**BEREA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2019**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, December 3, 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. Gilbert, D. Gregory, C. Chasteen, S. Meeks, S. Sandlin, A. Haney, K. Howard, P. Bloom

* A council work session was held at 5:45 p.m. with Joshua Bills, Chairman of the Utility Advisory Board. He presented their annual report; the board was instrumental in starting our solar farm. The board focus its attention on developing broad policy recommendations. The board meets at 8 a.m., the fourth Tuesday of the month, and are open to the public.

**INVOCATION:** Chad Burdette

**PLEDGE:** Amanda Haney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve by: Caudill

Seconded by: Little

Vote: All ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 1, 2019 (SPECIAL CALLED MEETING & NOVEMBER 19, 2019 (REGULAR MEETING) & NOVEMBER 26, 2019 (SPECIAL CALLED MEETING)**

Motion to approve all by; Davis

Seconded by: Caudill

Vote: All ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS; PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ellie Workman thanked everyone that played a part in hosting the Community Thanksgiving Dinner that was held at the Folk Center; it was a very nice thing for our community.

**RESOLUTION #12-2019; A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $279,950 FOR THE ELLIPSE STREET SHARED USE PATH PROJECT**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entirety.

Motion to approve by; LaDouceur

Seconded by; Payne

Vote: All ayes.

**RESOLUTION #13-2019; A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, THE MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT, TO ASSIST IN THE PROCUREMENT OF FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW T-HANGAR AT THE MADISON COUNTY AIRPORT.**

Corporate Counsel read the resolution in its entirety. An Inter-Local Agreement will be signed by the three governing bodies and the Chairman of the Madison County Airport Board. Airport Board representative, George Wyatt stated the expected revenue will go towards repaying the loan once approved. The airport has been a very important economic driver for both Berea and Richmond since it opened in 1979.

Motion to approve by; Davis

Seconded by; Wilson

Vote: All ayes with LaDouceur voting no.

**ORDINANCE #16-2019; SURPLUS PROPERTY AUTHORIZING IT TO BE SOLD – 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel read the ordinance in its entirety. Terrill and Little asked to include a reserve amount of $70,000 in Section 1.

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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**

No report.

**Public Works – J. Little**

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

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Utility Operations Director, Kevin Howard gave a brief summary of the Owsley Fork Reservoir Project. The project is moving forward; the original design was expected to have been completed in mid-summer of 2020, but due to a new standard set in place by NRCS, we are anticipating an extension to complete the design. Our engineers have prepared and sent in two draft alternatives to meet the required design. We do anticipate a slight increase for the changes. The design will raise the height of the damn, which will raise our water level by six and half feet, bringing us up to approximately one billion gallons of water. A work session will be held with the council before the final design in determined.

Mayor Fraley announced Donna Angel has been selected as out new Business Development Director. Ms. Angel thanked the mayor and council for being selected for this position; with her background experience in the finance world, she feels she is a good fit for the job. She has met many people in and around town, including many business people who have ideas for Berea. She is excited about the potential our city has going forward.

Mayor Fraley announced Robin Adams, Codes Administrative Assistant was selected to fill the position of City Clerk, she will begin training with the current city clerk, Cheryl Chasteen. Ms. Adams thanked the mayor and council for the opportunity; she has been employed with the city for nine years. She is hoping to have an easy transition into the position.

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

* The resolution passed this evening for the Ellipse Street Shared Use Path will be from Hwy 595 end to Laurel Drive. The city will complete the remainder section later. The grant from the state will provide 80% of the funding with the city picking up the remaining balance. The design phase is nearly complete; construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2020.
* The Publics Works Department is continuing the fall leaf clean-up; residents please do not rake your leaves out into the street, be mindful of leaves going into the storm drains.
* Within a 24-hour time period last Friday, we received 3.8 inches of rain; our lakes are full at this time. Drainage issues in areas of town that experience high volumes of water have been improved but we will continue to monitor all our storm water systems. We did have some man-hole overflows during the excessive rain event; those have been reported to the Division of Water.
* We had a circuit breaker issue at our substation last Friday which affected the areas of Lorraine Court, Center Street, Estill Street, VanWinkle Grove and parts of Berea College. The electric crews were able back feed the areas from different breakers nearby to get everything restored.
* Sewer replacement projects will begin in the Holly Hill, Bluebird Avenue and the South Middletown Trunk areas; our flow-monitoring has identified these areas as much needed upgrades.

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**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

He, and Lucas Witt (from Fortune Solutions), traveled to the Economic Development Cabinet in Frankfort yesterday. They meet with fifteen of their project managers and their Leadership team to tell them about Berea; we hope to gain more interest in our city for future Economic Development Projects. We are continuing to visit with our local industries. Last week we visited Middletown Metal Works, they currently employed 100 people. Today, we visited KI USA; they currently have 198 employees.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Davis** – welcome to Donna and Robin in their new positions. Members of the Madison Southern ROTC worked removing trash along the roadside on 25 North, across the By-Pass and Opossum Kingdom Road, last week.

**Rowlette** – he invited everyone to come out to the 34th Annual Christmas Parade, this Saturday at 6 p.m. Applauds to the Airport Board as a partner for the improvements being planned; the airport is critical to our future success in Industrial Development and for our Economic Development.

**Payne** – echo the sentiments already said; he hopes to see a big crowd at our parade. Thanks to members in our community to helped with the clean-up near the Stephenson Walking Trail after the big rain event.

**LaDouceur** – welcome to Donna and Robin, they both did very well in their interviews; she is excited to have both these qualified women in our organization. The Community Thanksgiving event was a huge success, thanks to all who came together to make it happen.

**Caudill** – local artist Cynthia Main of Sunhouse Crafts was recently recognized in the magazine “Garden & Gun”, this is really a big deal. The magazine recognizes business people, chef’s, and artist across the South. Many people who like to travel follow this publication and their web-site; this should bring people to Berea. Congratulations to her for the recognition! Everyone come out to the parade, it’s a wonderful time!

**Wilson** – thanks to everyone who came tonight; congratulations to Donna and Robin! Everyone come to the parade!

**Terrill** – thanks to all who came this evening.

Motion to adjourn by: Caudill

Seconded by Terrill

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk, Cheryl Chasteen