**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_ \_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_ \_\_\_ \_\_AUGUST 17, 2021**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, August 17, 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,

Casey Botkin, Sam Shearer

**INVOCATION:** Katie Startzman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Cora Wilson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to amend agenda to add Resolution #15-2021.

Vote: All ayes

Caudill motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve amended agenda.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 3, 2021**

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

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**TRAIL USAGE PART 2: TRAIL USAGE CHANGE DURING & AFTER COVID-19**

Dr. Louisa Summers and Students

Dr. Summers shared the health impact of the Stephenson and Shortline Pike Trails for the residents of the City of Berea.

Studies began in 2015 with Berea College’s EPG Program linking Berea’s natural assets along with Berea’s arts and craft community. At the same time, the state began an outdoor recreational program working to get small rural communities certified as trail towns and Berea was now a certified trail town. Beginning in 2017, research began focusing on the Pinnacles. In 2019 scanners/sensors were installed and implemented to track trail usage along with QR Codes for scanning.

Trails study during COVID-19 in Kentucky had brought an awareness to healthcare providers in recognizing heart issues and diabetes, in turn, leading to healthier living. The 2021 Study Purpose was to continue monitoring the number and type of trail users on the Stephenson and Shortline Pike Trails and the fluctuation of trail use during the COVID-19 pandemic. Trail connections had increased biking by 46%, running by 17%, and walking by 33%, along with increased time per minutes used.

In conclusion, trails contribute to health, serve as a community builder, and add to the quality of life.

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**RESOLUTION #15-2021 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INCURRED EXPENSES IN CRF FUNDS WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (“DLG”); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DLG TO REIMBURSE THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #15-2021 in entirety.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #15-2021.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**CHANGE ORDER #01 - STREET RESURFACING PROJECT -** S. Sandlin

In lieu of an addendum to the original contract during the August 3rd City Council Meeting, the City Attorney recommended a change order for this project. The change order would be for $82,356.20 for the milling and resurfacing of an additional 1400 feet of Jefferson Street, from Lewis Street to Morning View. The original contract was in the amount of $187,773.04. The revised contract amount would be $270,129.24.

Little clarified nothing was wrong, this was extra funding which was added to the resurfacing.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve Change Order #01 for Street Resurfacing.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #23-2021 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, REVISING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING SECTION 26.011 PROVIDING FOR A FIVE-DAY PERIOD TO COMPLY WITH AN OPEN RECORD REQUEST RATHER THAN A THREE-DAY PERIOD, BASED ON A STATUTORY REVISION. - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #23-2021 by summary.

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

* Chestnut Court had been blacktopped. Working with Akin and the Allen Company toward completing a punch list. A few of the property owners had concerns and each concern would be addressed individually.
* Substantial completion was done on the Pavilion and a punch list had been created. The contractor, OMNI, had two weeks to complete the punch list items and had already begun work. Project should soon be completed.
* As part of the resurfacing contract, milling work had begun on Mayde Road. Weather permitting, they would be moving to Jefferson Street this week to begin repairing base failure.
* This was brush pick up week. Any residence that had brush, please move to the curb, and do place on the street.
* Per the Allen Company, each property owner, next to the new bypass, had been compensated for repairs to their fencing. They were in the process of installing rights-of-way fencing or property line fencing but were not replacing fencing or connecting fencing that was the landowner’s responsibility.
* Danny Brewer would be retiring on August 31st. Brewer had been one of the most respected officers, leader, and mentor, not only to the Police Department, but also throughout the City. He had spent 37 years serving citizens of Richmond, Madison County, and Berea. Twenty of those years were with the Berea Police Department. He wished him the very best of transitioning into retirement and welcomed him back with open doors to visit in years to come.

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**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* A free concert sponsored by Berea’s Parks & Recreation Department was scheduled for Saturday, August 21st, 6:30 p.m., at the John G. Fee Park, featuring The New Developments, Berea’s own Funk / Jazz / Rock Quintet.
* The Spoonbread Festival was scheduled for September 17th – September 19th. Encouraged everyone to go. Invite friends and relatives.
* Compliments and well wishes for Danny Brewer. He and Brewer had been friends throughout elementary and high school. After all the years, it was nice to get back together and work with Brewer. Not only was Brewer a good police officer and citizen, he was a good person and would be missed.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Scenters** Thanked Donna Angel and the Berea Tourism Commission that the Tolle Building and the hotel in Old Town were now free of debt. Thanked the Codes and Police Departments for addressing a citizen concern this week. As we all seemed to have more questions than answers regarding the COVID-19 virus, she was trying to love her neighbor, and felt she had to abide by a scripture learned in childhood, i.e., “…, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil...” Jesus was with her, and He could be with others too and trusted that He would.

**Terrill** Brewer would be missed and had been a great Police officer for Berea. Wished him good luck in his retirement.

**Payne** Thanked and appreciated Chief Sandlin for working double duty, i.e., filling in as the City Administrator. As students were returning to class this month, he wished them every success. Congrats to Brewer.

**Startzman** Received a copy of the survey from the Parks Department regarding the Brandstettor Carroll Master Plan and asked if it would also be going out on the City’s website or facebook page. Seems that now was the time to begin collecting information from citizens.

**Little** No comment.

**Caudill** Congratulations to Brewer.

**Davis** Thanked Dr. Summers and her crew for the work they were doing. Congratulations to Brewer on his retirement.

**Wilson** Thanked everyone that came to Council meeting. Had known Brewer for a long time and appreciated the work he had done, a great job. He was a good cop and a good person. Read a facebook post showing respect for others, regarding COVID, and stated that we needed to respect others’ decisions. It was their choice. Have a good night.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Startzman seconded motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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