**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ MARCH 15, 2022**

The Berea City Council met in a regular session, Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 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, Rose Beverly, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Donna Angel,

Priscilla Bloom, Shawn Sandlin, Eric Scott, Susan Meeks, Amanda Haney, Josh Gabbard, Roy Curtis

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**INVOCATION:** Teresa Scenters

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Teresa Scenters

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 1, 2022**

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

Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**RETIREMENT RECOGNITION - STEVE JONES, 40 YEARS**

Josh Gabbard, Assistant General Manager, Berea Municipal Utilities, gave an overview of the history and accomplishments for Steve Jones as he would be retiring in March of 2022. Jones’ plans were to travel and enjoy the outdoors.

Gabbard stated on behalf of the Utilities Department, it was an honor to recognize Jones for his extraordinary career. The title of Water Plant Operator brought great responsibility and he had done an outstanding job for many years. His dedication to the position was appreciated and admired.

Mayor Fraley stated it was very unusual for someone to dedicate a vast majority of their life to public service of one particular job. On behalf of Berea Municipal Utilities and the City of Berea, Mayor Fraley presented Jones with a plaque to commemorate his combined service of forty years with Berea College and the City of Berea.

Jones thanked everyone and was passionate about Berea’s water, stating Berea was fortunate to have “first-time user” water, i.e., no one else had previously used the water. To the Council and future Councils, they needed to keep that in mind to make sure they protected the water in the future. Kevin Howard and Josh Gabbard had been outstanding to work with.

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**MUNICIPAL ORDER #01-2022 - MADISON COUNTY EMS BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Municipal Order #01-2022 in entirety, appointing Lesha Hays to the Madison County EMS Board for a two-year term to expire on March 15, 2024.

Scenters motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve appointment of Lesha Hays to the Madison County EMS Board for a two-year term to expire on March 15, 2024.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**RESOLUTION #03-2022 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT APPLICATION TO KENTUCKY PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (PDI) UNDER THE KENTUCKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY (KEDFA) UP TO THE AMOUNT OF $500,00.00 TO BE USED TO CREATE A “BUILD-READY” SITE ON LOT 7 OF THE BEREA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROPERTY WITH A 50/50 MATCH FROM THE BEREA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND TO ACT AS AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THE PROJECT**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #03-2022 by summary.

Startzman motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #03-2022.

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 - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #05-2022 in entirety, noting a Work Session had been held prior to the Business Session to review budget amendment for FY 2021-2022.

**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) - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #06-2022 in entirety.

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

* Tourism welcomed the South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs 60th Annual Convention to be held at the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel in March.
* From the suggestion of Council Member, John Payne, and after working with Berea College and the State, Tourism announced the conjunction with Berea College of the placement of “Quilt Square Patterns” on the fence row, along Highway 595 near the Kentucky Artisan Center. The “Quilt Square Patterns” would enhance the usage of the walk/bike nature paths and create an enthusiastic entrance site to our City from a traveler’s point of view.
* Angel, Business and Tourism Development Director, had met with Ms. Anna Merritt, Regional Manager, Kroger, regarding the Kroger Hometown Pick-Up Program, stating Berea was #5 in the Bluegrass Region as the highest number of deliveries. Continue to support the Kroger delivery service to Berea as it represented and served Berea well.

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* The Police Department’s K-9, Buddy, had recently graduated from obedience training. Buddy would soon be enrolled in therapy training. As he was currently a community service dog, upon graduating in therapy training, Buddy would be an official therapy dog.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* As the budget was a very timing consuming and stressful process for all involved, he appreciated everyone’s positive input into the amended budget. The City was fortunate to have well qualified and professional people to handle the City’s budget process. Kudos to all.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Scenters** Congratulated Steve Jones on his retirement. Loved the idea of quilt squares along Highway 595. Thanked all Department Heads for ‘gracefully’ answering budget questions as it was the Council’s duty to protect the taxpayer dollars. Requested an invitation when K-9, Buddy, received his PhD.

**Davis** Congratulated Steve Jones on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service. Jones was correct in stating that no one could beat Berea’s water supply. Thanked Department Heads for answering budget questions and all who worked on the budget.

**Little** Thanked Steve Jones for his years of service and hoped the best for him in retirement. Thanked and appreciated everyone for their work on the budget.

**Caudill** Congratulated Steve Jones on his retirement and passion for the City, a great example of making Berea a wonderful place. Thanked him for his service.

**Startzman** As remembering last year’s budget amendment process, was grateful for going through the process again. Grateful for all involved as it was a big responsibility. Justifications and clarity made it easier for the Council to do their job.

**Payne** Couldn’t thank Steve Jones enough for his four decades of service to the community. Thanked Donna Angel for her work on the ‘Quilt Square Patterns.’

**Ronnie Terrill** Thanked Steve Jones for his years of service. Will miss him going by his home, asking him to still wave as he goes by. Enjoy retirement.

**Cora Wilson**  Thanked everyone for coming. Thanked everyone involved with the budget. Thanked Steve Jones for his dedication and heart put into his job with Utilities. Berea does have the best drinking water, hands down.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Payne motioned; Caudill seconded motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk