**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_ SPECIAL CALLED MEETING \_\_\_ MARCH 16, 2021**

The Berea City Council met in a special called meeting via videoconference, Tuesday, March 16, 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 5:45 PM

MUNICIPAL ORDER #03-2021

**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,

Eric Scott, Donna Angel, Amanda Haney, Kevin Howard, Priscilla Bloom

**VISITORS PRESENT:** None

**INVOCATION:** Steve Caudill

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Steve Caudill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Startzman motioned; Caudill seconded motion to approve agenda.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2, 2021**

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

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS -** D. Gregory

None

**ORDINANCE #05-2021 - AMENDED BUDGET #2 - 2nd READING**

As amended totals were read and had not changed as of March 2nd, 1st Reading, Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #05-2021 by summary.

Audit & Finance Committee recommended approval and adoption of Amended Budget #2.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #06-2021 - ZONE CHANGE FOR 765 SCAFFOLD CANE ROAD FROM R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) - 2nd READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #06-2021 in entirety.

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #06-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

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**MUNICIPAL ORDER #03-2021 - SMALL BUSINESS REINVESTMENT PROGRAM**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Municipal Order #03-2021 in entirety.

Payne motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve and adopt Municipal Order #03-2021 as amended being subject to a previous Work Session.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**WALNUT MEADOW PUMP STATION & SOUTH MIDDLETOWN TRUNK LINE PROJECT TIME EXTENSION CHANGE ORDER REQUEST -** Kevin Howard

Remediation work was being finalized and outstanding construction would take place at the pump station. Larger pumps, an emergency generator, and inside electrical work would be installed.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the contractor for this project had scheduling issues with sub-contractors and ordering material.

Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU) agreed to 232 additional days pending approval by Council for a Time Extension Change Order. With the approved days, the revised timeline for completion would push the Substantial Completion date to July 19, 2021 and Final Completion date to August 18, 2021.

Caudill motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve the Time Extension Change Order Request for an additional 232 days for substantial completion to July 19, 2021 and Final Completion to August 18, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT -** John Payne

The Parks Committee met on Monday, March 15th.

The Berea City Pool was scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend continuing to follow COVID-19 guidelines at that time.

With a substantial movement toward a dog park after several years of discussion, there is now the opportunity to place a dog park at the trailhead of the Indian Fort Trail, in memory of John Stephenson, located near Berea Municipal Utilities. The Parks & Recreation Committee recommended and requested approval, from City Council, to move forward with the dog park project. In addition, a master plan would be obtained for future consideration of the City’s parks.

Parks & Recreation Committee recommended approval, from City Council, to move forward with the dog park project / construction located at the trailhead of the Indian Fort Trail, in memory of John Stephenson, located near Berea Municipal Utilities.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

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

* Thanked City Council for approving the Amended Budget Ordinance.
* A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised in October of 2020 for Professional Engineering Services. After review and background work, Gregory recommended to City Council that Thoroughbred Engineering be selected as the firm to provide consultation and advise on a day-to-day basis on general matters that are very limited in scope. Also, on an as-needed basis, may authorize Thoroughbred to perform engineering services relatively detailed in scope. Work would continue with Belle Engineering on Utility projects detailed in scope. Thanked Banks Engineering, previous engineers, for the services they had provided to the City.

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 Requested motion from City Council to accept recommendation.

 Davis motioned; Payne seconded motion to accept recommendation of Thoroughbred

Engineering to provide engineering services to the City.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

* Due to questions regarding the Cherry Road / Chestnut Court Improvements Project, the Chestnut Court section would have rehab on sanitary sewer, new water lines, new storm boxes, new curb and gutter work, and new asphalt surface when complete.
* A Request for Proposal (RFP) had been advertised for a telephone and communications franchise. Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. EST on March 23, 2021 and would be opened during a special called meeting at 6:30 p.m.
* Spring clean-up would be scheduled for the week of April 19th through April 23rd and would be coordinated with Waste Connections.
* The City would soon be advertising for Parks & Rec Lifeguard and cashier positions for the summer pool season. A pool opening would be scheduled with limited capacity and hoped to soon have guidance from the state for opening.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* The City of Berea planned to apply, with the assistance of Bluegrass Area Development District, for a 2021 HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) which would provide citizens assistance for utility arrearages.

As required, a public hearing would be held, by Zoom, April 7th, prior to application submission.

* A COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, sponsored by the Madison County Health Department, was scheduled for Friday, March 19th, 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Russel Acton Folk Center, 212 West Jefferson Street. By appointment only, contact the Health Department for scheduling.
* The National Site Selection Magazine had rated the Berea / Richmond Micropolitan Area as the ninth top city for Economic Development for the year 2020. Felt this spoke well of the Madison County Government, the City of Richmond Government, and the City of Berea Government working together.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Payne** Contemplated the positive changes of recent weeks regarding the COVID-19. Encouraged everyone to get the vaccine, continue to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, and do everything possible to turn the pandemic into a distant memory.

**Little** Thanked the Utilities Department for continuing the tree trimming project. As a result, there were not many power outages during the recent snow / ice storm.

Requested, for the next City Council agenda, Utility rights-of-way easements and what could be placed in these easements.

**Wilson** appreciated the COVID vaccines and the improved numbers. Asked everyone to think and pray about what is going on in our town.

**Davis** Congratulated the Cities of Berea and Richmond for being ranked the ninth top cities for Economic Development. Encouraged everyone to get a COVID vaccination.

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**Startzman** March was Women’s History Month. Recognized nine women, along with herself, who had served and/or serving on the Berea City Council, i.e., Betty Hayes, Francis Moore, Violet Farmer, Mary McGill, Denise Hagan, Diane Kerby, Cora Jane Wilson, Emily LaDouceur, Teresa Scenters, and Katie Startzman. Although they do not always agree, appreciated the respectful way she and Teresa Scenters were able to communicate with one another on the Parks Committee. She was coming to City Council with the best intentions as she loved our community. If she had questions and/or comments during a meeting it was because she wanted to do a good job. It was important to her that they work together as a Council in a respectful and functional way.

**Caudill** No comment. (Certain to note this for the record!)

**Terrill** Tickled to death they were finally able to get a dog park for the citizens. Would like an update on the Moore’s Grocery and Neely Street sewer problem.

**Scenters** Appreciated the hard work regarding the funding for businesses that have gone through the pandemic. Hoping that moving forward they could look at ways to encourage new small business development in ways other than grants or money. Really excited to get the dog park and get it under budget. Requested feedback from fellow Council Members and the community for a name for the dog park. Considering Tillie, the mountain dog, until she passed away, climbed the Pinnacles with everyone for years, suggested “Tillie Park” as a name for the dog park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Startzman seconded motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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