**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2018**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, December 4, 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, K. Howard, P. Bloom, K. Hensley, A. Haney

**INVOCATION:** Steven Hobbs

**PLEDGE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motioned by Caudill, second by Little to approve the agenda; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nov. 20, 2018**

Motioned by Caudill, seconded by Schultz to approve the minutes of Nov. 20, 2018; all ayes.

**BOONE TRACE MASTER PLAN – DR. JOHN FOX**

Dr. Fox stated the Friends of Boone Trace, a group working with Blue Grass Area Development Dist, and other organizations have a mission to preserve the remnants of the original Boone Trace trail opened by Daniel Boone and his party of trailblazers in 1775. In doing so, they hope to elevate awareness of its historical significance, and convert the original Boone Trace into a multi-use trail as a means of preserving the historical trace. Workshops have taken place in five KY counties that are impacted by the trail. The Master Plan will include the route, signage, and the driving trail (auto tour). A proposed bicycle route will be marked from Atlanta to Cleveland and will be known as the (USBR 21). This development of the trail will create economic benefits to both, our state and city. A state-wide initiative is underway in KY to try and connect the historic trails with towns and cities, to bolster the states trail system. A celebration is being planned in 2025; it will be the 250th Anniversary of Boone Trace. Dr. Fox requested the city council approve a resolution recognizing the historical significance of the Boone Trace, and to support the Boone Trace Master Plan. Council discussion was held; it was agreed to have the resolution on the next business meeting agenda.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

The Audit & Finance Committee will schedule a meeting in January to start work on the amended budget.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

No report.

**Parks – T. Schultz**

No report.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

No report.

**Public Works – J. Little**

No report.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Fire Chief Shawn Sandlin reported his recommendation to accept the bid from 911 Fleet & Fire Equipment in the amount of $57,670.00 for thirty-five Thermal Imaging Breathing Masks. No objections.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

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

* We would like to add five more of the Thermal Imaging Breathing Mask in the amended budget for use by the volunteer firemen.
* Worksheets have been distributed to the department heads to begin work on the amended budget.
* We received notice for our insurance premium from KLC that we were well-in-line for our value ranges on our new building and its contents.

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* The city received a three-thousand-dollar safety grant from KLC to be used by our Public Works Dept. to upgrade the mowers.
* The final punch list is being completed for the Indian Fort trail; Banks Engineering will bear the cost of the water-crossing upgrade. The change order will be presented to council for approval.
* The Cherry Road Drainage Project will be presented the Public Works Committee and city council, for approval in January, we will then hold a public hearing in early February for each property that this project will affect.
* The Stadium Wrap has been completed; we will make the final payment in the next couple of weeks.
* The 2019-20 city council swearing in will take place on the evening of December 20th.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Shultz;** thanked everyone who came out this evening. He asked the police chief to report on the amount of money raised in their department for the “Christmas with a Cop” project. Chief Gregory reported close to $6,000 was raised. December 15th; four families which includes 10 children, will meet with the officers at Wal-Mart to shop.

**Fraley;** he challenged his fellow council members to donate $100 towards the police departments Christmas project. He also encouraged the other council members to donate to the funds being raised for Ed and Rachel Fortner in the loss of their home in California. He commended Dr. Fox for his work on the Boone Trace Project, people can become a member of the project; visit *boonetrace1775.com*. Boone Trace has the potential to have a huge impact on Tourism in Berea. Today, he, along with David Rowlette, Emily LaDouceur and John Payne attended the KLC new official’s orientation in Lexington. The academy will be held in January and he hopes many of the other city officials will attend.

**Caudill;** he also commended Dr. Fox for his work on the Boone Trace Project, our city has been instrumental with the work on our trails. He remined everyone to attend the Christmas Parade that will be held this Saturday. He commends the police department for raising money for their event through the sales of the t-shirts. Thanks to his fellow council members who donated.

**Wilson;** thanks to all who came out this evening, and thanks to Dr. Fox for his work.

Caudill motioned to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.; Schultz seconded, all ayes.

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*Mayor Steven Connelly*

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