**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_ \_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_ \_\_ March 3, 2020**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**: Jim Davis, David Rowlette, John Payne, Emily LaDouceur, Jerry Little,

Steve Caudill, Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**OFFICIALS:** Jerry Gilbert, David Gregory, Robin Adams, Susan Meeks, Shawn Sandlin,

Priscilla Bloom, Kevin Howard, Kerri Hensley, Donna Angel, Daniel Brindley, Amanda Haney

**INVOCATION:** Ken Felty

**PLEDGE:** Shawn Sandlin

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**:

Davis motioned; Rowlette seconded to approve agenda.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

Caudill motioned; Rowlette seconded to approve minutes as presented.

Vote: All ayes

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments

**PROCLAMATION - CHILDREN’S CHAMPIONS OF MADISON COUNTY; PHILLIS ADAMS**

Mayor Fraley proclaimed March 2020 to be Children’s Champion of Madison County month in Berea, by presenting a proclamation to project chair Phillis Adams, fifth grader Lela Bowman, and Berea Community Elementary School teacher Tina Williams. Bowman’s artwork was the winner of the organization’s annual contest to raise awareness of children’s issues and will be on display on billboards in the county.

Adams thanked City Council for helping to promote positive activities for children. Many activities were planned for the Month of March. A list of activities was provided upon request.

Adams also thanked adults in the community for promoting safety and positive experiences for our children and law enforcement for protecting our children.

**CHEMICAL WEAPONS DISPOSAL PROGRAM UPDATE; CRAIG WILLIAMS**

Williams presented a slide presentation discussing updates regarding the disposal program.

Static Detonation Chamber (explosive destruction technology) and Neutralization followed by SCWO (Super Critical Water Oxidation) are the two technologies being used for demilitarization.

The beginning operational phase began on May 29, 2019 at a ribbon cutting ceremony, in Richmond, KY, which included dignitaries in attendance from Congress, the Pentagon, and Governor Bevin.

As of February 14, 2020, 18.6 tons or 3.56% of the stockpile had been destroyed. Operations were scheduled to be completed by December 2023.

As of February 14, 2020, expenditures/personnel, $182 million had been spent with Kentucky companies, $107 million had been spent in Madison and surrounding counties, and current employment staffing in Richmond, KY, is at 1,278.

As the mission completion approaches, the potential departure of more than 1500 workers will influence Regional Tax Revenues. An Economic Impact Working Group had been collaborated within the Governor’s Commission to plan for the economic future post de-materialization with continued support from Senator’s M. McConnell, R. Paul, and Representative Barr.

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During the closure phase, agent contaminated areas will be removed. Any future reuse of other areas will be decided upon by the BGAD Command, Army Secretary and the Kentucky Governor, provided compliance with applicable all laws and regulations are followed.

Additional efforts, regarding the future, networking is taking place with the Defense Department’s Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) in which is the department’s primary source for assisting communities/regions that are adversely impacted by Defense program changes. Their role in helping communities/regions plan and execute ways to navigate the outcomes of mission changes involve all arms of its technical assistance programs.

**BEREA COLLEGE 2020 UPDATES - LYLE ROELOFS**

Roelofs continued to believe, along with Mayor Fraley, more synergies were possible in working between the City and Berea College.

In June of 2019 he discussed the new joint trail project on the south bank of Brushy Fork Creek. The trail/pathway is now clear and enjoyable. The next steps are for the City to gravel the trail and in approximately one year pave the trail.

He appreciated the City for gearing up for a walking/riding trail along Scaffold Cane Road which will greatly improve the safety for pedestrians in that area. Also, for support for the corner of Jefferson & Ellipse streets, an area that is important for the safety of children getting to school.

A little further from City Limits, Berea College, had a hydro project plan in process, expected to begin in the summer of 2020. They will be the first college/university to build a hydro-electric project. At one point the Kentucky River had 14 navigable dams and locks in which all are now closed with the exception of the four nearest to the Ohio River. Working with a team of engineers skilled at hydro projects, they have a project at lock 12 on the Kentucky River, near the town of Revenna, KY. Lock 12 had been abandoned and they will be putting in five large turbines and hydro-electric generators. Most of the flow of the Kentucky River will pass through the generators, each producing 750 kilowatts of energy flowing into and sold to the Jackson Rural Electric Cooperative. In turn, it will be a resource of revenue for the college. This amount of power is approximately half of the amount used on the college campus. Although replacing half of electricity on campus, the college will continue to purchase electricity from Berea Municipal Utilities. This kind of use of resources allows for economic development in the area by providing jobs and providing renewable energy in Kentucky. If this project works as planned, they will continue to Lock 14 near Beattyville. These are good deals financially, projecting rates of return on their investment of $8 million in the endowment of what they would expect, and a win-win by producing renewable energy and creating an investment.

The Berea College Women’s Basketball won the weekend tournament and will continue to the NCAA, Division 3, Basketball Tournament in Holland, MI. Presuming a win, they will continue to the Sweet 16. Two more wins would get them to the Final 4 in Columbus, OH. Watch for livestream information and root for the Berea College Women Mountaineers.

Caudill asked about Berea College’s carbon footprint regarding the hydro-electric projects. Roelofs stated that together with the college forest, the two projects will make them virtually carbon neutral.

**STREET ACCEPTANCE INTO CITY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

**NORTH FORK DRIVE, STONEY CREEK SUBDIVISION; PUBLIC WORKS**

Jerry Little, Public Works Committee, reviewed a request to accept North Fork Drive, Lots 7 & 8, Tract 1, Unit 1, Block 1, Stoney Creek Subdivision, into the City’s Maintenance Program.

The Codes Department had inspected the final punch list items for the street acceptance. All items had been met.

At a price of $250 per linear ft. to figure the asset to the city, the total would be $522,000.

On behalf of the Public Works Committee, Little motioned to recommend City Council approval to accept North Fork Drive into City Maintenance Program.

City Council Vote: All ayes

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**OPEN BIDS - HOLLY HILL SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT; UTILITY DEPT.**

Kevin Howard, Utility Department Director, stated bids for this project, as advertised, were only accepted from certified plan owners.

Mayor Fraley opened bids. Five bids received.

1. Lagco, Inc. Lexington, KY Received 3/3/20

Total Base Bid - $44,337

1. Potter Excavating / Bruce Potter Paint Lick, KY Received 3/3/20

Total Base Bid - $32,700

1. Buchanan Contracting Inc. Winchester, KY Received 3/3/20

Total Base Bid - $64,000

1. Gooch Construction Inc. Nicholasville, KY Received 3/2/20

Total Base Bid - $57,480

1. Triple B Construction Ashland, KY Received 3/3/20

Total Base Bid - $75,838.04

Bids referred to Kevin Howard, Utility Department Director, for review and recommendation.

**RESOLUTION #01-2020**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL ROAD AID COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AND MUNICIPAL AID IN THE AMOUNT OF $280,955.94 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RESCONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIAN ROADS AND BRIDGES.**

Corporate Council, Gilbert, read and summarized the resolution by title.

Gregory stated the Resolution was an agreement with the state for municipal road aid. The City would be contributing to a portion of the agreement for emergency funding. Would there happen to be any major infrastructure, i.e. collapsed bridges, etc., the City could complete a form to request funding from the state for repairs.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded to approve and adopt Resolution #01-2020.

Vote: All ayes.

**ORDINANCE #07-20 1ST READING**

**SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 103 MEADOWLARK DRIVE**

Corporate Counsel read ordinance in its entirety.

**ORDINANCE #06-20 2nd READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 34.206 TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES, REVISING SECTION 34.301 TO DELETE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE AND REMOVE THE FEE IN LIEU SYSTEM FOR DEVELOPERS, AND REVISING SECTION 34.302 TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS WHICH ARE PART OF A COMMON PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT.**

Corporate Council, Gilbert, read and summarized ordinance by title.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #06-20.

Vote: All ayes.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Audit & Finance - S. Caudill**

Regarding the Council Work Session, prior to the Council meeting, thanked administration for putting together a budget presentation and felt it was the best step in moving forward to begin looking at the budget. Also thanked Tourism Commission for attending the work session and taking part in the conversation.

**Economic Development - J. Davis**

Thursday, February 27th, he, Mayor Fraley, and D. Angel attended a Co-opa Palooza in Frankfort, hosted by Touchstone Energy Cooperative. It was an Economic Development day in which they all came away with positive ideas to help the city.

Central Kentucky Job Fair will be April 9th, 10am - 3pm, at Farristown School.

**Personnel - C. Wilson**

No report.

**Parks - J. Payne**

Parks was accepting applications for concessions and lifeguards.

Working on improvements for the Folk Center.

Upcoming events include:

Madison County Special Olympics/Special Needs Dance scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, 6pm, Folk Center.

Kent Family Circus, Saturday, March 14th, 3pm - 5pm, Folk Center.

Hands-On Workshops, April 17-19, more information available on the website.

**Public Works - J. Little**

No report.

Next Public Works meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6th, 5:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

No Reports

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT - DAVID GREGORY**

* Thanked Staff and City Council for attending the planning session prior to the City Council Mtg.

Looking forward to future meetings, goals, examining strategic plans, etc.

* Wednesday, March 4th, a budget meeting was scheduled with staff.
* Continuing to work with Banks Engineering on the Ellipse Street shared use path.
* The State will soon be working on the rights-of-way acquisitions.
* The Scaffold Cane Road shared use path remains in the design phase.
* Still waiting on the Richmond Road punch list; plans were to get accepted in the spring.
* After soliciting requests for Professional Services Proposals for insurance brokers, reviewing proposals, and constructed interviews, the City of Berea had selected the following brokers for Professional Services Requests and will begin the negotiating process:
* Property & Casualty Brokerage Service Reynolds Insurance Agency
* Workers Compensation Brokerage Service Linville Insurance Agency
* Employee Benefits Brokerage Service Benefit Insurance Marketing Group

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

* The Kentucky Office of Rural Health was hosting a statewide emergency medical services listening tour through March. They will be visiting communities across the state of Kentucky to gauge the current state of rural EMS services. They will be in Berea on March 10th, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, at Boone Tavern Hotel.

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* Gene Stinchcomb was reappointed to a 3 year term on the Berea Human Rights Commission, effective February 24, 2020.
* The week of February 24th was National FFA Week. The FFA students from Madison Southern High School visited City Hall and Mayor Fraley signed a proclamation for National FFA Week. He appreciated the work they do and the future of farming and agriculture in our area was well represented by those students.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Davis** thanked Lyle Roelofs and Craig Williams for their updates on Berea College and the Army Depot. Thanked City Administrator, Gregory, for a productive Work Session and the insurance proposal process. Glad to see insurance purchased through local agencies.

**Rowlette** appreciated the informative Work Session and enjoyed the participation of the attending Tourism Commissioners.

From the previous night’s Public Works meeting, glad to see the idea implemented of putting the City Council Meeting agenda on the overhead screen and the website updates.

Complimented the decision to work with local insurance providers and will certainly help the business community.

**Payne** thanked City Administrator for setting up Work Session, very informative and helpful.

Thanked Phillis Adams, Craig Williams, and President Roelofs for speaking to the City Council.

The mailers for the National Census will begin going out between March 12th and March 20th. It is extremely important that the Census be completed. The Census determines the number of representatives for Kentucky and helps greatly in the amount of money allocated from the Federal Government to the State Government which in turn leads to funding for local government.

Asked for an update on a request for a Confirmation Letter for scheduling of invocations. Mayor Fraley stated the Invocation Committee will follow up with Payne on the request.

**LaDouceur** thanked everyone for coming and the presentations.

Friday she would be ‘fake arrested’ as part of a fund raiser for Hope Swings Domestic Violence Program, servicing Madison County, and challenged colleagues to help with bail and support the cause.

April 29th, she is hosting an Expungement Job Fair at the Russel Acton Folk Center, 10am – 2pm. A collaborative effort of herself, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Zinnia Hensley (COB Social Services Coordinator), and ApplRed Legal Aid which will be providing several ancillary services to the public.

**Little**  No comment.

**Caudill** echoed previous comments. Thanked Phillis Adams and congratulated Lela Bowman on winning the annual awareness contest. It was exciting to see local students’ participation and success.

Thanked Dr. Roelofs for Berea College updates. Enjoy hearing opportunities of Berea College and the City of Berea working together. Congratulations to Berea College on the hydro-electric project.

The Work Session was a good opportunity to begin moving forward on the budget with decisions to make.

The City of Berea has had and continues to have strong business employers, i.e. industrial and small business partners, over the past several years. Reality is that inflation is an economic guarantee. The City will collectively need to look at priorities and goals in moving forward.

**Wilson** thanked everyone for coming. Echoed colleagues’ comments.

**Terrill** agreed with Wilson’s comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Terrill seconded to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

All ayes.

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Mayor Bruce Fraley \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk