**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ APRIL 5, 2022**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

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,

Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Steve Caudill

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

Priscilla Bloom, Shawn Sandlin, Susan Meeks, Amanda Haney,

Kevin Howard, Roy Curtis, Jason Hays

**INVOCATION:** Katie Startzman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jim Davis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Payne motioned; Little seconded motion to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 15, 2022**

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

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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

McAfee, Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Member, presented photos to City Council of proposed Veterans monuments (2) designated for Madison County (Berea, Richmond, and Madison County Fiscal Court) at $5000 per entity plus $5000 from donations. McAfee suggested locations for placing a monument in Berea, i.e., near City Hall’s drive-thru/sidewalk or the City Park. Next step was to receive approval from the three entities for submitting order and make a down payment.

Mayor Fraley stated the City of Berea was also working with a local provider for price comparison on the same monument.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION -** Mayor Fraley

Mayor Fraley read and signed a joint proclamation with the City of Richmond and Madison County Fiscal Court recognizing the month of April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Virginia Benge, Executive Director, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), was presented the Proclamation and thanked the Council. CASA would be planting 432 pinwheels on the front lawn of Berea City Hall to commemorate the number of substantiated child abuse cases in Madison County in 2021.

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**MUNICIPAL ORDER #02-2022 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING REVISED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING (1) TRAINING AND REPORTS AND (2) LIVE FIRE TRAINING**

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

Wilson motioned; Little seconded motion to approve Municipal Order #02-2022, revising Standard Operating Procedures for the Fire Department.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #05-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #29-2021 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - 2ND READING**

The City of Berea’s Purchasing Policy & Manual requires City Council to approve purchases between $20,000 - $30,000. The amended budget included $26,689.90 for the purchase of a pool vehicle (2022 Buick Encore) to be used by the Finance Department, Human Resources Manager, and Administration. The vehicle was immediately available from the lowest quote provider, Adams Buick GMC, Richmond, KY.

Mayor Fraley requested a motion, of Council approval, for purchase of the 2022 Buick Encore.

Little motioned; Terrill seconded motion to approve purchase.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #05-2022 in entirety.

Little motioned; Payne seconded motion to approved and adopt Ordinance #05-2022.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #06-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 104 JOHN STREET AND OWNED BY ROBERT MICHAEL BRYANT HEREIN FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-2 (MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT) - 2ND READING**

Having been before the City Council as a Public Hearing and read in entirety at 1ST Reading, Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #06-2022 by summary.

Little motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #06-2022.

Roll Call Vote Ayes - Terrill, Wilson, Little, Startzman, Scenters, Davis

Nays - Payne

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #07-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY REVISING SECTION 20.100 AND SECTION 20.201 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE COMPENSATION OF THE POSITIONS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING SECTIONS 80.004, 22.603, AND 22.202 TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS, TOURISM COMMISSIONERS, AND CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR A NEW SECTION 81.002, CODIFYING THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF ITS MEMBERS. - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #07-2022 in entirety.

After discussion, among Council members, a decision was made to schedule a Work Session or a Special Called Meeting prior to the next City Council Meeting.

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

* As April was Autism Awareness Month, Beverly encouraged everyone to view the informational video series on Berea Police Department’s Facebook page promoting Autism Awareness through their Berea Cares Initiative.
* Berea Parks was hosting an Autism Sensory Day at the Russel Acton Folk Center. Several local businesses would be providing sensory stimulating activities. There would also be free giveaways.
* Berea Municipal Utilities reported they had a contractor working on upsizing the waterline feeding into the fire hydrant in front of City Hall from a 4” line to a 6” line, which would improve the flow to the hydrant. The work needed to be completed before the Chestnut Street blacktopping project began. Work was expected to be completed by next week.
* City of Berea’s Spring Clean-Up, alongside Waste Connections, was scheduled for the week of April 18th – 22nd. Waste Connections would need to be contacted for any bulk items and/or additional fees involved.
* A second Annual Spring Clean Up was also scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 23rd, weather pending. The event would be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Interested participants would meet at City Hall.
* Congratulations to Mayor Fraley on the awarded grant for the Scaffold Cane Shared Use Path project. Thank you to Mayor Fraley and all who worked on the project.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Mayor Fraley stated if Ordinance #07-2022 for increased compensation was approved, he would not accept the additional proposed increase. He also stated every City Council Member had the right and/or responsibility to be able to submit an ordinance for consideration by the City Council. Council should respect their Council Members’ authority of bringing an ordinance before the body for consideration.
* Lieutenant Randy Hensley retired on March 31st with thirty-four years in law enforcement. He will be missed. Congratulations and best wishes moving forward in retirement.
* A resignation was accepted from Jacob Oliver, Berea Police Department, effective March 27th. Oliver was returning to the Lexington Police Department.
* Congratulations to the Berea Municipal Utilities staff, especially the electric team, as they were recognized by wholesale power provider, AMP Ohio, for Excellence in Reliability. Kevin Howard, Berea Municipal Utilities General Manager, thanked his electric staff and

complimented the City for being proactive. Nice to see Kevin and his team recognized for a job well done.

* The 2022 – 2024 Bi-Annual Highway Construction Plan came out last week and included state funding for extending Mayde Road to Menelaus Road. Thanked everyone involved in the project.
* Per the Transportation Cabinet, a contract had been awarded to The Allen Company for the rework and paving of Chestnut Street, Exit 76 to Ellipse Street.
* State funding was received for the Scaffold Cane Shared Use Trail, two grants totaling approximately $971,000. An expensive project as it included the bridge / triple barrel culvert over Brushy Fork Creek which would be extended with a pedestrian / bicycle way on the side.
* Mike and Jeff Kelly, MP Kelly Design & Construction, Lexington, KY, broke ground on a 10.8-acre tract of land on Farristown Industrial Road. They were conducting the first of two planned

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speculation (spec) buildings. These buildings would provide 35+ jobs, as well as a great economic impact in Madison County

* Asked everyone to join him in prayer, in their own way, that freedom would rain down in Ukraine, peace would be restored to their people, and the killing and loss of life would be stopped.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Davis** Thanked Officer Randy Hensley for his service to our community, a great officer and public servant. The Chestnut Street repaving had been a long-awaited project, good to hear it was going to be done this spring.

**Scenters** Agreed with Mayor Fraley’s and Council Member Davis’ comments. Would be glad to see Chestnut Street finished. Glad to see everyone who attended tonight’s meeting. Invited every citizen to contact them as a Council, they wanted to hear from them.

**Startzman** Clarified she recognized all Council Members could bring agenda items and/or ordinances to the Council and thought it was great. Due to not being clear on the language, as Ordinance #07-2022 was a Personnel Committee meeting issue, asked if the entire Personnel Committee was the committee bringing forward the Ordinance.

**Payne** There werestill several seasonal worker opportunities in the Parks Department. A good opportunity to become part of the City’s employment as many previous seasonal workers had become full time employees. Continued to move forward with the Parks Master Plan Project, seemed to be going well. Lifted up with the progress of current projects, i.e., paving, Scaffold Cane, bypass, etc. Thanked City employees for the work they have been doing. Thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

**Little** Thanked Officer Randy Hensley for his services, hope the best for him. Government is hard to explain, hard to understand, and they try to do the best job they can do as sometimes people don’t understand. It doesn’t always matter what the bank balance shows if the money is dedicated to jobs and/or projects. Asked everyone to bear with the Council, they would try to be good stewards and do what was best. Thought we had a good City and hoped everyone could work together. Appreciated the work Mayor Fraley had done on the roads, paths, etc. Thanked everyone for coming.

**Cora Wilson**  Thanked everyone for coming. Randy Hensley, have fun, a great guy, the community loved him. Congratulations to Kevin Howard and the Utilities Department. We need to keep Ukraine in our prayers. The budget was hard, government accounting was hard to explain. As far as raises, several Council Members get out spending numerous hours checking things out. Although the Mayor did not want an increase and his job was a part time job, he was there all the time. They wanted to do their best and be good stewards of the taxpayers’ money.

**Ronnie Terrill** Thankful for the funding for the Scaffold Cane Shared Use Trail. Thought the most dangerous bridge in Berea was on Highway 1016 with kids walking down the road. Asked Mayor Fraley to find funding for the Highway 1016 bridge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Payne motioned; Little seconded motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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