**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_ \_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_ FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jim Davis, Katie Startzman, Teresa Scenters, John Payne, Steve Caudill,

Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Jerry Little, Cora Wilson

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Jerry Gilbert, Rose Beverly, Robin Adams, Tommy Horn, Donna Angel,

Priscilla Bloom, Eric Scott, Amanda Haney, Kevin Howard

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**INVOCATION:** Steve Caudill

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Steve Caudill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Caudill motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 18, 2022**

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

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**HOPE’S WINGS -** Jennifer Lainhart

Lainhart, Executive Director, Hope’s Wings, a domestic violence program offering a safe environment, free from violence and fear, announced their annual and largest fundraiser, ‘Jail & Bail.’ The ‘Jail & Bail’ fundraiser supports emergency shelters and raises approximately $35,000 per year. She made the City aware that Mayor Fraley and Police Chief, Eric Scott, would be arrested this year noting any donation amount would be accepted to assist in ‘bailing them out of jail.’

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS -** Mayor Fraley

Mayor Fraley requested Council approval of Stephanie Hembree for a four-year term on the Berea Planning Commission to expire February 6, 2026.

Scenters motioned; Terrill seconded motion to approve appointment of Stephanie Hembree for a four-year term on the Berea Planning Commission.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Fraley requested Council approval of Betty Olinger for a four-year term on the Berea Planning Commission to expire February 6, 2026.

Payne motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve appointment of Betty Olinger for a four-year term on the Berea Planning Commission.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Mayor Fraley requested Council approval of Martin Richards for a four-year term on the Berea Planning Commission to expire February 6, 2026.

Startzman motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve appointment of Martin Richards for a four-year term on the Berea Planning Commission.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Mayor acknowledged and appreciated Katie Berry’s service to the City on the Berea Planning Commission.

**RESOLUTION #02-2022 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY ELECTING TO UTILIZE THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE PROVISION OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY’S FINAL RULE IN LIEU OF COMPLETING A LOST REVENUE CALCULATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIPT OF PROCEEDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE BENEFITS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #02-2022 in entirety.

Caudill motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #02-2022.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #02-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY REVISING SECTION 40.306, TO REQUIRE THAT CURBS MARKING FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED RED, AND PROHIBITING PARKING WITHIN FIVE FEET OF ANY DRIVEWAY, WITHIN TWELVE FEET IN FRONT OF A RESIDENTIAL MAILBOX, OR ON BRIDGES OR OVERPASSES; AND FURTHER REPEALING THE TEN-HOUR PARKING PROHIBITION IN SECTION 40.308(B). - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #02-2022 by summary.

**ORDINANCE #03-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR BEREA, MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY. -**

**1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #03-2022 in entirety.

**ORDINANCE #04-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING IT TO BE SOLD. - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #04-2022 in entirety.

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**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -** R. Beverly

* Mayor Fraley coordinated with the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) and Mayor Smiley of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, to assist them in their tornado recovery efforts. Mayor Fraley tasked with the Berea Police Department, the Public Works Department, and the Berea Fire Department obtaining resources the City could donate. Steve Collins (Public Works Dept.) and Sam Shearer (Police Dept.) drove to Dawson Springs delivering various collected items and City stock items, i.e., signs, generators, chainsaws, etc. The Mayor, Police Chief, and Public Works Director of Dawson Springs were pleased with the donations and expressed gratitude to all of Berea for their support.
* Berea Police and Fire Departments were hosting Foley Middle School’s Moderate and Severe Disabilities (MSD) Classroom on February 11th. The classroom consisted of educational lessons introducing Police & Fire to the students, Police & Fire getting to know the students, and assisting in reducing anxiety when responding to emergencies with Police & Fire responders. As this would be an ongoing relationship, it would be the beginning of a new partnership within the City of Berea and part of the Police Department’s Berea CARES initiative.
* Donna Angel, Business & Tourism Development Director, announced Popeye’s Chicken would be opening in Berea. Official ribbon cuttings were taking place this week at Honeysuckle Dining & Bourbon House at Churchill’s and at Bad Wolf Gaming.
* Although there had been numerous delays over the course of the past year and a half, a final walkthrough inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd, for the Walnut Meadow Pump Station and South Middletown Sewer Trunkline Project. Berea Municipal Utilities thanked staff, engineers, contractors, and sewer customers that had been a part of the extremely important project. The total cost of the project was $2,311,340 and was partially funded by a $1Million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a $500,000 Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) grant.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Echoed Rose Beverly’s, City Administrator, thank you to everyone involved in donating items to Dawson Springs’ tornado victims.
* A City Council Work Session was scheduled for February 15th, prior to the City Council Meeting. Greyson Evans, Bluegrass Area Development District (BGAD), would be reporting on the American Relief Plan Act (ARPA), the final rule issued on January 6, 2022.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Startzman** No comment.

**Terrill** No comment.

**Caudill** No comment.

**Payne** Parks & Rec Department had a meeting on Thursday, January 27th. Master Plan survey results were reviewed / discussed and future Master Plan meetings would be scheduled. Parks Maintenance positions had become available, get your applications submitted.

Mayor Fraley acknowledged the efforts of the community members on the steering committee for Parks & Rec and commented that Parks Director, Priscilla Bloom, had done an outstanding job of coordinating and bringing people together.

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**Davis** asked Howard, General Manager, Berea Municipal Utilities, to report on dirt pile at the intersection of HWY 21 and Shortline Pike.

Howard reported that the dirt pile located at HWY 21 and Shortline Pike was from the utility relocates for the bypass which included Delta Gas, Southern Madison Water, Berea Municipal Utilities Water, Sewer, & Electric. As conflict had resulted with other underground utilities, Howard had spoken with the Kentucky Department of Transportation’s contractor, at the end of 2021, who had received a verbal approval change order request from the state and was waiting on written approval. As of today, February 1st, the contractor continued to wait on written approval. Once the written approval was received, he would return to finish the work. With the contractor’s approval, Howard was willing to remove part of the dirt for better visibility at the intersection.

New businesses were opening in and/or coming to town, i.e., Honeysuckle Dining & Bourbon House, Soak City car wash, Popeyes, Scooter’s Coffee, and Bad Wolf Gaming. Angel, Business & Tourism Development Director, continued to pursue a grocery store.

**Scenters** No comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Payne motioned; Terrill seconded motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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