**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, September 17, 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, J. Little, S. Caudill, C. Wilson, R. Terrill

**ABSENT:** E. LaDouceur

**OFFICIALS:** J. Gilbert, D. Gregory, C. Chasteen, R. Stone, S. Sandlin, S. Meeks, A. Haney, K. Howard, E. Taylor

**INVOCATION:** Cora Jane Wilson

**PLEDGE:** Shawn Sandlin

* A council work session was held at 5:45 with Utilities General Manager, Kevin Howard; Future Utility Infrastructure Improvements.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 3rd and SEPTEMBER 10th, 2019:** Caudill motioned, Davis seconded to approve the minutes of September 3rd, 2019. Caudill motioned, Wilson seconded; Davis requested his full motion of the “Kids Eat” grant request to be included in the September 10th, 2019, (Special Called Meeting); all ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS; PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kathy Bryant, and Arita Morris, group members of the “Flying Needles”, and Pastor Rick Fulton of Glades Christian Church recognized a special member of their church and thanked him for his service to the City of Berea. Retiring City Administrator, Randy Stone was presented with a beautiful hand-made quilt. Mr. Stone came forward to accept and thank them for the quilt; Stone added that the group meets every Saturday morning at the church and have made many, quilts for the homeless, the pregnancy help center, and anyone they know in need.

Jacqueline Bowling, Berea; announced a group will be at the Madison County Library collecting signatures for the tax petition tomorrow from 9 am-noon.

Ethan Connelly, Berea; he distributed and read a letter he prepared to the mayor and council citing a complaint of the January 7, 2019 Audit & Finance Committee referencing Municipal Order #01-2019. He requested a copy of his letter to be made part of the minutes.

**PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK**

Mayor Fraley read the proclaiming September 17-23-2019 at Constitution Week.

**BID OPENING – TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT – UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

One bid was received from W.A. Kendall & Company; $465.00 per unit.

Bid will be referred to the Utility Department for review and referral.

**ORDINANCE #12-2019; AND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #09-19 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – 2ND READING.**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance by title and summary. Roll call vote all ayes. Ordinance approved and adopted.

**ORDINANCE #13-2019; ZONE CHANGE FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURE) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY) 1035 PEGGY FLATS ROAD – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ad Hoc – S. Caudill**

No report.

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

No report.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

No report.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

No report.

**Parks – J. Payne**

Next meeting; September 26th at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Works – J. Little**

Next meeting; September 30th, at 5:30 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No reports.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT; D. GREGORY**

* We have received word that the US25 Project is expected to be completed by October 1st.
* The bridge replacement on Old US25 should be completed by the end of September.
* Residents should have received a notice from Waste Connections, the new residential garbage company to change their account information.
* The annual CSEPP exercise will be held tomorrow.
* The Spoonbread Festival is this week-end, the 5K race and parade will be Saturday, Jefferson Street will be closed from the Folk Center to the corner of North Broadway.
* Berea Community School and Madison Southern’s Homecoming parades will be held next Thursday, the 26th at 4pm and 6pm.
* He, Mayor Fraley, and representative of the police department attended an Opioid Conference Monday.
* The brick restoration work is continuing this week.
* Property tax cards will be mailed Sept. 23rd.; on-line payments will be available.
* Youth fall softball and baseball leagues will begin on Monday, Sept. 23rd.
* This is week two of the Citizens Police Academy.
* Our new drug dog “Leo” and his handler received his certification today as a patrol dog.
* Brush pick-up is this week.
* Our lakes are currently at their lowest levels that we have had for the past two years, if the dry weather continues, we could be considering a water shortage advisory. We are asking our customers to voluntarily conserve their water usage.
* The roof replacement work at the Utility Building is underway.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Fraley read the names of the C.C. Hensley’s “Red Tie” award recipients; all are or were citizens of our city who played major roles in making our city what it is today, as community leaders. Their service went above, and beyond the call of duty. The last time a “Red Tie” was awarded was in 2005. Randy Stone has served the city with 22 years as our city administrator, plus served as a city council member, and served on the Planning & Zoning Board. Randy has dedicated his life to making Berea a better place for all of us and has made a significant positive and lasting impact on our city.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Payne** – thanks to Randy for all his years of service. There will be a celebration for Joyce Henderson this week, she is now 94 years old and will be leaving Berea to be closer to family**.**

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**Rowlette –** he invited everyone to come to the Spoonbread Festival this week-end, the Balloon Glow will be held Friday evening on the lawn at the school. The pageant was held this past Sunday. Thanks to our sponsors, and thanks to the city for all the help. Volunteers are still needed.

**Davis** – congratulations to Randy, he hopes he enjoys his retirement. He encouraged everyone to attend the festival.

**Little** – thanks to Randy for his service and dedication to our city. Everyone have a good Spoonbread week-end!

**Caudill** – he is looking forward to the Spoonbread Festival, he will be serving Spoonbread on Sunday; thanks to all for the work to make it happen. Congratulations to Randy; thanks for his friendship and service to our city. The city would not be in the good shape it is, if it had not been for him.

**Wilson** – thanks to all who came this evening, please support the festival this week-end; thanks Randy for what all he has done for the city.

**Terrill** – agrees with everything that has already been said. He will be by to visit Randy just so he can argue with him.

**ADJOURN:**

Caudill motioned, Davis seconded at adjourn.