**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 16, 2019**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, July 16, 2019; Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**ABSENT**: Little, Rowlette, Wilson

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

**INVOCATION:** Jim Davis

**PLEDGE:** John Payne

* A council work session was held at 5:30 to hear a presentation about the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act from the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. Presenters explained the purpose and policies of the act that was created in 1984. Handouts were distributed for the council to review and consider.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Caudill motioned, Davis seconded to approve the agenda. LaDouceur motioned to add “Levitt Amp Video Presentation”, Payne seconded; all ayes to the amended agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 2, 2019:** Minutes approved without any objections; all ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Emerson McAfee, representing the “Kentucky Veteran’s Hall of Fame” announced three candidates from Madison County were nominated to receive this year’s award. Ches Ed Elkins, from Berea, Charles Bracelen Flood, the author from Richmond, and himself. Ches Ed Elkin was chosen, but his health is failing. The announcement will be held in Frankfort on August 6th, then a banquet will be held on September 6th, at 6 p.m., inducting him into the Veterans’ Hall Fame. He would like for the mayor to attend to represent Ches Ed Elkin. There will also be a 100th Birthday celebration for Mr. Elkin at his home on August 22nd, everyone is invited.

**LEVITT AMP MUSIC SERIES PRESENTATION – ALI BLAIR**

Ms. Blair announced the first event will be held this Friday and will run through Oct. 5th. A grant was received for the first event that is an Arts Culture Exchange with Japan, a representative from the Japanese Consul’s General Office in Nashville will be attending. A video was shown highlighting the various artist that will be playing at the Friday evening events.

**PINNACLE TRAIL USERS & TOURIST EXPENDITURES – DR. LOUISA SUMMERS**

Dr. Summers introduced students, Jose Villegas and Jair Jackson. Both students are working with Dr. Summers and participated in a survey of walkers on the trails. The City of Berea became a “Certified Trail Town” in December of 2015. Their research has focused on the health and economic impact on our trails throughout the city. The students surveyed 225 walkers on the Pinnacle Trail this year. Sensor counters and manual counts were used to determine that approximately 48,895 were on the Pinnacle Trails in 2018. Economic results showed that in-state hikers were spending the most money when they visited the Pinnacles; total economic impact indicated that $639,000 was spent in Berea in 2018. Conclusion from the survey indicated 85% of the trail users are non-Berea residents. Tourism should create new opportunities to entice the in-state hikers to dine in Berea. The survey also indicated that many non-residents, knew about, or could get directions to hike to the Pinnacles. Another presentation will be held on Aug. 6th on the health outcomes of their survey.

**JR. FARMERS MARKET – MARTINA LEFORCE**

The “Berea Kids Eat” partnered with “Berea Parks and Rec” and the “Berea Farmers Market” to apply for the “Commit to Health Grant” to create the Berea Junior Farmers Market. Berea was one of ten communities to receive funding from the grant. The purpose of the Jr. Market is to encourage youth entrepreneurship; create great opportunities for vocational exploration, and to help connect community partnerships for local youth. The Jr. Market is held the 4th Saturdays for kids 16 and under to sell their items at the regular Farmers Market.

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Vendor applications are available now to sell produce or handmade crafts, and scholarships are provided for children to participate. 23 vendors will be set up at the next vendors markets. The Tuesday farmers market will be held at Memorial Park from 3-6, and the Saturday market is held from 9-1 at the Chestnut St. Park.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ad Hoc – S. Caudill**

No report.

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

No report.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

No report.

**Parks & Rec. J. Payne**

The committee will be July 25th at 6:30; time change due to another meeting conflict. There is a free Scuba Class being held at the pool on Saturday August 10th at 8:30 a.m.; participants must be 14 years of age or older, call the Parks office to register.

**Public Works - S. Caudill**

Next meeting; Monday August 5th at 5:30 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No reports.

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

* The “First Responder’s Camp” is going on this week; 48 youth are participating in the camp that is being sponsored by both the police and fire departments.
* The annual Crafts Fair was held this past week-end and was very successful with good attendance each day. The Learn Shops also began on August 2nd, registration numbers were up this year. Feedback from the local restaurants and motels have all been positive.
* The water plant is drawing water from Cow Bell & B-Lake in preparation of Owsley Fork project. Each lake takes a different type of treatment.
* The Berea Youth League will hold a ball tournament this week-end, and the “Swing for a Cure” tournament, will be held the last week-end of July.
* Banks Engineering began design work on the Scaffold Cane Trail Project; this is the most needed trail in our city, it will create a much safer walking route for this area.
* In conjunction with Berea College the Brushy Fork Trail work will begin soon.
* The US25 construction is going well; utilities have been moved at the corner of Glades and McDonalds. Arrow Electric is installing the bases for the street lighting; forty-four new lights will be going up soon.
* A council work-session will be held on July 25th with representatives from the Madison County Fiscal Court. Topic for discussion will the Animal Shelter.
* A new covered bus stop shelter will be installed at the corner of the Berea Baptist Church parking lot and the municipal building. We also will look in to installing one near the FAHE parking lot at Oak Street.
* The bridge on Old 25 will be refurbished; start date will be soon, but not definite date of completion. The area will be closed to traffic, residents will have to take an alternative route.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Caudill** – thanks to the police and fire departments for all they are doing during the camp, the kids have a great time and they learn valuable skills. He enjoyed attending the crafts fair and hopes that all the vendors had a very successful week-end. Thanks for work Dr. Summers and the students for their work and of their studies on our walking paths, and thanks to Dr. Hackbert and his class for their attendance and the information they provided.

**Terrill** – thanks to all for coming this evening.

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**LaDouceur** – thanks to all the students who attended this evening and for their presentations. Thanks for the Levitt Amp presentation; students can volunteer during the events; and thanks for the information about the Junior’s Farmer Market, her son will have some art work to sell at one of the markets.

**Payne** – he enjoyed the 4th of July event; thanks to a good job by the Parks Department. He also attended and enjoyed the Crafts fair and is planning on attending the concerts this Friday. He loves seeing great things happening in our community.

**Davis** – thanks to all the presenters this evening, special thanks to Dr. Summers for the information her class gathered; we have a natural resource in the Pinnaces that many people don’t know about. This is a good opportunity for Tourism to advertise about the Pinnacles, and thanks to Berea College for allowing people to use the area. Mr. Rowlette’s health is improving and we hope he is back soon. Condolences to Mr. Little and his family. Happy Birthday to Randy!

Caudill motioned; LaDouceur seconded to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.; all ayes.

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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 Cheryl Chasteen, City Clerk