**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_ \_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_JULY 6, 2021**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jim Davis, Teresa Scenters, John Payne, Jerry Little, Steve Caudill,

Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Katie Startzman

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Jerry Gilbert, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Jennifer Renfroe,

Donna Angel, Kevin Howard, Aaron Boycan

**INVOCATION:** Jerry Little

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jerry Little

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Payne motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve agenda.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 15, 2021**

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve minutes as amended.

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ali Blair, Project Lead for Levitt AMP Berea Music Series, stated the City Park Expansion worked perfectly for the holiday weekend kick-off with approximately 600 – 900 in attendance on Saturday and Sunday. They also felt honored to help AppHarvest, their presenting sponsor, in getting to know the community.

Thanked AppHarvest, Mountain Association, and Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation for their funding and support. Also gave special thanks to the volunteers, small business sponsors, their production team, and the City of Berea for helping to plan and stage the events.

More information about their events can be found at firstfridayberea.com, on Facebook and Instagram. Their next concert would be a pop-up with the Berea Farmers Market scheduled for July 20th at 6:00 p.m. They would be returning to the City Park Expansion on August 6th and 7th.

They had also launched a Business Workshop and Networking Series in partnership with the Kentucky Small Business Development Center and a workshop scheduled for July 12th, Booth Design Presentation is Everything, led by Laura Poulette.

**INDUSTRY UPDATE -** Lucas Witt, MWM Consulting, LLC

MWM Consulting, LLC worked with communities across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to better position their unique assets for long-term success and had been working with Berea for over a year. One of the most important things was the existing industry conversations and developing relationships. Witt described services provided by MWM Consulting by working with strategic partners to assist communities in bringing their story to life. They had assisted in the 2019 Hyster-Yale expansion providing 125 new jobs, the 2020 Hitachi MS Electric Motors New Location Project providing 200 new jobs, the 2020 AppHarvest New Location Project providing 50-70 new jobs, and developing 87 acres within the Mayde Road Industrial Park owned by the Berea Industrial Authority.

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MWM Consulting would be managing / coordinating an application submission and site visits, for Berea, with the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED) for funding of site development from the Cabinet for Economic Development.

MWM Consulting continued to assist Berea on several growth and future opportunities, i.e., workforce, site development, new real estate transactions, expansion opportunities, and new location projects.

**RESOLUTION #13-2021 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM, AND TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AND ADMINISTER SUCH GRANT.**

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

Payne motioned; Caudill seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #13-2021.

Vote: All ayes

**RESOLUTION #14-2021 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR OBTAINING AND ADMINISTERING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE DISASTER RELIEF ACT OR OTHERWISE AVAILABLE FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DISASTER RELIEF FUND.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #14-2021 in entirety.

Scenters motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #14-2021.

Vote: All ayes

**MUNICIPAL ORDER #05-2021 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING REVISED PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert read Municipal Order #05-2021 in entirety.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Wilson motioned for approval and adoption from City Council.

No second motion required.

Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #15-2021 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY REVISING SECTION 27.030 TO PERMIT A FAMILY MEMBER OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR APPOINTED CITY OFFICER TO ACCEPT SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS OR LESS, WHEN APPROVED BY THE MAYOR IN WRITING. - 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #15-2021 by summary.

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #15-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #17-2021 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO A LOCAL AIRPORT BOARD FORMED PURSUANT TO KRS 183.132 BY AND BETWEEN EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, THE MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT, THE CITY OF RICHMOND, AND CITY OF BEREA - 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #17-2021 in entirety.

Payne motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #17-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

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**ORDINANCE #18-2021 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, GRANTING UNTO OPENFIBER KENTUCKY COMPANY LLC. (“OFKY”), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT, FRANCHISE, AND PRIVILEGE FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, FROM JULY 15, 2021, TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN IN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, THE NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE, AND TO USE AND OCCUPY THE PUBLIC STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, AND PUBLIC PLACES FOR SUCH PURPOSES, AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF. - 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #18-2021 by summary.

Caudill motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #18-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #19-2021 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY. - 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #19-2021 in entirety.

Payne motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #19-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #20-2021 - AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS AND ASSIGNED GRADE - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #20-2021 by summary.

**ORDINANCE #21-2021 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, ORDINANCE #13-20, BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIX, SALARY RANGES. - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #21-2021 in entirety.

Caudill noted a mistake on pay grade 53. This would be corrected before the second reading.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* In the City Administrator’s absence, a motion was requested to approve a budget line-item expenditure, which would not affect the bottom line, as follows:

010-1000-54350 Property Insurance Budgeted at $100,000 Overage of $16,000

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve overage.

Vote: All ayes

* Berea Craft Festival was scheduled for Friday - Sunday, July 9, 2021 - July 11, 2021, at Indian Fort Theater.

Visit Berea Tourism’s website, visitberea.com, for more information.

* Several concerns had been voiced regarding the condition of Chestnut and Ellipse Streets. These streets were state and federal highways and Kelly Baker, Chief District Supervising Engineer, with the Kentucky Department of Transportation, District 7, had been contacted. Chestnut Street and Highway 1016 had been scheduled to begin resurfacing in the fall of 2021 with a deadline of June 2022. Baker would push for completing Chestnut Street in 2021.

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* Complimented everyone involved with the City’s successful Independence Day fireworks at the City Park with Parks & Rec and the Levitt AMP concert at the City Park Expansion, especially with such short notice due to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted on June 11th.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Terrill** No comment.

**Wilson** Thanked everyone for being in-person for tonight’s meeting. July 4th was great. Everyone be safe and keep those in Florida in our thoughts and prayers.

**Caudill** Thanked Lucas Witt for the work he had done on behalf of our City in Economic Development. Nice to see industrial partners who are engaged in our community. Moving the Levitt AMP concert series to the park was a great idea. The July 4th ribbon decorations were a nice touch for the City.

**Little** Explained Municipal Road Aid as it comes from state funds through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and projected to be $278,700, for the City of Berea in 2021, which is distributed according to population. Over the years funding had declined due to a drop in gasoline tax revenues making it more difficult to cover streets that need resurfaced and/or paved. As more electric cars were produced and take to the roads, less gasoline would be sold thus causing further declines in gasoline tax revenues. As the City was growing older and streets were in disrepair, Berea did not have the funding to repair the streets with the incoming revenue. As there was no excess revenue in the taxes, asked the Council to start thinking about what Berea was going to do.

Reminded everyone that Chestnut Street was a state road, the State’s responsibility, and Berea had no jurisdiction regarding Chestnut Street.

A Public Works meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 2nd, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Randy Stone Community Room.

**Scenters** Glad to see more communication options coming to Berea. Appreciated Lucas Witt’s perspective on the Industrial Park and seeing it grow.

**Payne** Echoed sentiments of fellow Council Member, Caudill, and all workers who made the July 4th event successful. Thank you.

**Davis** Thanked Lucas Witt for his work with the City. As recalling a July 4th event in the 1950’s at Memorial Park, coordinated by local veterans, with all activities in one location, he thought he must have been the only council person who heard negative comments regarding this year’s July 4th events. While there, he had gotten bombarded by vendors and attendees asking where the music was, where is this, how do we find that, etc. Did not think this was good and should have the celebration in one location, going back to the old fashion July 4th celebration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Payne motioned; Caudill seconded motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk