**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2019**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, April 16th; 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. Gilbert, R. Stone, C. Chasteen, D. Gregory, S. Sandlin, S. Meeks, D. Brumley, K. Howard, K. Hensley, A. Haney, D. Brindley

**INVOCATION:** Rev. Kent Gilbert

**PLEDGE:** Shawn Sandlin

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 19, 2019** Caudill motioned, Little seconded to approve the minutes of April 19th; all ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Rev. Kent Gilbert announced the Japanese Sister-City Delegation will be in Berea next week, arriving on Tuesday and departing on Saturday. A welcome reception will be held at Boone Tavern on the evening of their arrival. The “Pickin-on-the-Porch” event will be in Old Town on the Thursday evening, and the farewell dinner will be held at the Folk Center Friday evening.

**PROCLAMATION – OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

Mayor Fraley read the proclamation declaring the month of May as “Older Americans Month”. Lisa Edwards and Shelly Howard of the Berea Senior Citizens Center accepted the proclamation. Jeff Rubin was recognized for authoring a book on the Age Friendly Movement.

**PROCLAMATION – PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK**

Mayor Fraley read the proclamation declaring the week of May 13th as Police Officer Memorial Week. Officers Jake Reed and Jason Varney accepted the proclamation.

**BEREA COLLEGE RESTORATION FORESTRY DAY – WENDY WARREN AND CLINT PATTERSON**

Clint Patterson, Berea College Forester explained the prospect of a “Community Forest” for Berea, it would be a joint effort between the city and college and could help bring tourists to Berea. A large forestry event will be held in Louisville this fall; a tour group will be coming to Berea and it has the potential of becoming an annual event. The horse logging event brought people from miles around with over 300 people attending. Wendy Warren, director of the Outreach Center announced in the first year alone, over 10,000 people visited the center, they were from 45 states and 13 countries. She invited everyone to come out and visit the center and think about a future community resource for everyone in Berea.

**CHEMICAL WEAPONS DISPOSAL PROGRAM UPDATE – CRAIG WILLIAMS, HOST COMMUNITY LIAISON**

Mr. Williams gave a slide presentation updating the council and citizens of the demilitarization/detonation weapon disposal. Scheduled neutralization is slated to begin in June of this year. Operations are scheduled to take approximately 4 years, via 24 hours shifts, 365 days a year. Following the de-mil, approximately 2 years will be devoted to closure of the facility. The BGAD and the CDCAB are examining potential future uses of the site once all of the agents are destroyed.

**ORDINANCE #08-2019; ADOPTING SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER #02-2019; CONDUCT OF LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETINGS**

Caudill motioned, Little seconded to approve and adopt Municipal Order #02-2019; all ayes.

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**CODES ENFORCEMENT APPOINTMENT – MAYOR FRALEY**

Mayor Fraley requested council approval to appoint Tom Schultz to a four-year term on the Codes Board; Caudill motioned, Wilson seconded; all ayes. Terry Bingham is up for re-appointment; Caudill motioned, Davis seconded his re-appointment; all ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ad Hoc – S. Caudill**

The committee will meet May 20th at 6:30 p.m. to review the current Ethics Ordinance.

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

Council members will be receiving a copy of the 19-20 budget soon; a meeting time will be determined for the review.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

This is National Small Business Week, the city and MACED is sponsoring an appreciation event at Boone Tavern on Wednesday evening, May 8th. Two new business opened recently; “Thrive Studio” on N. Broadway, and “Leeds Jewelry” in the old Hotel Building in Old Town. Remember the business on US 25, construction is nearing completion.

**Parks – J. Payne**

The committee met April 25th and received park project updates; the pool is opening May 25th; a future dog park is still in discussion. The next meeting will be May 30th at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

We have hired some new employees; their department heads will introduce them. The committee discussed changing its meeting times; the department heads should be involved in the decision; future meetings will be determined.

**Public Works – J. Little**

The committee met last evening and discussed the following agenda items:

\*Acceptance of new streets in Calico Place; Pauline Drive; Richwood Drive, and Cooper Drive.

\* Bryant’s Crossing; Prudential Way, Berkshire Ave., Bryant’s Trail, and a detention Pond.

Total assets to the city - $1,416,250.00

\*Six streets in Dixie Park will be milled and paved; E. Glades, Glades, N. Powell, Wilson, Scruggs, Brown.

\*The salt bid was accepted from Detroit Salt in the amount of $106.00 per ton for 500 tons.

\*A proposed mountain bike course in the Industrial Park.

Council approved acceptance of the streets to the city’s maintenance plan; all ayes.

Salt bid approved; all ayes.

Next meeting will be June 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Finance Director, Susan Meeks introduced new customer service rep, Emily Reynolds; she began work on Monday, May 6th.

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

* The staff will begin review of the 19-20 Budget tomorrow morning, it will be ready to distribute to the council in a few days.
* We began receiving electricity from AMP Ohio on May 1st as our wholesale power provider.
* We received word from the Army Core of Engineers that we can continue with the design of the Owsley Fork Dam Project, it is scheduled for construction in 2022.
* The Berea Industrial Authority deeded property to Hyster-Yale for their plant expansion; destruction of the homes is expected in June or July. The plant will construct a 160,000 square foot addition to the existing building. This is a great opportunity to keep jobs at the Berea plant.
* The Hwy 1016 Sewer Project is expected to begin in the next two weeks, and the Glades Street galvanized lines will be replaced during the next week.
* We were notified of acceptance to the TAP Grant, for the Ellipse Street path; it will be a connector from US 25 and HWY 595 path. The grant is an 80-20 match through the Transportation Cabinet.

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**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

He, along with Berea College President Roelofs, Derrick Singleton, Dwayne Brumley, Donnie Davidson, Tom Moreland, and Clint Patterson walked the Boone Trace Path. Plans are underway to make it an asphalt trail, so that all citizens can use it. A small parking area will be designed on the Slate Lick end. This trail is expected to be a Tourism draw; to be able to walk the path that Daniel Boone took when he came through Berea.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the forum on “Employment for People with Disabilities” being held on May 9th at 6 p.m. in the basement of city hall, it is being sponsored by the Berea Human Rights Commission.

The Owsley Fork Project will increase our water supply by approximately 50%, we appreciate all the work that has taken this project forward.

Thanks to the Madison County International Committee for their work on making the Japanese Sister-City visitors to feel welcome.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Terrill;** thanks to everybody that attended. The parking lot at Indian Fort is always full now.

**Wilson**; thanks to everybody that attended; thanks to Craig Williams for the update, and thanks for information about the college forestry. She shared a letter she received from a mother expressing gratitude about police officer Jeff Harness for his kindness and compassion during an incident involving her son’s recent overdose.

**Caudill**; the forum being held on Thursday evening is a great opportunity for many businesses in town. Our new sound system will soon have the capability for the hearing impaired. Thanks to all the presentations, there are many great future opportunities for the city and college to help one another. He is looking forward to the Japanese Delegation.

**Little**; thanks to Mr. Stone and Kevin Howard for getting our dam and water level raised, this is very important to Berea.

**LaDouceur;** CASA of Madison County is holdinga golf scrabble on Friday, May 10th at Gibson Bay from noon to 6:30 p.m. On Sat. May 11th 12-4; Community Door mural for kids and adults will be at Gallery 123; Tuesday. May 21st is the primary voting day. Congrats to the new businesses in town. Thanks to the women from “Harvesting Hope” for their visit at city hall today, and congratulations to the Berea College graduates.

**Payne;** thanks to all who spoke this evening, and Craig Williams for advocating for our community, and thanks for the forestry information. Thanks for all the work on our shared use paths, the 25-widening project and the Boone Trace path; all these things are going to be beneficial for the quality of life in Berea. Get out and vote on the 21st!

**Rowlette**; he is excited about the new sound/audio system, it will help our communications with the community for people who can’t attend the meetings. The Madison County Airport held their open house recently, it was a great event. It was announced on Monday that the airport received a grant to provide aviation training; he’s very proud of the work Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Conley do for us.

**Davis**; thanks to the presenters this evening. It is good to see the progress that is being made on the Owsley Fork Dam Project. The Rotary Club will be holding a pancake breakfast at Madison Southern High School on election morning, tickets are $5.

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.; all ayes.

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City Clerk Cheryl Chasteen