**BEREA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Berea City Council met in a special called meeting via videoconference, Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

A WORK SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 PM

RESOLUTION #03-2021 - APPLICATION FOR KIA AIRPORT LOAN

RESOLUTION #04-2021 - JOINT RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jim Davis, Teresa Scenters, John Payne, Katie Startzman, Jerry Little,

Steve Caudill, Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Jerry Gilbert, David Gregory, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley,

Donna Angel, Kevin Howard, Priscilla Bloom

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Craig Williams, Program Director, Kentucky Environmental Foundation;

George Wyatt, Chair, Madison County Airport Board

**INVOCATION:** Teresa Scenters

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Teresa Scenters

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Wilson motioned; Caudill seconded motion to approve agenda.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 5, 2021, January 7, 2021, January 11, 2021**

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

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS -** D. Gregory

None

**CENTRAL KENTUCKY REGIONAL AIRPORT UPDATE -** George Wyatt

Wyatt reported Phase II of the Ramp ($1.9 million) and T-Hanger ($1.3 million) projects were in completion. Twenty-five of the thirty hangers were filled with over $70,000 return per year. The bid for the water/sewer project was key to continue the EKU training program and future airport expansion. They are currently working on an ARC Grant (80% / 20%) with 20% paid with local revenue. An airport lighting project was in place. All lighting at the airport, which involved converting to LED technology, would be efficient in saving on utility costs and repairs.

Plans had begun on developing the south end of the runway in hopes of attracting corporate flights. EKU would be providing most or all the financing for the south end runway project.

Encouraged everyone to visit the airport.

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**RESOLUTION #03-2021 – APPLICATION FOR KIA AIRPORT LOAN**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #03-2021 in its entirety.

Caudill motioned; Scenters seconded to approve and adopt Resolution #03-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**RESOLUTION #04-2021 – JOINT RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #04-2021 in its entirety.

Wilson motioned; Caudill seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #04-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**MUNICIPAL ORDER #02-2021 – ESTABLISHING STANDING LEGISLATIOIN COMMITTEES**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Municipal Order #02-2021 in its entirety.

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve and adopt Municipal Order #02-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

**ORDINANCE #02-2021 – REVISING SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE CODES ENFORCEMENT BOARD – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #02-2021 by summary.

Terrill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #02-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

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

* Zoom links would be shared with Council when committee meetings were set up.

Although Council Members could attend all meetings, only committee members were able to vote on decisions.

* The RFP had been advertised for the Mountain Bike Trail and bids were due by February 2nd, 4:00 p.m.
* A Road Aid Resolution had been sent to the City Attorney, Gilbert, for preparation. Plans were to send letters and the resolution as support to apply for road aid funding.
* The Lexington Herald presented an article for AppHarvest regarding producing their first tomatoes, which were scheduled to be shipped out on January 20th to local vendors.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Was in disbelief of the attack on the United States Capitol building and the Capitol Police Force on January 6, 2021. The assault attacked the very foundation of our Federal Government. He, along with other officials / leaders, of both political parties, condemned the violent attack. He stood firm, in his belief, that violence was never the answer. Much of the negative politics in the past, on the national level, had made their way to state and local levels. Action could be taken at the local level, beginning with all citizens. Real change must come from each of us individually. His faith had taught him that we should love one another, be tolerant of one another, and forgive one another. Although, no one can make any of us do

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these things, we must be persistent in our message. All viewpoints and opinions should be respected, whether we agree with them or whether we do not, and truly disagree without being

disagreeable. He hoped everyone would join him in asking themselves what they could do individually to be a part of the solution and then take action to do their part.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Terrill** Thanked the Street Department for the snow and ice removal. They always did a good job.

**Payne** Looked forward to tomorrow’s Presidential transition hoping it would be a peaceful and dignified transfer of power.

**Caudill** Excited with the response to the Mountain Bike Trail and appreciated the support of fellow council members. The Mayor’s comments were timely and have very much become local. Challenged others and/or the community to do better and be better, step up, and be the city we have always been known to be. Love your neighbors, treat each other with respect and kindness. The destination is the same and we want Berea, as a city, to be as strong as it can be.

**Startzman** Recognized Gregory’s help with her questions as she acclimated to becoming a council member. Excited and impressed with the process of the RFPs for the Mountain Bike Trail. Thanked Mayor Fraley for his leadership and respected the comments in response to our Capitol. In response and/or concern to the Capitol violence and attack on democracy, encouraged everyone to use discernment, wisdom, and common sense when choosing to read the news and share on a public platform. Participated in the Kentucky League of Cities City Officials Academy, an incredible opportunity.

**Little** No comment.

**Wilson** No comment.

**Davis** Thanked Mayor Fraley for his timely comments regarding the Capitol. Thanked C. Williams and G. Wyatt for their comments on pieces of our economic puzzle.

**Scenters** Longed for the long-gone days of when we could agree to disagree without being disagreeable. Hoped we could move forward and have unity, especially on a local level. Thanked C. Williams and G. Wyatt for their updates. Had received excellent information during theKentucky League of Cites City Officials Academy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk