**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 2 , 2019**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, April 2, 2019; Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**INVOCATION:** Chad Burdette

**PLEDGE:** Cora Jane Wilson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Davis motioned, Caudill seconded to approve the agenda; all ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 19, 2019** Caudill motioned, Little seconded to all ayes.

Mayor Fraley was asked to share his views on business oriented, and public comment during the city council meetings. Any item of business on the agenda, including ordinances, municipal orders and resolutions would be appropriate, along with comments related to services provided by the city. We will allow brief announcements about community events that may be of interest to the council and residents. A municipal order is being prepared that will set out ground rules for our meetings for the council’s consideration.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Bob New, Berea; requested the ad-hoc committee to consult with KLC before the Ethics Ordinance is updated.

**BEREA HUMAN RIGHTS ANNUAL REPORT: MIRIAM PRIDE**

Ms. Pride asked for a moment of remembrance for Dr. Janice Burdette Blythe for her service to the Human Rights Commission from 2013-2019, she was a committed colleague, and will be missed. Ms. Pride quoted the statue creating the commission, siting goals of the commission. Ms. Pride introduced the members of the commission, and their part-time staff member. The commission received three complaints in 2018; one religious, one racial, and one sexual orientation discrimination. Complaints are forwarded directly to the KY Human Rights Commission, which are then considered confidential at that point. One Ethics complaint was received against the commission but dismissed. Education and outreach are a priority of the commission, and continued work on the history of human relations in Berea. A Fair Housing Workshop will be held at City Hall on the evening of April 11th, and on May 9th a seminar will be held on hiring the disabled.

Kim Kobersmith, director of the Berea Leadership Experience, talked briefly about the week-long camp being held June 24th-28th. The camp is for youth to help them deal with conflict resolutions in a healthy and productive way. Classes focus on building inner strength and awareness, with the goal of learning basic skills for transforming conflict. The Human Right Commission has partnered with the Leadership Experience.

Randy Dinsmore, HRC member announced October is National Disability Employment Awareness month; last Oct. 30th, the HRC held its first community forum. The purpose was to bring people with disabilities and businesses together. The HRC will be holding a second forum on Thursday, May 9th at p.m. at city hall. Katie Whaley of the UK Human Development Institute will be the presenter.

**PROCLAMATION – WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH – MAYOR FRALEY**

Mayor Fraley read the proclamation declaring the month of April as World Autism Day in the City of Berea. Representatives from both Berea Community School and Madison Southern High School came to accept the proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY – MAYOR FRALEY**

Mayor Fraley read the proclamation declaring National Service Recognition Day in the City of Berea. Darla Pearson of Berea College Partners in Education accepted the proclamation.

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**OPEN BIDS: FIRE FIGHTING PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

Three bids were received:

1. Vogul Poole Fire - $56,405.00
2. Adam Bales - $57,275.00
3. Hi-Tec Rescue - $68,268.56

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

**CODES ENFORCEMENT NOMINATION/APPOINTMENT – MAYOR FRALEY**

Mayor Fraley asked for approval of the nomination of James Anderson to serve a three-year term on the Codes Enforcement Board. Davis motioned, Little seconded to approve the nomination, all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #04-2019; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBES OWNED BY BEN DAVIS AND BRUCE DAVIS FROM R-1/B-2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/MAYOR BUSINESS) TO B-2 (MAJOR BUSINESS – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Little motioned, Caudill seconded to approve and adopt the ordinance. Rowlette and Davis abstained. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries 6-0 vote.

**ORDINANCE #05-2019; 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 entirety. Caudill motioned, Little seconded to approve and adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote; all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #06-2019; ALCOHOL BEVERAGES BY THE DRINK AT QUALIFIED HISTORIC SITES (LOCAL OPTION ELECTION 10-4-16) – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary.

**ORDINANCE #07-2019; BUDGET AMENDMENT; WALNUT MEADOW PUMP STATION – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary.

**RESOLUTION #06-2019; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ACCEPTING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,000,000.00 FOR THE WALNUT MEADOW PUMP STATION AND SOUTH MIDDLETOWN TRUNK SEWER REROUTING PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution by title. Terrill motioned, Payne seconded to approve the resolution; all ayes.

**RESOLUTION #07-2019; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BLUEGRASS AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR PROVISIONS OF TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY’S CDBG GRANT FOR THE WALNUT MEADOW PUMP STATION AND SOUTH MIDDLETOWN TRUNK SEWER REROUTING PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution by title. Caudill motioned, Wilson seconded to approve the resolution’; all ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ad-Hoc – S. Caudill**

The committee will meet on April 9th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Information will be sent out to the committee members prior to the meeting.

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

The committee will schedule a meeting soon to review the upcoming 2020 budget.

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**Economic Dev. – J. Davis**

The job fair will be held on April 9th, 10am – 3pm at the Berea Church of God on Rash Road.

**Parks – J. Payne**

The committee met on March 28th and discussed grant options, park security, inclusive play elements and future projects. Check the FB page for park activities; the next meeting will be on Thursday, April 25th.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

No report.

**Public Works – J. Little**

The committee met last evening and discussed the following: yellow curbs on Baldwin St., drainage issues on Holly St., guard rail on Dogwood Dr., signs on Miracle St., and the upcoming road salt bid. A resident requested drainage issues on Christmas Ridge be looked at. We need to start looking at ways to bring in revenue for the many street and drainage projects. The committee will hold a special called meeting on April 15th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Cherry Road Drainage Project.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Kevin Howard, Utility Director, recommended accepting the bid from Clay Pipeline in the amount of $174,680.00 for the Hwy 1016 Sewer Extension Project. Little motioned, Terrill seconded approval of the bid award.

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

* Many cities in KY are experiencing lack of funding and lack of Municipal Road-Aid funds to repair their streets; some are starting a process of rating their streets that need the most repair, and ones that can repaired before they deteriorate. This gives them a gage of how much funds they will need to make those repairs in the next five years. We are expecting the gas tax funds this year to be equal to what it was in 2011.
* The Allen Company is connecting the drainage and is making the final utility movements this week on the US25 North Project; they have established the final grade near the Ellipse Street area. Expect long delays while this work is taking place.
* Owsley Fork Damn Project is continuing to advance, we are waiting on the reports to come back from the Army Core of Engineers; we will soon be able to obtain our permits for the construction soon. Design and Geo-technical work will begin this month.
* The new camera and audio system for the council chambers will begin on April 16th.
* The city and BMU met with our engineers last week to review the utility movements along the second phase of the By-Pass. We will leave the water and sewer utility movements in the contract, we will move the utility poles and electric lines. This is a state paid contract.
* We will meet on April 15th to review all the options for the Cherry Road Construction Project.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Fraley recognized State Representative Deanna Frazier who was present this evening.

Rachel Burnside has been appointed to finish the term of Dr. Janice Blythe on the Berea Human Rights Commission.

Hyster-Yale Facility in Berea is expanding! The expansion of the plant on the south east parcel of land on the Menelaus Road side. Constructions is expected to begin in the third quarter of this year. As they continue to grow, they will be adding one hundred and sixty thousand square feet to their facility. Hyster-Yale’s capital investment in our city is significant, and the decision to expand in Berea demonstrates faith in Berea, the plant’s employees and the City of Berea. More information will be shared by the Hyster-Yale team and the Berea Industrial Authority.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS**:

**Caudill;** this is significant news for our city, this shows they have great faith in us and a dedication to our community. Our parks department keeps our facilities in top shape, with over 80 inches since last January, they keep the grounds and fields looking great.

**Wilson;** echo Caudill said, and thanks to all who came.

**Terrill;** citizens may report pot holes to the Public Works Dept., and thanks to all who came

**Little**; Public Works Department is working with the Parks Department in helping make Memorial Park look good again.

**LaDouceur;** congratulations to the owners of Native Bagel who were featured on Mid-Day Kentucky. Congratulations to Rachel Burnside to the appointment to the Human Rights Comm. Everyone is invited to participate in the Victory Garden Blitz that will be held this Saturday. This is a great program to help people grow their own food. Berea artist Laura Poulette sold out at a recent art fair in Lexington, she received a lot of good feed back from the young artist coming out of Berea.

**Payne;** lots of luck to Raymond McKinney, he won a qualifying spot to run in the 123rd Boston Marathon. He finished the Louisville marathon in under 3 hours. His family members are very supportive of him and will be attending and running in Boston before the Marathon, they exemplify Berea Proud and we should support him.

**Rowlette**; thanks to everyone who came out this evening; he is very excited about the new equipment for this room, hopefully more and more folks can watch from a distance.

**Davis;** welcome Rachel Burnside to the HR Commission, she is a fine young lady. Congratulations and thank you to Hyster-Yale for expanding in our community; we have a good work force here. Please remember the businesses on 25 North during the construction.

Ladouceur motioned to adjourn, Caudill seconded to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.; all ayes.