**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_ REGULAR MEETING \_ JANUARY 7, 2020**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, January 7, 2020; 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

**ABSENT**: R. Terrill

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

**INVOCATION:** Tod Miracle

**PLEDGE:** Randy Hensley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve by: Caudill

Seconded by: Little

Vote: All ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES; DECEMBER 17, 2019**

Motion to approve by: Caudill

Seconded by: Rowlette

Vote: All Ayes.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS; PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jacqueline Bowling, Berea requested an up-date from the Ad Hoc Committee; has any progress been made?

**PROCLAMATION: CLUB ARENA SKATING RINK**

Mayor Fraley read the proclamation honoring founders Charlie and Polly Wyatt. George, wife Doris, and brother Terry Wyatt came to accept the proclamation. George thanked the mayor for the proclamation. The skating rink opening in 1960 and is now managed by George and Doris. January 2020 recognizes 60 years of continuous operation in the City of Berea. George gave some brief history of how the skating rink was established. In the early 1930’s, Charlie was living in Chicago and working for Western Union; when messaged came in to Chicago that needed to go to California, Charlie had one minute to skate down the hallway to the get the message delivered. After WWII when he came back to Berea, Charlie opened the Masonry Building supply business, but he had always had the idea to open a skating rink to supplement their income. Skating rinks were controversial in the 1950’s but he was friends with the then, Mayor C.C. Hensley and other business founders in town. Mayor Hensley convinced the city to approve the businesses. Four generations of their family have worked at the skating rink, and their families have hosted many church groups, birthday parties and events over the year’s. They are very proud of what their dad established 60 years ago and hope to continue the business for many year’s forward.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ad Hoc – S. Caudill**

The committee had previously discussed updating the current Ethic’s Ordinance; the Ethics Board will address any changes and bring it to the council.

**Audit & Finance – S. Caudill**

There will be 5:30 p.m. work session prior to the Feb. 4th city council meeting to discuss the 19-20 Amended Budget.

**Economic Development – J. Davis**

The committee will meet Monday, Jan. 13th at 5:30 p.m. at city hall in the community room.

**Personnel – C. Wilson**

No report.

**Parks – J. Payne**

Next meeting will be Thursday Jan. 30th at 5:30 p.m.; there are several programs going on right now; please visit the Parks & Rec web-site for more info.

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**Public Works – J. Little**

The committee met last evening, items discussed were: replacement of apron in front of the Folk Center; MS4 Program – drainage; snow removal; guard rails on North and South Dogwood; turn lane on Ellipse St; walking trail on Hwy 595 to US 25. Next meeting; Feb. 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

No reports.

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

* The RFP for the city’s insurance is out; due back in Jan. 13th.
* The property located at 103 Meadow Lark is advertised for sale. The bid package is on the city’s web-site and in the city clerk’s office. People can call for appointment to view the property. Bids are due in by Feb. 10th at 10 a.m.
* Work is continuing on this building, and should be finished soon.
* Staff is working on finalizing their amended budgets, after the work session on Feb. 4th, we will begin working on the 20-21 departmental budgets. We would like to hear from the council to determine what priorities and goals they might have for the coming year.
* City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, Jan 20th.
* The Public Works Department is continuing the leaf pick-up and they are working with the Department of Fish & Wildlife for the Christmas tree pick-up through Jan. 17th.
* The Utility Department has an RFP out for the Walnut Meadow Pump Station; due in Feb. 4th.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

The Parks Department will have a new business opening at the old concession stand in the park; Yeti-Freeze will be opening in early April and will be open three days a week through Oct.

Guided hikes are taking place at the Pinnacles every Saturday; leaving from the Forestry Center parking lot at 1 p.m.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Wilson** - she grew up going to the skating rink and she loved it. Happy New Year; be blessed this year!

**LaDouceur** – Happy New Year, and congratulations to another new business opening on North Broadway, Village Life Boutique & Gifts, formally Berea Soaps; they will hold a grand opening soon.

**Payne** – Echo what Emily said, please support our local business; congratulations to the Wyatt’s for 60 years at the skating rink. Looking forward to the many projects for 2020 for our beautiful city.

**Rowlette –** appreciation to the mayor for the “State of the City Address” which will be held at noon on Jan. 31st at Churchill’s.

**Davis –** congratulations to the Wyatt’s for their 60 years of business and success.

**Adjournment:**

Payne motioned, Wilson seconded to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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