**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_ \_ \_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_AUGUST 16, 2022**

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, August 16, 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, Tommy Horn, Priscilla Bloom,

Shawn Sandlin, Susan Meeks, Amanda Haney, Ken Puckett

**INVOCATION:** Cora Wilson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ronnie Terrill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 2, 2022**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Emerson McAfee, President of Vietnam Veterans Chapter, Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Member, Berea

Followed up on proposing a Veterans monument placed in Berea. The monument designated the Madison County entities of Berea, Richmond, and Madison County Fiscal Court with one in each entity at $5000 per entity. He stated the monuments had increased from 5’ to 7’ tall. Berea had not yet made the decision to purchase a monument and was hoping they would do so.

Russell McMahan, Owner, McMahan’s Auto and Towing, Berea

Referencing Ordinance #13-2022, appreciated rules and regulations and as the towing industry was challenging and not to be discounted, requested City Council to table the ordinance. He would like to be involved, have input, on guidelines of the ordinance.

**MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS**

Paulette Edster, Marylene Lefurgy, and Robin Harris shared information regarding the Madison County Extension Homemakers. The Extension Homemakers, made up of volunteers, was an informal education program designed to help gain new knowledge and skills to improve the quality of life for us and for our families. Homemakers Clubs are a part of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service providing informal education, leadership activities and community development nationwide. The Homemakers are your friends, relatives, and neighbors working together for our community, our country, our nation, and our world. Encouraged the public to become members via mail, website, or calling.

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**KIWANIS CLUB OF BEREA DAY PROCLAMATION - 100 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mayor Fraley read Proclamation in entirety and presented to KIWANIS CLUB members in attendance.

Sharyn Mitchell, member, thanked Mayor Fraley and the City of Berea. KIWANIS was formed in 1922 as the first civic organization, originally for men. They had the first female allowed to join, the first African American Governor for the Kentucky-Tennessee District, promoted reconstruction/extension of the Dixie Highway, planted Redbud trees along the road to Richmond, and many other events.

**RATIFICATION OF EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY (EKU) APPOINTMENT TO MADISON AIRPORT BOARD, INC.**

Mayor Fraley stated that in 2021, EKU was made an equal partner with the Central Kentucky Regional Airport. Board Member, Ethan Witt, resigned with the Board of Regents approving the appointment of Colleen Chaney to serve and fill Witt’s unexpired term, ending September 14, 2023. Per Corporate Counsels instructions, the City of Berea was required to ratify the appointments made by the EKU Board of Regents, Madison County, and the City of Richmond. Requested motion to ratify EKU’s Board of Regent’s appointment of Colleen Chaney to serve on the Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board.

Scenters motioned; Payne seconded motion to ratify Eastern Kentucky University’s Board of Regents nomination of Colleen Chaney’s appointment to the Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**MUNICIPAL ORDER #05-2022 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, DECLARING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE MOTOR VEHICLES TO BE DONATED TO THE CITY OF HAZARD, KENTUCKY.**

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

Little motioned; Caudill motioned to approve and adopt Municipal Order #05-2022.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #12-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR CITY PURPOSES UPON ALL PROPERTY, NOT OTHERWISE EXEMPT, IN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY. - 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #12-2022 by summary.

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #12-2022.

Roll Call Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #13-2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY ADDING CHAPTER 42, REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY TOW OPERATORS, SECTIONS 42.01 - 42.04, PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR TOW OPERATORS PROVIDING WRECKER SERVICE TO THE CITY. - 2ND READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #13-2022 by summary.

Payne motioned; Little seconded motion to postpone Ordinance #13-2022 until next City Council meeting, pending a Work Session and listening session.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Amanda Haney, Codes & Planning Administrator**

Haney shared current larger projects with plan approval. Berea College’s Computer Media and IT (CMIT) Building had just begun construction, an Indoor Athletic Facility, and several new barns and facilities. The Industrial Park included an AppHarvest project consisting of offices, a packhouse, and three greenhouses. The Ignite Technology (Educational) Building, by Farristown School, involved only electrical work/inspections for City of Berea. The MP Kelly Spec building was well underway.

In town, Popeye’s was going up quickly, two new dental offices, Tractor Supply renovation, an indoor practice facility at Madison Southern High School, and forty-eight active permits for New Single-Family Dwellings.

They were in the process of interviewing for a new Codes Officer / Building Inspector. The new contract electrical inspector, Michael Leger, was working out very well.

Working out final details of their new interactive software and GIS mapping through ESRI. Plans were to implement in phases. Working on MS-4 mapping for the Division of Water Permit, a requirement that the City’s stormwater system had to mapped by April 2023.

The Kentucky Department of Housing, Building, and Construction expanded jurisdiction contract was due to expire in October 2022. They had filed for renewal, an application process which included audit of their office and processes. If everything is found sufficient, an offer would be made to extend contract for three years.

**Susan Meeks, Finance Director**

Although approved in the budget and over threshold of $20,000, Meeks requested purchase approval, from City Council, for meter reading equipment and software for the City’s existing meters, in the amount of $42,180, from United Systems. The existing equipment and software had reached the end of their life. There were not multiple bids as this was the only system that worked with the City’s meters.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve purchase of meter reading equipment from United Systems in the amount of $42,180.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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

* Tourism and the Police Department had worked together on the Back to School Bash, which was a success with 300 backpacks and supplies given out.
* Parks Department held their 4th Annual Pooch Poolooza today week with 55 dogs and their owners attending. A large amount of non-monetary donations was given, i.e., pet supplies, treats, toys, etc., which were donated to the Madison County Animal Shelter.
* The Street Resurfacing Project was scheduled to begin Friday, August 19th.
* The 2022 Bluegrass Mountain Bike Clinic, hosted by Kentucky Mountain Bike Association (KyMBA), was scheduled for this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, August 20th & 21st, at the Silver Creek Mountain Bike Park.
* Sent Council the Departmental monthly written reports. Please let her know if they are found valuable and/or if they would like them quarterly.
* Although approved in the budget, final approval was requested for the following vehicles:
* Tourism

2023 Buick Encore GX $28,663.83

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve purchase.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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* IT Department

2023 Buick Encore GX $27,478.23 Purchased with ARPA funds.

Davis motioned; Startzman seconded motion to approve purchase.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Thanked City Council for approving the donation of Berea Police Cars and other City Vehicles to the City of Hazard and those involved with getting the vehicles to Hazard. Hazard was greatly appreciative and thrilled with Berea’s compassion and generosity.
* Police and Fire Departments had collected a donation of goods for Eastern Kentucky families impacted by the flooding. The entire Berea community and Southern Madison County were supportive in donations for the relief effort.
* Appointed Danny Miller to the Berea Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) Board for a 4-year term. Thanked Diane Zekind for her service on BIDA’s Board.
* The 13th Berea Celtic Fest would be held this weekend, Thursday, August 18th – Sunday, August 21st.
* State contracts for paving Highway 1016 / Estill Street paving was underway *and* US 25 / Exit 76 to south of Estill Street paving would begin soon.
* Paving for City of Berea Streets, the City’s responsibility, would begin on Friday, August 19th.
* Attended the Swing for a Cure Softball Tournament this past weekend. Compliment to Tom Howser’s wife, Patty, and family for keeping the tournament alive. Compliment to Priscilla Bloom, her Parks and Rec staff, and volunteers who made the event a success as many compliments were received regarding the fields and the event altogether.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Terrill** Estill Street paving had been completed this afternoon, nice drive, and looked nice.

**Wilson** Attended the Swing for a Cure Tournament this past weekend, the family did a great job. Donations could still be made to Swing for a Cure. Thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting.

**Scenters** Congratulated KIWANIS CLUB on their 100 years of service, amazing. The Battle of Richmond was collecting socks for Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief victims. Although some were already budgeted, appreciated purchases above $20,000 threshold coming before the Council. Appreciated Russell McMahan sharing his concerns regarding Ordinance 13-2022, Towing & Wrecker Service.

**Startzman** No comment.

**Little** Thanked Administration for the last four vehicle purchases. They fit the need, very usable, and a great value.

**Payne** Thanked KIWANIS, the Madison County Extension Homemakers, and Russel McMahan for speaking tonight. Glad to hear progress on City projects. Check out City events on visitberea.com, there were several events coming up. Share the events, come out and join the community

**Caudill** Reminded everyone that school started this week, be patient, leave a little earlier. Thanked Berea Police Department for putting up signs and their work to help make sure everyone stayed safe. Thanked tonight’s presenters; a lot of good information and wonderful things happening in our City.

**Davis** Complimented Swing for a Cure Tournament, there was a good crowd. City Administrator, Rose Beverly, spoke at this month’s Rotary meeting, she did a wonderful job. Thanked Russell McMahan for tonight’s comments.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk