**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 6, 2019**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, August 6, 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, A. Haney, K. Howard, P. Bloom, E. Taylor

**INVOCATION:** Larry Freeman

**PLEDGE:** Cora Jane Wilson

* A council work session was held at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed amended Ethics Ordinance with Corporate Counsel.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 16, 2019:** Caudill motioned, Little seconded to approve the minutes of July 16, 2019 and special meetings of July 23rd and 25th; all ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Jacqulyn Bowling, Berea; she attended the Human Rights Commission meeting of the selection of John G. Fee award nominees and winners. In the past all the nominees were announced and who had nominated them. A committee of two decided the winners; it was cut and dry, the nominees should have been announced and properly vetted. An appeal went out for youth nominees, there was one nominee with creditability, but they were not selected because they did not fit the HRC criteria. She recommends that set rules be established that apply to everyone, not just a select few. She hopes there is a greater oversight of this commission regarding their rules, and how they spend their money.

Wayne Richmond; 1035 Burnell Drive; has concerns of a stop sign on Bratcher Lane going on to Phyllis Drive; the resident has allowed weeds and bushes to get over-grown, and drivers cannot see to turn right in oncoming traffic. He requests the city to take action before a child, or someone gets hurt.

Sandy Rowlette, Berea announced the annual Spoon Berea Festival will be held September 20th, 21st, and 22nd this year. Over 200 hundred vendors have applied to reserve a space, but applications are still being accepted, and spots are available. Volunteers are needed to help in all areas of the event, and sponsorship is also needed for the entertainment. Anyone interested can call the Chamber office or go on-line at SpoonBread.com for more information.

**PROCLAMATION; EDUCATE CITIZENS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF E-CIGARETTES**

Mayor Fraley read the proclamation presented by Phillis Adams and David Easton. The proclamation is being signed by both city governments, the county judge-executive, Berea Independent and Madison County Schools Superintendents. She thanked the mayor and council for their support of this proclamation focusing on youth prevention and the dangers of E- Cigarettes.

**PINNACLE TRAIL USERS DATA; HEALTH IMPACT – DR. LOUISA SUMMERS**

Dr. Summers presented the information that was gathered during the survey that included the number of the trail users; how many were biking; how many were running or walking, and how many used the trails daily. It was estimated that we have on an average of 7,784 users walking for an average of 59 minutes, and walked 3.2 miles, 4 days per week. There was a 43% increase in the trail users between 2018 and 2019, mainly due to the connector on Short Line, which also increased the distance runners and riders now have access to. More people are using our trails than ever before, this has a huge health impact in our community. The city should be applauded for having the vision to connect the trails; hopefully going forward we will be a bike friendly community as well.

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**OPEN BIDS: ROOF REPLACEMENT**

One bid was received from Hunter Exterior Services in the amount of $49,998.47. Bid will be referred to the Utility Department for review and recommendation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ad Hoc – S. Caudill**

No Report.

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

The committee will meet Tuesday, Aug. 13th to discuss items for the amended budget.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

The committee met last week; Laura Wick presented an update on the “Moonlight Market”, which will be held this week-end. A new business; “Right-Way Nutrition” opened at 502 Richmond Road. The Air-Shift Workshops will be held Aug. 22-24.

**Parks – J. Payne**

The next meeting will be held on August 29th at 5:30 p.m. The pool will be closing this Sunday, the 11th.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

No Report.

**Public Works – J. Little**

The meeting for Sept. 2nd is cancelled due to the holiday.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Police Chief David Gregory reminded everyone to be patient with the traffic and construction on US25 North; school will be starting Wednesday, Aug. 14th. Officers will be posted at the major intersections to help with traffic and pedestrians crossing the streets.

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

* We received news that we received the TAP Grant; this is an 80/20 grant that will be used toward a shared use path on Ellipse Street.
* The lighting has been installed on the US25 construction project.
* The street re-surfacing bid is out and due back on Friday, August 23rd,we hope to get it approved, and awarded by the first meeting in September.
* A bid for a new fire engine will be going out in the next two weeks.
* The work on the Cherry Road project rights-of-way easements are getting signed; it should be ready to go out for bid soon. There will be an upgrade to the street and sewer line on Chestnut Court. Holly Hill will also have a sewer line upgrade.
* He, and the mayor met with several representatives of our industries regarding a training center. Superintendent David Gilliam has been working with our industries to get this moving forward.
* We have signed an agreement with KLC to review the cities Personnel Policies and Procedures. Once they have prepared the legal language it will go to Corporate Counsel for his approval.
* The city has closed on the property at 103 Meadowlark Drive; nothing is budgeted for this purchase; a budget amendment in the amount of $70,000 will be needed.
* The pool is closing this Sunday; we commend Ms. Bloom and her staff for their work in getting the splash pad up and going for our summer season.
* We received one bid for the upgrade on fields 3 & 4. Vescio Sports Fields total bid was $155,938.10. We would like a recommendation to approve this bid to get the project going. Payne motioned, LaDouceur seconded to approve and accept the bid; all ayes.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Congratulations to David Gregory, effective on August 19th he will be the new City Administrator and will be sworn in next week. The vacancy for the police chief’s position closes on Aug. 7th. Captain Danny Brewer will serve as the intra-Police Chief until a new chief is selected. Dwayne Brumley will be transitioned from Public Works Director, to Project Manager. The General Fund Grant Application is finalized; the application process

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will be open for 10 days. We plan to hold a special called meeting to determine the awards by the end of August.

Mayor Fraley read a certificate of recognition for acknowledgement of Wendy Satterthwaite. She competed in the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico and ranked fastest all time in the 1500-meter and 800-meter events. Satterthwaite was present to accept the recognition.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Terrill –** thanks to all came this evening, its good to see Tom Schultz tonight.

**Wilson –** thanks to everyone for coming and the reports. Good luck to Randy in his retirement. Congratulations to David Gregory and Dwayne in their new adventures.

**Caudill –** congratulations to Wendy, she is an example to all young women in our community, and an inspiration to many. Thanks to Dr. Summers for the information and the actual numbers of the health impact our trails are making in community. The visions by previous council and administrations for connecting our trail systems is now seen as a vibrant part of our community.

**Little –** glad to see Ms. Kerby this evening.

**LaDouceur** – congratulations to Ms. Satterthwaite, she is amazing induvial. Congratulation to David Gregory, and its good to see David Rowlette back this evening. Thanks for the e-cigarette’s proclamation, and thanks for the information presented by Dr. Summers. Her heart is with the families affected by the recent mass shootings; we like to think we don’t have individuals here in Berea who embody the misogynist and racist mentalities that these shooters have, but they are very likely to be here to, if you know of someone that has plans to harm themselves or others, to please report it to someone.

**Payne –** thanks to the Ethics Board and JT for helping in getting the Ethics Ordinance updates prepared. Echo what has already been said. Summer is winding down, he hopes to see people out on the trails, waterways, or out hiking. Get outside while the weather is nice.

**Rowlette –** back in the Spring the mayor announced the “KY Retail Federation” had selected Berea as part of their “Shop our Town” series; they came to town and videoed four unique businesses in town, he encouraged everyone to visit shopourtown.org/Berea. These are tremendous marketing tools to get the word out about our town. He greatly appreciates the support he and his family received during his recent medical issues, thanks for all the calls, cards, text, emails.

**Davis** – its good to have David back; good to see Tom. Thanks to the report presented by Dr. Summers, he was a little skeptical about the trails, but this shows they are working! Congratulations to Ms. Satterthwaite on setting a good example for all of us.

Caudill motioned, Little seconded to adjourn at 7:32 p.m., all ayes.