**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_JUNE 21, 2022**

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

 Ronnie Terrill

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

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

Priscilla Bloom, Eric Scott, Susan Meeks, Kevin Howard, Amanda Haney,

Roy Curtis

**INVOCATION:** Jim Davis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jim Davis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 7, 2022**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mark Workman, 50+ years resident of Berea, was concerned about the Berea Craft Festival as he and his father had demonstrated at the festival for many years. He had heard that the original group managing the festival was in their final year of managing. Asked if this was a Tourism issue, City issue, a combination issue, etc. and where would he go to ensure the festival would continue after this year. The festival brought a lot of dollars into the City and people enjoyed it.

**REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE INTO CITY MAINTENANCE**

Kevin Howard, General Manager, Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU), reminded the Council of the recently completed Walnut Meadow Pump Station Project which involved installing a new sewer force main for the City. During the project, an adjacent property owner, 2263 Menelaus Road, had inquired about extending a portion of gravity sewer line to his property for future development. The property owner consulted with BMU’s engineers and project contractors to determine the appropriate location / specifications and retained the services of each to install the line section of gravity sewer. The property owner had requested that the new gravity line and manhole be accepted as a capital contribution to the City of Berea’s sewer system and to grant an easement to the City of Berea for the line and manhole.

Howard requested a motion to accept the additional (1) manhole and 64’ of 8” PVC gravity sewer line into Berea Municipal Utilities’ sewer infrastructure pending final easement acceptance by the City’s Corporate Counsel. The dollar value for the acceptance of asset was $16,500.

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Caudill motioned; Davis seconded motion to accept the additional (1) manhole and the 64’ of 8” PVC gravity sewer line into Berea Municipal Utilities Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance Program with an asset value of $16,500, pending final easement acceptance by the City’s Corporate Counsel.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**MUNICIPAL ORDER #04-2022 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF A 1999 CASE MODEL C70A TRACTOR AND A 2006 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR MODEL 6215 BY TRADING SAME FOR A MASSEY FERGUSON TRACTOR MODEL 4610.**

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

Terrill motioned; Caudill seconded motion to approve and adopt Municipal Order #04-2022.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #10-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDING FOR A LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AND PLAN. - 2ND READNG**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #10-2022 by summary.

Audit & Finance Committee recommended approval of Ordinance #10-2022.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Caudill motioned for approval and adoption of Ordinance

#10-2022 from City Council.

No second motion required.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**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. - 1ST READING**

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

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION UPDATE**

Priscilla Bloom, Parks & Recreation Director, stated July 4th activities would be on Monday, July 4th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Park, Duerson Stadium area. Activities would include games, face painting, food vendors, professional photo booth, and free swim hours from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. A live band, “Rock of Ages,” would be performing beginning at 8:00 p.m. Fireworks would begin at 10:00 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Chief Eric Scott, Berea Police Department**, thanked the Council for approving Hazardous Duty for the City as they had only one employee leave within a calendar year. They were currently hiring for non-certified individuals. At a recent awards ceremony several officers received awards, i.e. Chris Neal (promoted to Lieutenant, Supervisor of the Year), Zac Bryant (Officer of the Year), Todd Johnson (Community Service Award), and Barry Manley (Life Saving Award).

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Thanked the City of Berea and citizens for supporting the Berea Police Association (non-profit) as through support they were able to return funds back into the children, members of the community, etc. Multiple events had already taken place for this year including City Hall tours/field trips, Autism Awareness Month, spring clean-up, Hooks for Heroes fishing trip, backpack drive, and therapy school for Police K-9 (Buddy). They were working diligently to rid Berea of drugs. The Electric Vehicles (EV) purchased had been great, saving approximately $15,000 within a year. Captain Aaron Boycan had been accepted into the FBI National Academy in July. Upcoming projects included a Self-Defense Course and an Active Shooters Training. Officer Sam Shearer graduates from the Police Academy on June 30th. Encouraged everyone to keep an eye on neighbors, their property, lock-up your personal belongings, and be safe.

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

* AppHarvest would be receiving their Temporary Certificate of Occupancy on June 22nd to begin growing lettuce and operating in the East Greenhouse.
* Juneteenth, June 19th, was acknowledged this week. All City offices were closed on Monday, June 20th, as the City of Berea passed a Resolution on September 15, 2020, recognizing Juneteenth Day, which became a national holiday in 2021. June 19th was recognized as the anniversary of the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans from the Confederacy in 1865.
* Presented and read **Resolution #07-2022**, Health Insurance Trust, requesting approval from City Council as transition in insurance changes required a Resolution. The City was changing the health insurance carrier to Benecon / UMR, to obtain the best rates possible and less liability.

Startzman motioned; Caudill seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #07-2022.

Voice Vote: All ayes

* Terrill requested a status report on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Beverly was to follow-up and provide a report at the next Public Works meeting, scheduled for Monday, July 11th.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Regarding the Public Comment inquiry of the Berea Craft Festival, this year was not the last festival and the Craft Festival would continue. The City of Berea had a consultant who had planned and carried out the festival for years. Two years ago, the consultant noted that she wanted to phase away from the festival. For the past two years, Donna Angel, Business Development & Tourism Director, and her staff had been learning how to handle and continue the festival. The Craft Festival was expected to continue and be as strong as ever.
* The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet planned to replace the wooden bridge on Menelaus Road with the project going out to bid in the Spring of 2023. Most of the design work was complete and project should move quickly.
* The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet had advised that a new road had been planned through the 87-acre track, on Menelaus Road, owned by the Berea Industrial Development Authority (BIDA). The road was on the six-year state highway plan and funds had been approved for design, rights-of-way, and utilities.
* Presented photos of the spec building in progress on Farristown Industrial Road, located on the 10.8 acres purchased by MP Kelly, Inc. from BIDA. The building was a 50,000 sq. ft. expandible building which could increase to approximately 90,000 sq. ft.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Terrill** Heat wave was coming. Asked Howard, General Manager, BMU, if we had enough electricity. Howard stated they were monitoring their peak with BMU reaching their weekly on Tuesday at 24MW and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) reaching their peak the previous day. They anticipated the advisory to be lifted.

Everyone be safe.

**Scenters** Asked Kevin Howard, General Manager, BMU, if water levels were okay due to the weather/draught. Howard stated water levels were down, pray for lower temperatures and rain!Everyone have a good week.

**Payne** As we are going into summer, hoped everyone got a chance to get out when it is not 90°+ outside. Make it out to Owsley Fork, rent a kayak, enjoy the beautiful weather. Have a safe and happy July 4th.

**Davis** Good news for Farristown. Thanked Kevin Howard, General Manager, BMU, for work on the water leak on Ellipse Street. Thanked Roy Curtis, Director, Public Works, for trimming shrubs/weeds on Scaffold Cane Road. Encouraged everyone to go to the park on July 4th to celebrate our original Day of Independence.

**Startzman** Recently had an opportunity to interact with two Berea Police Officers and appreciated their empathy and kindness shown to people not from Berea, who did not have a place to live. Grateful for their energy and kindness. Great experience.

**Caudill** A Public Works Committee Meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 11th, 6:00 p.m., Randy Stone Conference Room, City Hall. Enjoy July 4th, be safe. Remember, there was a fireworks ordinance, people would be shooting off fireworks, don’t be upset, don’t call Chief Scott. Have a great week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Davis motioned; Caudill seconded motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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