**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_ \_ SPECIAL CALLED MEETING \_\_\_\_\_MAY 18, 2021**

The Berea City Council met in a special called meeting / business session, Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Council Members and Staff met in person continuing CDC Guidelines for COVID-19 with meeting televised live for public viewing.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

**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,

Susan Meeks, Eric Scott

**VISITORS PRESENT:** None

**INVOCATION:** Cora Wilson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Cora Wilson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Caudill motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve agenda.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 4, 2021 & May 10, 2021**

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

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS -** D. Gregory

None

**PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

Mayor Fraley read the proclamation in entirety, designating the week of May 16 – 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week.

**ORDINANCE #12-2021 - PROCUREMENT POLICY AND MANUAL - 2ND READING**

Having been subject of two Work Sessions and placed on the City of Berea website, Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #12-2021 by summary.

Little motioned; Wilson seconded motion to postpone 2nd Reading of Ordinance #12-2021 until the June 1, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #13-2021 - SURPLUS FIRE ENGINE TO BEREA VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #13-2021 in entirety.

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

* The Pavilion structure material had arrived. Hoped to begin construction within the next few days.
* Continued working with the City Engineer on the geo-tech and the Environmental Phase I of the Industrial Park expansion of Mayde Road. The core drilling was complete and waiting on reports for this project which would also provide information regarding future development of eighty-seven acres. The expansion plan was part one of a master plan.
* The Mountain Bike Trail was on track and scheduled for completion by mid-August 2021.
* The agreement was signed with Justin’s Pressure Washing for repair work on the Russel Acton Folk Center with a completion date of June 30, 2021.
* Although the bottom line did not change, 2021 Budget Line Items that went over the 10% limit, were brought to the City Council’s attention.

1005-54100 Advertising

Above budget amount, of $10,000, approximately $8,000 due to legal

advertisement. This would continue to rise this Fiscal Year.

1005-54000 Legal Services

Above budget amount, of $80,000, approximately $8,000 due to

franchise agreements and a specialized attorney for communication ordinances.

1000-54500 Building & Grounds R&M

Above budget amount, of $60,000, approximately $5,133, due to

additional expenditures with adding COVID-19 signage and replacing

landscaping, that had died out, which was no longer under warranty.

* A City Council Work Session was scheduled for Friday, May 21st, 9:00 a.m., Berea City Annex, Council Chambers for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Review.
* As the City was part of the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) and Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Salt Auctions, a bid was received from Detroit Salt for $95.50 / ton. The salt would be purchased in the next fiscal year of 2022. A notice of acceptance of the bid was required to be provided to KACO confirming the City of Berea had accepted the bid.

Requested a motion to accept bid recommendation for Detroit Salt at $95.50 / ton.

Terrill motioned, Little seconded motion to accept and approve salt bid from Detroit Salt at $95.50 / ton.

Vote: All ayes

* Announced his retirement from the City of Berea on August 1, 2021. His last day in office would be July 30, 2021.

Thanked the City for opportunities given to him and his family over the last 23 years. Was grateful to have worked with very talented people during his career. He had enjoyed his time as City Administrator and Police Chief. Although he looked forward to spending more time with his family, he would miss the people and friendships that had developed over the last several years.

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**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Thanked City Administrator, Gregory, for his 21 years with the Berea Police Department and 2 years as City Administrator. He had a true servant’s heart, a love for our community, an enthusiasm for building a better Berea that will be missed by all, and exemplified what we all want to see in a public servant. Wished him all good things and certainly hated to see him go.
* Had the grand opening for the new dog park, “Tillie Park,” on Saturday, May 15th, with a great turn out. Encouraged friends and constituents to visit the park as it was a great asset to the City. Thanked everyone involved.
* Good to be back to in-person meetings. Thanked everyone involved for the set-up work done to meet COVID requirements for meetings.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Wilson** Glad to be back in person and seeing everyone. Thanked Public Works for the job they do. Thanked Gregory and wished him the best on retirement. Thanked everyone and again, good to be back in person.

**Payne** This Council meeting was a good example of the only constant in life is change as they were moving forward progressing back into in-person meetings and several had gotten their COVID vaccines. Was not ready for Gregory’s announcement, he would be missed. Was happy to add another park to the City’s offerings. Glad to be back. Thank you to all.

**Little** Thanked Gregory, Meeks, Scott, and Department Heads for their hard work on the Procurement Policy & Manual. Although he did not want to postpone the vote this evening on the policy/manual, felt it was important to have more discussion. Thanked Gregory for the good job he had done, it had been a pleasure working with him and hoped him the best. Thanked Tourism for supporting local projects for the citizens to enjoy over the past year. Thanked Randy Combs for organizing the softball tournament on Saturday, May 15th, at the park, with a large turnout. Glad to be back and working together.

**Caudill** Glad to be back. Thanked Gregory for his service to the City for the past 23 years. Hoped retirement treated him well and he had done an admirable job steering the ship, especially in such a difficult year. Looked forward to the budget meeting on Friday and should be a good discussion.

**Startzman** Grateful to Gregory for helping her as a new Council Member**.** All Council Members had received an e-mail regarding unsolicited marketing and thought it would be a great thing for the Council to address in response to the e-mail.

**Terrill** Appreciated Gregory’s service to the City, been a pleasure to work with him, and will miss him. Thanked staff for getting the Council back to the Council Chambers for meetings.

**Davis** David, David, David….appreciated Gregory’s service to the City, in the Police Department and as City Administrator. During an Economic Development meeting last evening, they were brought up to speed on local businesses. Thanked Public Works Department for the work they do, not only for their department but for other departments as well. Good to be back in the Council Chambers.

**Scenters** David would love retirement and he had been wonderful to work with. Thanked Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU) for the quick response regarding the recent water outage on Big Hill Road and the boil water notices. Kudos to Public Works Department on the National Public Works Week and the input on the dog park. Condolences to the family of Steve Smith, former PVA Administrator of Madison County. Good to be back in person.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Payne motioned; Scenters seconded motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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