**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 15, 2019**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, January 15, 2019; Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**: D. Rowlette, J. Payne, E. LaDouceur, J. Little, S. Caudill, C. Wilson, R. Terrill

**ABSENT**: J. Davis

**OFFICIALS:** J. T. Gilbert, R. Stone, C. Chasteen, D. Gregory, S. Meeks, D. Brumley, K. Howard, K. Hensley, A. Haney, P. Bloom

**INVOCATION:** Steve Caudill

**PLEDGE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Wilson motioned to amend the agenda by add KY River Foothills Bus Service; seconded by Caudill, all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DEC. 18, 2018**

Motioned by Caudill, seconded by LaDouceur to approve the minutes of Dec. 18, 2018; all ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Bill Old, Berea resident announced the “Right to Life” event to be taking place on the steps of the Madison County Court House, on Sunday, Jan. 20th from 1:30 to p.m.

Grace McKensie, Berea resident requested better signage to locate the council chambers.

**KENTUCKY RIVER FOOTHILLS BUS SERVICE**

Karmen Marcum, Transportation Director, and John Catron, Operations Manager distributed information about the bus route; schedule; and the fees. Currently the bus runs to the Exit 77 area, this created a longer wait time at the stops, this also caused a decrease in riders, and complaints were received for the longer wait time. Effective in February the route will no longer go to Exit 77, residents in that area can call 24 hrs. in advance and request a stop, but there is an additional fee for the service. LaDouceur asked if a second bus could be added, currently the city funds one bus for the service. Caudill asked if a discount could be offered for regular riders in the Exit 77 area. Marcum and Catron stated they would take the ideas to their board for consideration.

**CENTRAL KY AIRPORT UPDATE; CHUCK CONLEY, GEORGE WYATT**

Mr. Conley distributed a packet to the mayor and city council containing financial information, completed projects, future projected spending, and proposed development for the airport. Project improvements completed from 2010 through 2018 totaled $11,572,139.00. Some of the projects have been funded through the Federal Capital Airport Improvement Programs. Recent contributions from the three governments; City of Berea, City of Richmond, and Madison County have allowed the Airport Board to take advantage of Federal and State grants with matching funds. Future projected airport improvements for 2019 -2020 will include three (3) new T-Hangars; utility improvements; a new terminal; and new lighting and fencing will be added. The new terminal will provide space for the fixed base operations; Corporate pilot support; general aviation; and EKU’s aviation program. The EKU professional flight program had over 175 students enrolled in the 2018 Fall semester. Currently there are over 45 single and twin-engine based aircraft located at the airport. Our airport is our biggest Economic benefit serving nine surrounding industrial areas within a 30-minute drive from the airport.

George Wyatt highlighted the future development plans for the airport. The original hanger was built in 1980. Phase I of the project was competed with relocating the parking lot, and an additional ramp. Phase II, which is under development at this time, will have a new terminal, more ramp space will be added, and the new T-Hanger will be built. Corporate Executives coming into the airport will see a nice waiting area when visiting our current industries and will likely improve future opportunities for our community. Our airport is very important to all of us, and a key part of transportation in our state.

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY RE-APPOINTMENT – MAYOR FRALEY**

Mayor Fraley recognized Ken Vasey in the audience; he has agreed to serve another 4-year term on the Housing Authority. Executive Director, Doris Wyatt was also recognized. Caudill motioned to re-appoint Mr. Vasey, Wilson seconded; all ayes.

**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS – MAYOR FRALEY**

Four positions are up for appointments:

Ben Robinson for re-appointment to a 4-year term; Terrill motioned, Caudill seconded; all ayes.

Michael Barnett for a 4-year term appointment; Little motioned, Wilson seconded; all ayes.

Phil Malicote for a 4-year term appointment; Terrill motioned, Wilson seconded; all ayes.

Jeff Reed for a re-appointment 4-year term; Caudill motioned, Wilson seconded; all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #01-2019; 723 RICHMOND RD – ZONE CHANGE – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary.

**RESOLUTION #01-2019; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL DRUG TASKFORCE AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY STATE POLICE, THE CITY OF RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE ESTABLISHING A KSP DRUG TASK FORCE.**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution by title. Rowlette motioned to approve; LaDouceur seconded; all ayes. Resolution adopted.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER #01-2019; A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING THE STANDING LEGISLATION COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THEIR MEMBERS AND THE CHAIRPERSON.**

Corporate Counsel read the order in its entirety. Caudill motioned to approve the order; Little seconded; all ayes. Caudill noted the chair persons of each committee will be elected upon the first meeting of said committee. Order approved.

**INDIAN FORT TRAIL PHASE III- CHANGE ORDER**

Caudill motioned approval of the change order from the Audit & Finance Committee; the addition was within the budgeted amount of the project. Motion and change order approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Finance** – Caudill reported the committee met Jan. 7th to discuss the change order, the budget procedure ordinance, utility contingency, legal fees in utilities, and the Splash Pad at the Park. These items will be addressed during the budget amendment meeting. Caudill was selected to serve as the chairman of the committee.

**Economic Development** – Caudill reported for the committee; a meeting is scheduled on Feb. 18th at 5:30 p.m.

**Parks** – no comments.

**Personnel –** Wilson reported the committee will schedule a meeting soon.

**Public Works** – Little reported the next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 4th at 5:30 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Public Works Director, Dwayne Brumley reported a bid recommendation for the Audio/Visual Equipment for the council chambers. One bid was received and reviewed from Alliant Integrators in the amount of $70,975.65, they are a very reputable, and have did a lot of work for the government agencies throughout the county. Work can begin as early as April. Caudill motioned to approve the recommendation and award the bid, Little seconded; all ayes.

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

* The Airport Board members have worked very close with the administration on the projects that was presented to the council this evening. Our airport is very important to our Economic Development for our entire community.
* The 2019 Strategic Plan meeting with the council and KLC will be Monday, Jan. 28th at 5:30 p.m.
* The Scaffold Cane Trail now has a preliminary route; we have sent the information to the State to acquire the design monies for the project. $141,000 has been requested for the design, once approved we will request additional funding to complete the project.
* The staff is working on their amended budgets; we expect those to be before the committee prior to the Feb. 5th council meeting for review.
* City Hall offices will be closed Monday, the 21st for MLK Day.
* General Fund monies this week are, $854,851; Tourism has $392,883.
* Bids will go out soon; one for the cleaning service at the Utility Bldg., and one for a generator at the Sewer Treatment Plant.
* We met with Bluegrass Ad this week for discussion on the BOCCA Grant; this will be for a social worker in the Police Dept.
* The Public Works Department is completing the annual fall leaf-pick-up, they will be finishing the work in the coming weeks.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Fraley displayed a gavel he will be using to open and close the meetings; it is inscribed with the name of John L. Gay, former mayor from 1910 to 1955. This will be in remembrance of the past and future meetings and members.

Mayor Fraley informed the council and public that there are a few city boards and commissions that do not require council approval; he has re-appointed Chuck Conley and George Wyatt to a 4-year term on the airport board. Allen Livingood to the Human Rights Commission for a 3-year term.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Caudill** - congratulations to all the people who were appointed and/or reappointed to serve on the various board, and commissions. They are an important part of the functions of our city. Welcome to the new council members, and thanks to the presenters this evening.

**Wilson** – thanks to everyone who attended, welcome new council and mayor, and appreciation to all the department heads for their work.

**Terrill** – welcome new council and mayor; he challenged the mayor to not hold such a long meeting at the next one.

**LaDouceur** - publicly thanked the ones who voted for her and for everyone who has made her feel welcome. She proposed a committee be formed to address the cities Code of Ethics. The ” Coalition to end Homelessness” group will be holding a K-Count in Berea on Jan. 30th at 10:30 p.m. to help gain a count of homeless people living in our community. Training to assist with the count will take place at city hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22nd, and Jan. 25th at noon.

**Payne** - thanked all who came out this evening, and thanks to the community for allowing him to serve. To add to the information concerning the “Room in the Inn”, the group will be offering shelter from now through March 15th. Daily intakes will take place at 412 Chestnut St. each evening from 5-p.m.- 6 p.m.

**Rowlette** - thanks to George Wyatt and Chuck Conley for their work on the Airport Board, our airport is very important to our Economic Development. A job fair will be held in the Broadway Bldg. by Accela Technology tomorrow, from 9-4; approximately 400 people will be hired over the next few months. The State of the City address will be held Jan. 31st by Mayor Fraley, please contact the Chamber office for tickets.

Caudill motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., LaDouceur seconded; all ayes.