Staff met to learn about a Software package that helps tract assistance for people in need in our community.
* Rain has held up completion on some projects; the Indian Fort Trial is nearing completion, should have finals numbers in soon and progress is beginning on B-Lake.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Caudill** thanked all the people who assisted in the search for the missing child. We all came together as a city and county to help. The candidate forum was a good opportunity to meet and talk to people.

**Fraley** acknowledged Dr. Diane Hatchet, Berea Community School Superintendent’s presence in the audience. The “Cram the Cruiser” event will be held this Friday from 10 am – 2 pm, at Save-A-Lot to benefit the Food Bank. The city-wide clean-up is on schedule for this week-end the 20th, volunteers are still needed. Meet in the city hall parking lot at 9 am. A community training forum for hiring people with disabilities will be held Oct. 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of city hall.

**Rowlette** applauded the efforts of all the volunteers and first responders to the search on Sunday. Don’t forget the geocaching event this week-end.

**Schultz** thanked everyone who attended the meeting this evening, this is your city, go out and vote, it is your duty.

**Davis** asked residents to continue to support the businesses on US 25 during the construction. Paving will take place soon on 25 North. Get out and vote, this is your opportunity. Thanks to Chief Sandlin and his department for helping in the search for the missing child.

**Little** agrees with everything that has already been said.

**Wilson** thanked everyone for being here, thanks to the first responders, the volunteers, the food and prayers during the search and rescue. Go vote!

**Terrill** thanked Chief Sandlin and his employees for helping during the event. We are being facing with the biggest election we’ve had in 20 or 25 years; call a cab if you need a ride, we need a change.

Motion by Wilson, Little seconded to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

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Mayor Steven Connelly

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