**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_AUGUST 2, 2022**

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

WORK SESSION

5:30 PM - 6:10 PM

Resolution #09-2022 Berea CDBG-CV Withdrawal - Karyn Leverenz, BGADD

Resolution #10-2022 Berea CDBG-CV Apply - Greyson Evans, BGADD

Ordinance #12-2022 2022 Ad Valorem Tax - Susan Meeks, Finance Director

**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, Donna Angel,

Priscilla Bloom, Susan Meeks, Ken Puckett

**INVOCATION:** Katie Startzman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jim Davis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 19, 2022**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jacqueline Bowling, Berea

Realized Resolution #09-2022 was to withdraw from expired CDBG funding and Resolution #10-2022 was to apply for alternative programs funding. During the Work Session understood a portion of the funding was to be used to renovate the Ford Building. Wondered why the Ford Building had been chosen to renovate as $950,000 had been spent on the Tolle Building and $745,000 had been spent on the Pavilion. Thought the money would be better spent adding on to the Folk Center as $100,000 would be a good start. Felt citizens were tired of money being spent on buildings that were currently sitting. Agreed with the tax rate, thought it was fair and citizens would appreciate the rate not going up.

Ali Blair, First Friday Berea

Reminded everyone of the free Levitt AMP Concert Series, every Friday and Saturday, beginning this weekend, August 5th through September 3rd, at the City Park Expansion (Berea Skate Park), 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Thanked the businesses that had partnered with them this year. The Series included a wide variety of live music and food trucks each evening. One food truck would be designated to provide free meals to everyone eighteen years old and younger. There would be family and/or kid engagement

activities. Thanked Administration, the Police Department, Priscilla Bloom (Parks Department), and Public Works for their support. The event takes place rain or shine. Bring your family and furry friends.

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**STREET RESURFACING BID APPROVAL**

One bid was received:

The Allen Company, Inc., Lexington

Bid was opened on Monday, August 1st, 4:32 p.m., City Administrator’s Office. Officials present were Roy Curtis, Public Works Director, Rose Beverly, City Administrator, Robin Adams, City Clerk, and Mayor Bruce Fraley.

Councilman Jerry Little, Public Works Committee Chair, stated the ten streets to be milled and/or resurfaced with a total amount of $423,944.40. On behalf of the Public Works Committee, Little recommended bid acceptance from City Council.

Little motioned; Caudill seconded motion to award Street Resurfacing Bid to the Allen Company, Inc., in the amount of $423,944.40.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**RESOLUTION #09-2022 - A RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING THE CITY OF BEREA FROM CURRENT CDBG-CV FUNDING PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE CITY TO APPLY FOR ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS UTILIZING CDBG-CV FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

Mayor Fraley read Resolution #09-2022 in entirety.

Payne motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #09-2022.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**RESOLUTION #10-2022 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, TO APPLY FOR ALTERNATIVE CDBG-CV PROGRAMS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

Mayor Fraley read Resolution #10-2022 in entirety.

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #10-2022.

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. - 1ST READING**

Due to Work Session prior to City Council Meeting regarding Ordinance #12-2022, Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #12-2022 by summary.

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**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. - 1ST READING**

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

Davis stated Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements had been added. Council also requested language added to ordinance stating City Council was to be notified when a service/business was removed from the rotation list. Corporate Counsel to update ordinance prior to 2nd Reading, August 16th.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Susan Meeks, Finance Director**

Loved to talk about the Finance Department and proud of her staff. This was a very busy time of year as they were closing out FY 2022, a process which takes 45-60 days. Once satisfied that final numbers were accurate and everything adhered to general accounting principles, the final numbers were submitted to the auditors. Auditors were scheduled to be on site the week of September 5th. As the Fiscal Year was open for 60 days and revenue/expenses were being moved between the years making certain funds were in the correct Fiscal Year, Finance was unable to provide monthly reports for June and July. Although the final results for FY22 were yet to be determined, Meeks stated, with confidence, that revenues would exceed expenditures. Auditors would be delivering their report in October.

The first month of FY23 was finished with general fund revenue showing in the following month. They were currently gearing up for property taxes. Once the ordinance was passed, property tax bills would be mailed out by the first of September.

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

* Festival of LearnShops had concluded, were well-received and attended with 90+ classes. Attendees included visitors from Canada, Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, Tennessee, and many areas of Kentucky. Grateful for Tourism’s hard work.
* Berea Celtic Festival was back and scheduled for the weekend of August 20th.
* The Police Department and Tourism were hosting the Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 6th, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Berea Welcome Center in Old Town. Thanked the twenty local vendors and businesses for their support.
* The 2022 Bluegrass Mountain Bike Clinic was being hosted by Kentucky Mountain Bike Association (KyMBA) at the Berea Silver Creek Mountain Bike Park, Saturday & Sunday, August 20th & 21st.
* Administration had been meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on the Spoonbread Festival.
* Working on and preparing for the Street Resurfacing Project.
* Working on grants for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.
* Hitachi Astemo Electric Systems was conducting a job fair on August 9th & 11th at the Folk Center.

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**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* The City of Berea had received a $500,000 grant to support upgrades in Economic Development in Berea for the development of a build ready site on Mayde Road, next to Hitachi Astemo Electric Motor Systems. This was part of a Product Development Initiative (PDI) Program and Berea was one of the first cities in the state to receive a PDI grant. Very grateful for Berea’s Economic Development Team.
* Shared a secure sight to help/donate to the Flood Relief and Recovery for Eastern Kentucky. The site was sponsored by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Suggested using the site as it was secure and there were no fees. Encouraged everyone to donate and share the link.

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormService/Finance/EKYFloodRelief>

As an alternative option, check donations, made payable to “Kentucky State Treasurer,” could be sent to the following address:

Public Protection Cabinet

500 Mero Street, 218 Nc

Frankfort, KY 40601

Note “team Eastern Kentucky flood relief” in the memo line of check.

Donations were tax deductible.

* Kentucky League of Cities had asked the City of Berea for Police Assistance with Hindman, Kentucky on Wednesday, August 3rd. Officers were leaving tomorrow.
* Donations (goods) for the Flood Relief and Recovery could be left at the Berea Police Department.
* Appreciated dedication of our first responders.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Davis** Asked if Berea had any surplus cruisers to donate to the Flood Relief and Recovery project. Mayor Fraley stated he was working with the City Attorney and Police Chief regarding vehicle donations and may need to be done by ordinance.

**Little** Thank you to City Administrator, Beverly, for straightening him out on the Resolution earlier today. Due to a line being cut, the Government Access Channel had not been available. Hoped to be repaired within the next 2-3 weeks.

**Caudill** Anyone wanting to donate only water and/or cleaning supplies for the Flood Relief could drop offat Eastern Kentucky University’s Center for the Arts through Thursday, August 4th.

**Payne** Thanked Mayor Fraley andCaudill for their Flood Relief information. VisitBerea.com had lots of events shown on their website. Encouraged everyone to visit the website, come out to the events, bring your lawn chair, explore Berea, and enjoy being with your community.

**Scenters** No comment.

**Terrill** No comment.

**Startzman** Regarding the Flood Relief for Eastern Kentucky**,** an international organization, World Central Kitchen, was cooking in Hazard and delivering hot meals to the region. They were looking for people with professional cooking experience, delivery drivers, dishwashers, etc. Information could be

found on their website. Going to Eastern Kentucky on Sunday and would be happy to take anything that would be helpful in a commercial kitchen setting.

**Wilson** Need to be in prayer for the people in Eastern Kentucky. If you can afford to donate and/or send something, do it.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk