**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_ \_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_ \_\_ \_\_ \_OCTOBER 5, 2021**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

A WORK SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:15 PM

ORDINANCE #25-2021 ONE-TIME WAIVER OF UTILITY LATE PAYMENTS

SUSAN MEEKS

**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, Rose Beverly, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Susan Meeks,

Donna Angel, Kevin Howard, Priscilla Bloom, Ken Puckett

**INVOCATION:** Steve Caudill

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Steve Caudill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve agenda.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 21, 2021 & September 29, 2021**

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

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**HEALing COMMUNITIES STUDY (HCS) -** Karrie Adkins, Community Coordinator, & Abbygail Broughton, Prevention Specialist

Adkins and Broughton introduced The HEALing Communities Study (HCS) that began in September 2018. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) released a funding opportunity to “test the immediate impact of implementing an integrated set of evidence-based interventions across healthcare, behavioral health, justice, and other community-based settings to prevent and treat opioid misuse and Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) within highly affected communities.” Four states (Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio) were funded for the study with a committed grant total of $354.1 million per year for three years across the four states, as well as, additional funds for a fourth year.

The study was the first of its kind using a community engaged intervention to work with communities to identify their needs and resources and help determine evidence-based practices that had been shown to work and make positive change in opioid addictions and implement those throughout the county. Hopefully creating a blueprint for other communities across the nation to do the same, finding lasting solutions to the national crisis.

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS -** Mayor Fraley

Mayor Fraley requested Council approval of Katherine ‘Cassie’ Alexander for a four-year term on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as a resident member.

Caudill motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve the appointment of Katherine ‘Cassie’ Alexander for a four-year term on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as a residential member.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Mayor Fraley requested Council approval of Linda Leforce for a four-year term on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as an alternate resident member.

Payne motioned; Startzman seconded motion to approve the appointment of Linda Leforce for a four-year term on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as an alternate residential member.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**CHANGE ORDER #02 - RUSSEL ACTON FOLK CENTER CHINKING / STAINING -** R. Beverly

Change Order #02 for the Russel Acton Folk Center would complete the chinking and staining project. With the additional cost of $2,904.00, for chinking material, they were still under the nearest bid, with a revised contract price at $30,296.50. There was no additional cost for labor.

Little motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve Change Order #02.

Voice Vote: Motion carried with 7 ayes, 1 nay.

**ORDINANCE #25-2021 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, REVISING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING SECTIONS 31.105, 32.103 AND 32.104 TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE-TIME WAIVER OF UTILITY LATE PAYMENTS. - 1st READING**

Corporate Counsel read Ordinance #25-2021 by summary.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -** Rose Beverly

* According to the budget procedures ordinance, the Council must be alerted when a budget line item goes over by the greater of 10% or $5000. Beverly notified the Council of a budget overage on the Cherry Road Drainage Project. The design services for the project put line item #010-1035-56610 (Drainage Projects) over budget by $8,855.33. This was from storm water calculations from the new engineering firm, Thoroughbred Engineering, which also included some drainage issues for Chestnut Court / Farmers Market.
* The Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen Fall Fair was scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, October 8th & 9th, at Indian Fort Trail.
* Trick-or-Treat was scheduled for Sunday, October 31st, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat in the Park would be Sunday, October 31st, drive-thru, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

* The Chestnut Court Project was wrapping up. The apron work had been completed today.
* Kevin Howard, Berea Municipal Utilities General Manager, stated the City had worked with the State, the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Office, and the National Design Center, Fort Worth, Texas, on design submittals for the Owsley Fork Municipal Dam Project.

Due to 192 comments from NRCS, a recommendation was made for a 12-month extension date on the design of raising the dam by 6.3 feet. Moving forward, a meeting would be scheduled to discuss critical comments, a resubmittal, and beginning construction as soon

as possible.

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**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Announced the retirement of Public Works Director, Donnie Davidson, as of September 30, 2021.
* Announced the appointment of an Interim Public Works Director, Roy Curtis.
* Tourism had scheduled Tree Week kick-off for Saturday, October 9th, 10:00 a.m., at the Forestry Outreach Center, located at Indian Fort Trail, presented by the Urban Forest Initiative. Additional information could be found on Tourism’s website, visitberea.com.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Davis** No comment.

**Terrill** No comment.

**Payne** Parks Committee had a Parks Master Plan meeting this week and asked that the on-line survey be placed back the City’s website and/or Facebook pages. Reminded everyone of the Kentucky Guild Fair scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, October 9th & 10th, at Indian Fort.

**Little** Requested for the Police Chief to attend a future Council meeting to provide an update on the department’s hazardous duty pay. Was not aware of a pre-payment option for paying utility bills, thought it was a great idea. Reminded everyone of the Tire Collection Event scheduled for October 7th – 9th at the Madison County Road Department South, 208 Clarksville Lane, in Richmond.

**Startzman** Had not considered Payne’s thoughts regarding the waving of late fees for utility billing. Agreed with Payne and felt like it would be a good customer service to extend the forgiveness to those who may not have a perfect payment record and could more likely use the benefit.

**Scenters** Encouraged everyone to attend the Kentucky Guild Fair as it was also their 60th Anniversary. The Parks Department was once again having movie night, October 15th, 7:00 p.m., showing Hocus Pocus. The Parks Department was also having Fall Crafts, October 9th. Thanked Kevin Howard for the report on the Owsley Fork Dam Project. Appreciated Adkins’ and Broughton’s presentation with the HEALing Communities Study.

**Wilson** No comment.

**Caudill** Kentucky Mountain Bike Association **(**KYMBA) had their Mountain Bike Park Clinics this past weekend at the new Silver Creek Mountain Bike Park and could not have been happier with the turnout, a great program. Had a Parks meeting for strategic planning and was excited about the work and where it ends up. Encouraged those who received a mail survey to complete it and send it in. Thanked HEALing Communities Study for their presentation and the work they were doing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Payne motioned; Wilson seconded motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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