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

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, July 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,

Steve Caudill, Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Jerry Gilbert, Rose Beverly, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley,

Priscilla Bloom, Aaron Boycan, Kevin Howard

**INVOCATION:** John Payne

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** John Payne

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 21, 2022**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ORDINANCE #11-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY. - 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #11-2022 in entirety.

Caudill motioned; Startzman seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #11-2022.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Kevin Howard, General Manager, Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU),** expressed gratitude for the Council’s and Administration’s support through the budget process on funds for system improvements and projects.

**Fiscal Year 2022**

926 Electric Work Orders, 488 Water Work Orders, and 209 Sewer Works Orders were completed. Electrical outages were down from 112 to 106. Water leaks were down from 111 to 98.

Experiencing supply shortages and price increases in the utility world for transformers, valves, fittings hydrants, and routine supplies for the water. Lead times have become longer than normal and double pricing was the norm.

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**Current Projects** in process or had been completed involved:

West End Tank Telemetry and Remote Operated Valve, completed Work Order #2 of the Sewer Rehabilitation Project, completed the Aqua DAF and Roberts Filter Integration project at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP), a new fluoride feed pump was installed at the WTP, data collection had begun for the water distribution system hydraulic modeling program, completed repairs to all west oxidation ditch drain lines at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), completed an upgrade to the WWTP water system with high efficiency pumps, will be contacting property owners to schedule meetings to discuss easement acquisition regarding the airport expansion sewer force main, the electric crew accomplished a completed epoxylator changeout where all older insulators had been replaced with new and completed a system wide pole changeout program which replaced all poles identified as poor condition, and the new bucket truck, ordered July 2021, should arrive by the end of the week.

**Upcoming Events** included:

A Daupler 2-year agreement ($24,900/yr.), an extension on the sewer rehabilitation contract with Aikens Construction, finalizing information requests into AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure), bringing before the Council consideration regarding the net metering ordinance, and completing the final design of the Owsley Fork Project.

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

* Hoped everyone had a great July 4th holiday. Appreciated Priscilla Bloom, Parks & Recreation Director, and Public Works for their work on and during the July 4th event. Great job!
* Phase I of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) had been completed. Plans were to begin working on streets this summer.
* The Berea Craft Festival was scheduled for this weekend, July 8th – July 10th.
* The Berea Festival of LearnShops was scheduled for July 15th – July 24th and were celebrating their 10th anniversary. Visit visitberea.com for classes offered, registration, and eligibility.
* The Chestnut Street Pavilion Free Concert Series had been scheduled beginning July 9th through September 24th. Each Saturday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. Visit Tourism’s Facebook page for concert schedule.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Encouraged everyone to participate in the Berea Craft Festival this weekend.
* Shared history of Wilderness Road as this was the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Road Outdoor Drama, June 29, 1972. As the first outdoor drama in the state of Kentucky, it was originally presented in 1955, running through 1958. Later, the drama ran from 1968 -1971, with a new production which ran for nine seasons beginning in 1972 through 1980. Always community focused, over the nine seasons, the production employed hundreds of men, women, and children in the nightly magic of performance unique to natural outdoor theater. At the end of each show, audience members joined cast members and musicians in dances on the stage. A wonderful, memorable way to draw the evening to a close.

The Advisory Committee for Wilderness Road included many well-known residents of Berea, Richmond, and Lexington, Kentucky, i.e., Richard Bellando (Alumni Affairs, Berea College), John S. Bolin (Professor, Berea College), James A. Chenault (Circuit Court Judge, Richmond), John H. Chisholm (Professor, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond), Howard L. Colyer (Chamber of Commerce,

Richmond), Jean Engle (Mrs. Jack Engle, Berea), Maureen Faulkner (Professor, Berea College), Bruce Fraley (Berea), C. C. Hensley (Mayor, City of Berea), Jerome W. Hughes (Professor, Berea College),

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Loyal Jones (Appalachian Center, Berea College), Clifford F. Kerby, M.D. (Berea), Walter Leet, Jr. (Lexington), A. Paul Nestor (Business Services, University of Kentucky, Lexington), Mrs. Alfred H. Perrin (Berea), James J. Shannon, Jr. (Madison County Historical Society, Richmond), Willis D. Weatherford (President, Berea College), Frederick G. Williams (Berea), John T. Wray (Berea), and Clarence H. Wyatt (Athletics, Berea College).

* Asked everyone to keep families and friends of the three fallen officers and K-9 officer killed in the line of duty, of Floyd County, in their thoughts and prayers. Officers included Captain Ralph Frasure, Deputy William Petry, Officer Jacob Chaffins, and K-9 Officer Drago.
* Shared the following Independence Day Thoughts…

In the United States of America, our Independence Day celebration was not celebrated on a day of a major military victory or storming of a prison, but rather, we celebrate independence on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, the founding document of our nation, which was adopted by the thirteen colonies at the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia. A declaration which not only states our independence from British Rule, but states the values, truths, and principles that our nation was founded on.

Today, the American experiment, which was born by the adoption of the Declaration of Independence 246 years ago, was under attack by those who think there is no such thing as common good, or those that do not value freedom and liberty.

As elected officials, how can we support the ideals, truths, and principles from the Declaration of Independence and also be true to the oath we took to support the Constitution of the United States?

Offered that, together, we must do our part at the local level to always act in the interest of the common good, to know that we can act independently with the understanding that we, as elected officials, were still dependent on each other to act in the best interest of the citizens we serve.

The true spirit of Independence Day was in moving beyond our self interest to aid our great nation, commonwealth, and city for the betterment of all.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Davis** Remember Floyd County and the families of their Police Officers lost this week. Also remember the people / families of the Highland Park, Illinois tragedy.

**Wilson** Thanked those in attendance for coming. Echoed sentiments of Davis. Appreciated Mayor Fraley’s Independence Day report.

**Caudill** No comment.

**Payne** Looked forward to the dramatic uptick of public events between now and the Spoonbread Festival. Hopefully we will get to enjoy nice weather.

**Little** A Public Works meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 11th, City Hall, Randy Stone Community Room, 6:00 p.m.

**Startzman** The City Council body was the only type of politics she would be interested in participating as it is fairly non-partisan. In response to several decisions of the Supreme Court, encouraged folks to not despair and now was the time to get involved. All politics was local and was grateful to be able to serve on this body and grateful the decisions she makes were not about people’s bodily autonomy. Grieved the shift in our nation.

**Scenters** Thanked Mayor Fraley for his inspirational words. Was glad to see so many items on the Public Works agenda. Don’t forget the craft fair this weekend. Grateful that human life had been honored by the US Supreme Court.

**Terrill** Agreed with Scenters’ comments.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk