**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_ \_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_AUGUST 3, 2021**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, August 3, 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, Katie Startzman, John Payne, Jerry Little,

Steve Caudill, Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Jerry Gilbert, Shawn Sandlin, Robin Adams, Tommy Horn, Donna Angel,

Kevin Howard, Amanda Haney, Priscilla Bloom, Jason Hayes

**INVOCATION:** Teresa Scenters

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Teresa Scenters

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Davis motioned; Caudill seconded motion to approve agenda.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 20, 2021 & July 27, 2021**

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

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ali Blair, Levitt Amp Music Series, stated as they were halfway through this year’s series, invited everyone to the concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 6th & 7th, at the Berea City Park Expansion (skate park) / Football Field. Lots of activities for all ages and encouraged wearing masks. For more information visit their website at [firstfridayberea.com](mailto:firstfriday@berea.com) or on Facebook & Instagram pages. Thanked AppHarvest, the City of Berea, and the Mountain Association for their support.

**BID RECOMMENDATION - REPAIR/MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS CITY STREETS -** Shawn Sandlin

The Public Works Committee met on August 2nd to review the only bid submitted, by Allen Company, Inc., in the amount of $187,773.04 for repair / maintenance of various city streets. This amount also provided the opportunity to extend the milling and paving another 1400 feet on Jefferson Street in the amount of $82,356.20. A grand total of $270,129.24.

On behalf of the Public Works Committee, Little motioned for approval and acceptance of bid from Allen Company, Inc., in the amount of $270,129.24, from City Council.

No second motion required.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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**BID RECOMMENDATION – FY 2022 WATER & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROCESS CHEMICALS –** Kevin Howard, Utilities General Manager

Howard presented a spreadsheet summarizing the three received bids for treatment process chemicals. After analyzing the results, it was the recommendation of Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU) to accept the lowest bid for each chemical as follows:

CedarChem $ 5,473.60 - Water Treatment Plant Filter Aid Polymer

$ 25,044.80 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Polymer

CITCO Water $ 9,600 - Chlorine

$ 10,320 - Corrosion Inhibitor

$ 57,760 - Water Treatment Plant Treatment Coagulant

$ 19,800 - Wasterwater Treatment Plan Aluminum Sulfate

Univar $ 9,640 - Water Treatment Plant Fluoride

Payne motioned; Terrill seconded motion to approve and accept recommendation.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**UTILITIES UPDATE –** Kevin Howard, Utilities General Manager

The Utilities outage that happened on Monday, July 26th, at approximately 11:00 a.m., was due to power loss on a phase of an incoming transmission line from KU’s system. As every meter had an outage, there was a forced drop load on both substations to protect equipment. Berea was at the mercy of the transmission providers working together to find the problem and restore power. Berea had been fortunate as this had not happened since 2009. At approximately 1:00 p.m., Berea Municipal Utilities were notified that they were being transitioned to an East Kentucky Power transmission line, which was completed at approximately 1:45 p.m. with power restored to both substations and customers by 1:55 p.m. He was proud of his electric crew and customer service representatives and thanked everyone involved in assisting to get through the outage.

They did have a debriefing to discuss any improvements on future outages.

The Owsley Fork Dam Project was very important to Berea as it was Berea’s future water supply. The design was at 90% completion, which was a milestone achievement. The design was submitted to the state’s National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in April of 2021. Comments were returned in June of 2021 from the National Design Center. Numerous comments were returned with clarification requests. Some were deemed critical for approval. An in-person meeting took place in July, with the state’s NRCS officials, and later with the National Design Center, to review/discuss and seek clarification on all comments in detail. Confident that with cooperation from the state and the federal agency there would not be a noticeable hindrance on the timeline. Currently, looking at approximately a six-month delay in getting the project out to bid.

**ROOM IN THE INN –** Jeanie Hogg / Edliniae Sweat

Hogg expressed gratitude and appreciation to Mayor Fraley, the City Council, and especially Donna Angel for their support and assistance on the Room in the Inn Program this last season. This was their third year providing solutions for the homeless in Berea and those passing through. They had also received a grant through the Kentucky Housing Authority which also offered solutions on where they might best serve the homeless.

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Creekside Lodge assisted in lodging and breakfast. Through the community and other miscellaneous sponsors, they were able to cover the remaining cost of rooms which the grant did not provide. Private restaurants, individuals, retail stores, and churches packaged individual lunches and dinners.

Thankful, as they could not have done this without everyone’s support. They would never have been able to acquire the funds necessary to continue supporting the community’s unhoused population. Due to the care and dedication of the citizens of Berea they were able to provide meals, housing, and resources. For information and/or to provide assistance, they can be reached at [riti.berea@gmail.com](mailto:riti.berea@gmail.com).

**CODES & PLANNING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS –** Amanda Haney

Haney, Codes & Planning Administrator, introduced Jeff Harness, their newest employee as an electrical inspector. Although Harness had served in the Berea Police Department since 2013, he had also had a master’s Electrical License for over twenty years. He would also be working on building and mechanical certifications.

**CITY STREETS –** Jerry Little

As Sandlin had discussed recommendation for the street repair / maintenance with the Allen Company, he was glad there was extra funding for part of Jefferson Street.

Thanked Kevin Howard and Berea Municipal Utilities for the recent street cuts, they had really done a good job.

**ORDINANCE #22-2021 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 171 HERNDON LANE AND OWNED BY KASEY COX HERIN FROM R-1/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOOMENT (PUD) TO AGRICULTURE (A-1). – 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #22-2021 by summary.

Terrill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #22-2021.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**CITY ADMINSTRATOR’S REPORT -** Shawn Sandlin

* Berea Farmers Market was 95% complete. Punchlist was planned for next week.
* Chestnut Court was near completion. The Allen Company planned to add the final coat of blacktop next week.
* Per Parks Director, Bloom, the City pool would be closing on August 8th and a two-hour annual dog swim was scheduled for August 10th, 5pm – 7pm.
* Thanked Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU) and all affected departments for their willingness to work as one during the power failure on Monday, July 26th, from directing traffic, setting out signs, answering calls, etc. Utilities did an excellent job working with two other electric providers restoring power to the citizens. Great team effort. Also thanked local business for donating supplies, i.e., water, food, etc.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Thanked and appreciated Sandlin for stepping up to interim City Administrator during the transition of City Administrator.

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* Complimented and thanked staff members involved with planning David Gregory’s retirement celebration.
* New City Administrator, Rose Beverly, was expected to report for duty the week of September 7th.
* Update regarding the proof rolling for the pavilion parking lot as areas near Highway 25 and an area near the entrance failed the proof rolling and required remedial work. This would create addition cost and would later be determined how to cover the additional cost.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Davis** Thanked Sandlin for stepping up as interim City Administrator. Welcomed Jeff Harness and thanked Haney for stepping up and getting help in the Codes Office. Saturday, August 7th, was L&N Day at the Train Station / Welcome Center, a free event. Thanked Howard, Berea Municipal Utilities Director, for his work on the Owsley Fork Dam.

**Scenters** No comment.

**Startzman** Impressed with Room in the Inn and their follow through. Thought it was love in action and what our community needed more of.Looked forward to continuing to support their work.

**Payne** Echoed sentiments of Davis and Startzman, along with L&N Day and the Levitt Amp Music Series coming up this weekend. Things were changing quickly again, while Berea Community Schools were requiring masks, Madison County Schools were not requiring but requesting the wearing of masks. Richmond hospital was requiring vaccinations for their staff. With the Delta variant out and recommendations were changing daily, quicker than we would like, it was tough on all of us. Encourage family and friends to get vaccination as it was the best long-term road to recovery that we had.

**Little** No comment.

**Caudill** Thanked Kevin Howard and his staff on the immense amount of work on the Owsley Fork Dam. They had done a fantastic job in getting the City to this point. Thanked Sandlin for stepping into the City Administrator’s role. Requested a Work Session, for November, with Room in the Inn as he would like to know their plans and needs so he and others could offer support.

**Wilson** Echoed other Council Members’ comments. Thanked Sandlin for stepping up. Would also like to help Room in the Inn. Thanked Kevin Howard and Berea Municipal Utilities for a great job during the power outage and a good job on the Owsley Fork Dam. Amanda did good with hiring Jeff Harness, he was a sweetheart and would do good. The pavilion looked great, good job Berea Tourism, Donna.

**Terrill** Asked if there was an update on blacktopping Chestnut Street as he thought it was the most important thing, at this time, in Berea. Mayor commented last he had heard from a follow-up with District 7 that plans were to have the blacktopping finished by the end of the calendar year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Payne motioned; Caudill seconded motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk