**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 5, 2019**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, March 5, 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

* A council work session was held prior to the business meeting to hear a presentation from the Finance Director, Susan Meeting concerning “Internal Controls”.

**INVOCATION:** H.E. Eades

**PLEDGE:** Mayor Fraley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Little motioned to add AMP Ohio and KYMEA Contracts for discussion. Caudill motioned, Little seconded to approve the agenda; all ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Jim Hamner, Berea; reported he had recently spoke with Tom Moreland concerning the renaming of his street. He expressed his concern of the residents on “NorthFork Drive” not being notified prior the recent name change. He stressed more communication needs to take place within the city departments, he received different information as to why the street name was changed.

Ali Blair, Berea; stated Municipal Order 02-2017 established the policy and procedures for opening the city council meetings with an invocation. It is intended to acknowledge and express the council’s respect for the diversity of religious denominations and faiths represented and practiced among the citizens of Berea. Most invocations given have been Christin prayers. She feels religious prayers have no place at local government meetings. She would prefer no invocations occur but request that all meetings going forward,( if invocations are to incur) would be an invocation offered by an Atheist. She reminded the council that this body has the authority to remove the invocation from the meeting all together. She suggested a moment of silence at the start of the meetings so individuals may center and ready themselves for the session. As an Atheist and a citizen of Berea she asked for the council to please lift concerns about blurred lines between church and state by removing the inocations portion and returning this bodies focus during council meetings on conducting city business.

Eleanor Workman, Berea; she agrees that public meetings should include people of other faiths is appropriate

**CHILDREN’S CHAMPION – PHILLIS ADAMS**

Ms, Adams informed the city council and public that March is “Children’s Champions Month”, she highlighted many of the various activites that will be taking place throughout the county during the month. Niki Stiddon, a student from Kirksville Elementary won this year’s billboard contest. Mayor Fraley read the “Children’s Chanpions Proclamtion and presented it it Ms. Adams.

**BEREA COMMUNITY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION – MAYOR FRALEY**

Mayor Fraley recognized the “Lady Pirates” and their coaches. The girls team won the 11th Region “All A” basketball tournament on Jan. 18, 2019. The mayor presented the team with a proclamation proclaiming, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 as “Berea Community High School Lady Pirates Basketball Team Day” in the City of Berea.

**ORDINANCE #02-2019; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #08-18 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel Gilbert read the ordinance by title and summary. Caudill motioned to approve the ordinance, . Roll call vote, all ayes.

**ORDINANCE #03-2019; REPEALING SECITON 53.001 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel Gilbert read the ordinance in its entirety.

**AMP OHIO AND KYMEA CONTRACTS – J. LITTLE**

Councilman Little requested the city attorney review all contracts with AMP Ohio and KYMEA going forward to certify any and all changes are correct.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Audit & Finance – S. Caudill

No report.

Economic Development – J. Davis

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 14th at 6pm. in the community room of city hall.

Parks – J. Payne