**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_ \_ REGULAR MEETING \_ \_\_ \_\_ SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

A WORK SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 PM

MUNICIPAL ORDER #07-2021 INVESTMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVISION

STEVE CAUDILL, R.J. PALMER

**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, Tommy Horn, Donna Angel,

Kevin Howard, Priscilla Bloom, Aaron Boycan

**INVOCATION:** Cora Wilson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Cora Wilson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve agenda.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 7, 2021**

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

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**HALLOWEEN AT THE PARK / TRICK-OR-TREAT DATE & TIME -** John Payne

In collaboration with the City of Richmond and Madison County Fiscal Court, the City of Berea scheduled Halloween at the Park and Trick-or-Treat for October 31st, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Payne motioned; Terrill seconded motion to establish Halloween at the Park and Trick-or-Treat for the City of Berea on October 31st, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in coordination with the City of Richmond and Madison County Fiscal Court.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**KENTUCKY VETERANS HALL OF FAME -** Emerson McAfee

McAfee, Director of Affairs, Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame, reviewed and requested funding ($7500 - $10,000) to assist in erecting one or more monuments in Madison County to honor Kentucky veterans who served our nation with honor and continued to serve their communities with the same honor and dedication after returning home.

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**BID OPENING - CHESTNUT STREET 500,000 GALLON ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK VALVE RELACEMENT PROJECT -** Mayor Fraley

Mayor Fraley opened bids. One bid received.

Currens Construction Services, LLC Harrodsburg, KY Received 9/21/21 $ 176,500.00

Submittal presented to Kevin Howard, Berea Municipal Utilities Manager, for review and recommendation.

**PROCLAMATION - CONSTITUTION WEEK 2021 -** Mayor Fraley

Mayor Fraley read proclamation in its entirety recognizing the week of September 17, 2021 through September 23, 2021 as Constitution Week in Berea, Kentucky.

Dr. Judith Carr, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), stated one of their missions was to promote and educate about the Constitution. The moral foundation of the Constitution is in the Declaration of Independence and its principle of equal rights. Under the Constitution, government was to be limited in protecting those rights. Encouraged everyone to read the Constitution.

**PROCLAMATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor Fraley read the Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation in its entirety recognizing the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Berea, Richmond, and Madison County, urging all citizens to reach out to victims and help end domestic violence.

Jennifer Lainhart, Executive Director, Hopes Wings, stated Hopes Wings is a Madison County program assisting domestic violence victims throughout the entire county. Domestic violence was a terrible epidemic and a third of our nation’s children live in homes where domestic violence occurs.

Lainhart stated Hopes Wings provided several emergency shelters and other services in Madison County helping to make it a safe place. They had great partnerships with the Police Departments and appreciated all partnerships with individuals and local agencies. Free services and/or resources were offered on Domestic Violence training.

**CHANGE ORDER #01 - CHESTNUT STREET PAVILION -** Rose Beverly

Change Order #01 was in reference to additional charges and/or deductions for the Chestnut Street Pavilion. The cost of change(s) was ($ 109,746.18) reducing the original contract price from $565,400.00 to $ 455,653.82. Although deduction amounts were spent on the project, they were not part of the OMNI (contractor) contract.

Little motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve Change Order #01.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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**RESOLUTION #16-2021 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, APPROVINGTHE APPLICATION FOR A KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF $1,039,000 TO DEVELOP THE SCAFFOLD CANE SHARED USE PATH, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER SUCH GRANT.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #16-2021 in entirety.

Payne motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve Resolution #16-2021.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**MUNICIPAL ORDER #07-2021 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING REVISED INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Municipal Order #07-2021 in entirety.

On behalf of the Audit & Finance Committee, Caudill motioned for approval and adoption from City Council.

No second motion required.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Caudill, Davis, Scenters, Payne, Wilson, Startzman

Nays: Little, Terrill

Motion carried.

**BEREA CITY ADMINISTRATOR OATH OF OFFICE -** Mayor Fraley

Mayor Fraley administered the Oath of Office to new City Administrator, Rose Beverly.

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

* Thanked the State of Kentucky for having the very best Oath of Office she had ever heard.
* Based on the City’s revised Procurement Policy, any purchase under $30,000, the City Council must be made aware. On August 3rd, due to a development and deteriorated pipe in need of replacement in a City easement on Plaza Drive, an agreement was made with the developer in which the City would purchase the pipe and the developer would install it. The cost of the pipe was $25,000 - $27,000.
* During her first couple of weeks, Beverly had been able to:
* Meet with Department Heads on an individual basis to get to know them and familiarize herself with each department.
* Tour the Water Treatment Plant, the Waste-Water Treatment Plant, Public Works, the Parks & Rec Department, and AppHarvest.
* Meet with some of the City Council Members and received a grand tour of the City from Councilman Terrill.
* Meet the City Attorney, J.T. Gilbert.
* Meet Berea College President, Lyle Roelofs, and met his Administration Committee via a video conference.
* Attend the Spoonbread Festival, the Boone Trace Trail Ribbon Cutting, the Pavilion Ribbon Cutting, and the US 21 Bike Route Sign Unveiling.
* Meet with Morgain Patterson, Kentucky League of Cities, for City Official Academy training.

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**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Complimented Steve Caudill on the Silver Creek Mountain Bike Park Grand Opening on September 10th as he supported the project and put the grand opening program together. A great project with a lot of good feedback.
* Thanked Donna Angel for planning the Chestnut Street Pavilion Grand Opening. The event was first class with all the key players in attendance.
* The Boone Trace Trail opening was a great collaborative between Berea College and the City of Berea.
* Acknowledged the US 21 Bike Route sign unveiling as the route runs from Atlanta to Cleveland, going through Kentucky from Middlesboro to Maysville. Boone Street and Chestnut Street were the bicycle crossroads of Kentucky as this was where US 76 and US 21 bike routes intersect.
* The Madison County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal was scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd.
* Announced a new event, i.e., the Boone Way Yard Sale, October 1st – 2nd, from Ridgewood to Corbin.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Startzman** Grateful the City Administrator, Beverly, was here and enjoyed meeting with her one on one. Hoped it felt like a positive time to come to Berea. Excited about the work they were all going to get to do together.

**Terrill** The City needed signage on the bypass and J.C. Chambers Road with directions on how to get to the Mt. Bike Trail.Mayor Fraley confirmed the signage was already in progress.

**Wilson** Officially welcomed City Administrator, Rose Beverly. Thanked everyone who came to the Council meeting and the City employees for what they do. The Spoonbread Festival was a win-win for Old Town and Berea. Appreciated those who helped with the festival, they did a great job.

**Little** Thanked Donna Angel and the Tourism Commission for fully funding the Mt. Bike Trail. It was pretty, the road leading to the trail was beautiful, and good to see all the kids on the pump track.

**Payne** Extremely pleased with the progress of the Mt. Bike Trailalong with the other paths unveiled in the recent weeks. Adding these and the Pavilion had increased the quality of life in our community and improved our value to Tourism as we now had ‘Trail Town Berea’ and ‘Arts & Crafts Capital.’ The Kentucky Guild Fair was scheduled for October 9th & 10th at Indian Fort Theater. Thanked this evening speakers. Welcome aboard to Rose Beverly.

**Scenters** Welcomed Rose Beverly. The openings in the past several days had been phenomenal with a good ‘working together’ feeling in town. Felt the revised Investments Polices & Procedures approved this evening was a more conservative policy compared to the previous policy.

**Caudill** Thanked this evening’s presenters. Appreciated the work Mr. McAfee had done to honor our veterans’ service for our country and their continued service within their communities. We were fortunate to have the Domestic Violence Awareness and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) organizations in our community. Welcomed City Administrator, Rose Beverly. Encouraged everyone to participate in the Boone Way Yard Sale. Thanked everyone who handled events for the City. Thanked everyone involved in the Mt. Bike Trail opening; a fun, uplifting, exciting event.

**Davis** The past couple of weeks had been exciting with all the openings. The Spoonbread Bread Festival brought more people to town than any other event in our City. Thanked Tourism for their involvement with the Pavilion and the Mt. Bike Trail. Anything the City could do to bring people to town helped the businesses. Welcome Rose Beverly.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Payne motioned; Scenters seconded motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk