**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_ SPECIAL CALLED MEETING \_\_ \_\_\_NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

The Berea City Council met in a special called meeting via videoconference, Tuesday, November 10, 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 PRESENT:** Jerry Gilbert, David Gregory, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Eric Scott,

 Donna Angel, Susan Meeks, Kevin Howard, Priscilla Bloom

**VISITORS PRESENT:** None

**INVOCATION:** Steve Caudill

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Steve Caudill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve agenda.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 20, 2020**

Rowlette motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS -** D. Gregory

None

**ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION -** D. Gregory

Gregory stated after consultation with staff and as the lowest bidder, G.T. Construction, was recommended for the City’s electrical and plumbing contractor, with bid amounts as follows:

**G.T. Construction** **Electric** **Plumbing**

Gary Cheeks, owner Master $54.00 / hr. $55.00 / hr.

Paint Lick Road Journeyman $38.50 / hr. $37.50 / hr.

Berea, KY Labor $33.00 / hr. $33.00 / hr.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve recommendation of G.T. Construction as the electrical and plumbing contractor for the City of Berea.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

**ORDINANCE #18-20 RULES & REGULATIONS FOR OPEN RECORDS – 2nd READING**

Having been subject to a previous Work Session, Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #18-20 by summary.

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #18-20.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

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**BUDGET AMENDMENT DISCUSSION -** D. Gregory

As there were a lot of budget uncertainties for FY 21 due to the effects of COVID-19 during FY 20 and unaware of federal assistance, estimates for beginning fund balances were low.

After review and examining finances, the following budget amendments were requested for the summary ordinance, 1st Reading on November 17th and 2nd Reading on December 1st.

**Revenue**

* An increase of $533,000 in overall revenue.

**Expenditures**

* General Funds Line Item 51001 Salaries / All City Employees (Not Currently on Probation)

Increase of $201,000

**Other Expenses**

* Department 1009 Line Item 54010 Consulting Services Increase of $40,000
* Department 1035 Line Item 56130 Other Land Improvements Increase of $10,000
* Department 1035 Line Item 56600 Sidewalks/Shared Use Path Increase of $10,000
* Department 1035 Line Item 56610 Drainage Projects Requested Funding
* Department 2005 Line Item 56300 Automobiles Increase of $141,000
* Department 2005 Line Item 56430 Other Equipment Increase of $365,000

**Fund 029 Industrial Development**

* Fund 029 Revenue Line Item 48600 Sale of Capital Asset Increase of $1,000,000
* Fund 029 Revenue Line Item 49000 Transfer to/from Other Funds Decrease of $50,000
* Fund 029 Expenditures Line Item 54011 Engineering Services Increase of $50,000
* Fund 029 Expenditures Line Item 56100 Land Purchase Increase of $20,000
* Fund 029 Expenditures Line Item 56130 Other Land Improvements Increase of $930,000

Although no current amendments were required, items that would need to be addressed, later, would be Cleaning Services, Janitorial Supplies, Small Tools & Equipment, Codes Department Demolition & Disposal, and Municipal Road Aid.

Gregory thanked and appreciated the Council’s work and tough decisions in April regarding the FY 21 Budget.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -** D. Gregory

* Public Works Department was continuing to work on and finish the Boone Trace Path.

The parking lot on the Boone Street side is still waiting on the Codes & Planning Department to finish the drawing approval. Also working with Berea College on sufficient parking.

* Public Works Department was working on drainage issues between the Baseball & Football Fields. Drainage piping was installed and gravel added. A lot of slate rock was found near the

drive by the swimming pool along with several water leaks that had been repaired, which

should make a large impact on drainage in that area.

* Within the next couple of weeks, the Fire Department would begin decorating City Hall and the Public Works Department was currently in the process of decorating the streetlights and poles.

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* Advertisements for bids were going out this week for the O’Donnell Lane, Bluebird Avenue, Bridge Avenue, Chestnut Court / Cherry Road Storm Drainage and Sewer Line Replacement, and the Phase II Holly Hill Sewer Collection System projects. Plans were for construction to begin at the end of 2020.
* A pre-construction meeting was held with OMNI last week and the Multi-Use Pavilion project began on Monday, November 9th, with a completion date of May 18, 2021. The next progress meeting will be December 8, 2020.
* Commended the Police Department, Zinnia Hensley, Donna Angel, and Mrs. Hogg on working on a grant for Room in the Inn, which involves vouchers for the homeless during the winter months.
* Requests For Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services were received on Monday, November 9th. Staff would review, evaluate qualifications, and interviews would be conducted to select the most qualified consultant.

The following submittals were received:

synTerra, Lexington, KY

Summit Engineering Inc., Lexington, KY & Pikeville, KY

Eclipse Engineers, PLLC, Somerset, KY

Banks Engineering, Nicholasville, KY

Thoroughbred Engineering, Lexington, KY

Bell Engineering, Lexington, KY

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* AppHarvest held a groundbreaking ceremony on site at the intersection of Menelaus Road and Farristown Industrial Boulevard on Monday, October 26th, with a great turnout and lots of excitement. Adding tech jobs that do not currently exist in our local economy, this project would create a new economic opportunity for our citizens and would have a generational impact.
* The Multi-Use Pavilion was underway with OMNI Construction and a completion date of May 18, 2021.
* November 11th, Veteran’s Day, honors those who served in our country, in war and peace, living and deceased. Veteran’s Day, formerly known as **Armistice Day**, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.” In November of 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11th was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.’”

Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans’ service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress

amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word “Armistice” in

favor of “Veterans.”

A Presidential Proclamation of 1954 was read, signed by President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/dwight-d-eisenhower),

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which called citizens, to observe November 11, 1954 as Veteran’s Day in tribute to those who added strength to the nation and built peace and honor among all nations.

Encouraged everyone to thank a veteran and remember those who served our country, both, living and deceased.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Davis** thanked Tourism, Berea Chamber of Commerce, City of Berea, Parks & Rec, and any others who assisted in the Balloon Glow on October 31st. Glad to see the drainage issues being taking care of for Cherry Road, O’Donnell Lane, and Bluebird Avenue and those living in these areas. Heard Old Towne was going to have a new look this Christmas and looking forward to seeing it. Encouraged citizens to shop locally during the Christmas season as businesses need our patronage to survive. Wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**Rowlette** strongly supported the budget amendments for the Police Department body cameras and equipment. As we move forward to make additional adjustments to the budget, he hoped there was an opportunity to increase funding for our streets and roads. Also, hoped the City could work with Frankfort for funding of Chestnut Street. As previously mentioned, please shop locally as it is important to our local economy and businesses would greatly appreciate it. Thanked all voters who came out for this year’s campaign.

**Payne**  echoed Mayor Fraley, Davis, and Rowlette encouraging everyone to shop local. As we were still in the Red Zone with COVID-19, continue wearing your masks and social distancing. We will all get through this and we will all get through it together.

**LaDouceur**  joined praise for AppHarvest and glad to see them here. Excited for friend, Katie Startzman, getting a seat on City Council. The GFWC Women’s Club was partnering with Foley’s Florist to offer a live virtual wreath making class on November 30th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The money raised would support non-profits in the community. Happy Veteran’s Day.

**Little** would like to see some things completed in 2021, i.e. the Mountain Bike Trail, incentives for small businesses. Thanked the Economic Development Team for their work this year and bringing new jobs to Berea. Glad the employees could be given a cost of living increase this year. Looked forward to working with the Council and getting things done in 2021.

**Caudill** excited about this evening’s discussions. Agreed they needed to find a way to help small businesses as we moved forward. Hopefully, the pandemic would be behind us soon and the Council could get to a point of meeting again in person. Thanked everyone for working through the budget. Wear your masks, social distance, make sure we all do our part, help each other out. Thanked everyone, have a good night.

**Wilson** echoed others’ comments. A big thanks to Tourism and Berea Chamber of Commerce for the Balloon Glow. Felt it was a huge success. Great to have AppHarvest and other businesses here. Agreed to looking into incentives for small businesses. Thanked and appreciated everyone for their votes. Happy Veteran’s Day to all the veterans and thank you for your service and all you have done.

**Terrill** echoed all previous comments. After the first of the year the Council needed to prioritize for the future, going out further than one year, i.e. extending the bypass, etc.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; LaDouceur seconded motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

All ayes.

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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