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

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, December 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, E. LaDouceur, J. Little, S. Caudill, R. Terrill

**ABSENT:** C. Wilson

**OFFICIALS:** J. Gilbert, D. Gregory, C. Chasteen, S. Meeks, S. Sandlin, A. Haney, K. Howard, P. Bloom

**INVOCATION:** Jim Davis

**PLEDGE:** Cheryl Chasteen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve by: Little

Seconded by: Davis

Motion to amend by adding Budget Overage Acknowledgement by; Caudill

Seconded by: Little

Vote to amend the agenda: All ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 3, 2019**

Motion to approve by: Little

Seconded by: Rowlette

Vote: All ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BUDGET OVERAGE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: S. CAUDILL**

Caudill motioned to increase line item 1000-54500 - Building and Grounds R&M from $40,000 to $60,000; Little seconded. All ayes. This does not change the bottom-line fund amount/bottom-line total.

**MADISON COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE – BEREA OFFICE; COUNTY CLERK KENNY BARGER**

County Clerk Kenny Barger thanked the mayor and council for allowing them to have an office in Berea to serve the citizens of southern Madison County. Their mission is to become the most cost effective and customer focused office in the state of KY. Any vehicle licenses and marriage licenses can be obtained in Berea as well as in the Richmond office. They are open Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm, and they do not close at lunch. More information of their services is on the web-site.

**SWING FOR A CURE UPDATE: TOM HOWSER**

Mr. Howser thanked the mayor and city council for their continued support of their program. Linda Ross distributed information for the 2018-2019 year. Total donations to the Markey Cancer Foundation, The American Cancer Society, the Berea Youth League and the Matt Ross Fund was $27,000.00. Dates for the 2020 Tournament will be July 25th & 26th, 2020.

**RESOLUTION #14-2019; A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE BLUEGRASS AND CENTRAL KENTUCKY UNIFIED POLICE PROTECTION SYSTEM (BACKUPPS) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entirety. Motioned by Caudill to approve; seconded by Terrill; all ayes. Police Chief Eric Scott presented information about the program to the council and citizens. The agreement is to establish a central Kentucky regional cooperative law enforcement system and to provide inter-jurisdictional powers to peace officers employed by the partied to the agreement.

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**ORDINANCE #16-2019; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 103 MEADOWLARD DRIVE, BEREA, KENTUCKY, TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING IT TO BE SOLD – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety. Motioned by Terrill to approve, seconded by Payne. Roll call vote; all ayes. Ordinance adopted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ad Hoc – S. Caudill**

No report.

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

No report.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

Next meeting will be Jan. 6th at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

No report.

**Parks – J. Payne**

No meeting in December;

**Public Works – J. Little**

Next meeting will be Jan. 6th at 5:30 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No reports.

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

* We have a water-main break on Forest Street on Sunday night; the crews were able to make a quick repair.
* The city experienced an electrical outage on Monday morning due to car hitting a pole at the intersection of Chestnut and Bartlett Court.
* The areas of US25 North and Meadowlark experienced a power outage due to a squirrel.
* Due to excessive rains we have received, please do not rake your leaves out in the streets, please bag them in the biodegradable bags or keep them behind the curb.
* The student cross-walk on Chestnut Street will be upgraded with lighting in the street. Construction will begin soon.
* Three proposals were received and opened by mayor in the presence of the city administrator and the city clerk for Geo-Technical exploration and construction inspection for the multi-use pavilion for the farmers market:

1. L. E. Gregg - $4,944.00
2. ATC - $4,500.00
3. Thoroughbred Engineering - $4,225.00

Proposals will be reviewed with our architectural firm and the council will be updated later.

* City Hall will be closed December 24th and 25th, and December 31st, and January 1st for the holidays.
* RFP’s are advertised for the city’s insurance brokerage service; submittals are due January 13th, 2020.
* The State will be drilling on the sides of the road for the Scaffold Cane Project in the upcoming weeks.
* The contract for the Ellipse Street Shared Use Path paperwork has been signed and submitted to the State for approval.
* There will not be garbage service on Christmas Day only, all other days on are on regular service.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

Thanks to the Kentucky League of Cites for the work and presentation on the cities Strategic Plan. The information distributed this evening will be on the cities web-site. They did a great job.

Rachel Burnside has been appointed to a three-year term on the Human Rights Commission.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Davis** – a new business has opened on Scaffold Cane; the KY Mountain Deli; please patronize them. Merry Christmas to everyone!

**Rowlette** – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; thanks to all our employees for their dedication and hard work throughout the year!

**Payne –** thanks to Davis and Chamber of Commerce for the wonderful Christmas Parade; the weather was wonderful, it was great seeing everyone there. Thanks to the public for allowing him to serve on the city council these past twelve months. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!

**LaDouceur –** thanks to KLC; thanks to the Swing for Cure folks; commends to Chief Scott for some of the reconstruction in the Police Department to create avenues for advancement. Happy and safe holidays to everyone!

**Little** – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

**Terrill** - thanks to all who came out this evening; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Appreciation goes to all our employees especially the ones in our Public Works and Utility Departments who must work out in the inclement weather.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

LaDouceur motioned to adjourn at 7:21 p.m., Little seconded. All ayes.

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk, Cheryl Chasteen