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

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

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Municipal Order #07-2022 Personnel Policy Revisions - Rose Beverly

**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,

Shawn Sandlin, Eric Scott, Kevin Howard, Jason Hays, Aaron Boycan,

Jason Varney

**INVOCATION:** Teresa Scenters

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Teresa Scenters

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Payne motioned; Little seconded motion to amend agenda to include #13 as Request Motion for Executive Session to discuss the potential appointment of an employee under KRS 61.810(1)(f).

Voice Vote: All ayes

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

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

Startzman motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve minutes as presented.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jacqueline Bowling, Berea

Reminded City Council of their duties of voting on the budget, ordinances, resolutions, and appointments to committees. Continued public comment on non-business-related topic.

Mayor Fraley raised Point of Order, citing Municipal Order #02-2019, Conduct of Legislative Body Meetings, Section V. Standing Rules, B. Public Comment Requirements & C. Meeting Etiquette.

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Fraley read the 2022 Small Business Proclamation in entirety and presented to Jennifer Parsons & Tamara Robinson, owners of Market 69 Boutique, located in Old Town, Berea.

On behalf of Small Businesses in Berea, Parsons thanked Mayor Fraley and Council for the opportunity to be recognized as a Small Business in Berea. Market 69 was a handcraft & clothing boutique with over thirty vendors. They hoped to continue growing, making Berea proud, and invited everyone to their boutique on North Broadway.

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**MUNICIPAL ORDER #07-2022 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING REVISED PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, BY REVISING DISCIPLINARY PRACTICES, DELETING PRE-TERMINATION HEARINGS, AND REVISING OPTIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Municipal Order #07-2022 in entirety.

Startzman motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve and adopt Municipal Order #07-2022.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Kevin Howard, General Manager, Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU)**

**Miscellaneous Items**

* LED streetlights had been fully installed in the East Berea area to the end of City Limits and beginning on Scaffold Cane Road down to Elm Street.
* As of July, a total of 544 Electric, Water, & Sewer Work Orders had been completed, there had been 47 responses to power outages, and 35 water leak repairs.
* Although the past two months had been relatively dry and lake levels were down, the average water level remained the same for this 4-month period as in years past.

**Current and/or Completed Projects**

* West End Tank Telemetry & Remote Operated Valve installation had been completed and remote operation was functional.
* Hydraulic modeling project was wrapping up which would assist in identifying areas in our distribution system in the need of upgrades.
* Flow monitoring and collection system modeling was continuing.
* One property remained for easement agreements for the Airport expansion sewer force main.

**Upcoming Events**

* Daupler after-hours call service feature of reverse call and text was being finalized. Encouraged everyone to sign up for this feature.
* Owsley Fork Project was moving toward 90% design resubmittal for review at the Fort Worth National Center. They had also been in continuous communication with the Kentucky National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) officials regarding, hopefully the last hurdle, the possibility of pyrite expansion and upheaval in the existing shale and slate rock located on site. Rock core samples had been collected and sent to the lab for analysis. The design team’s hopes were for the pyritic sulfur content to be minimal in order to put to rest the concerns of possible upheaval post construction due to pyritic sulfur oxidation. Unfortunately, there was not a clear precedent on how to deal with this upheaval risk on such a large scale. Howard had been repeatedly assured by KY NRCS that this project was on everyone’s radar, and it WOULD BE completed.

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

* Working on grants and plans for Park projects, i.e., the pool and concessions.
* Susan Meeks, Finance Director, would soon present the timeline for budget amendments.

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* The Mayoral Delegation Visit from Hokuto City, Japan, went well. It was wonderful to meet Mayor Kamimura and looked forward to continuing our relationship with Hokuto City. Thanked the Madison County International Committee, Donna Angel and her team, Kent Gilbert, and all who worked together to make their visit great.
* A ‘STOP’ sign and street striping were to be added at the intersection of Prince Royal Drive and Plaza Drive. Plans were to complete this week.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

Shared the following Executive Orders:

* Executive Order #2022-30

Revising & Amending Job Descriptions for Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief

* Executive Order #2022-31

Re-Appointment to Tourism Commission for a Three-Year Term - Patrick Huston

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Little** No comment.

**Payne** Excited to see new restaurant, Nuevo Vallarta, on the north end of Berea. Hoped other small businesses and community members welcomed them. Berea College had announced their 10th President, Dr. Cheryl L. Nixon, beginning July 2023. Nixon would be the first female to serve as Berea College President in the institution’s 167-year history. Congratulated fellow Council Members, Caudill and Startzman, for the top votes in the recent election. Looked forward to great things to come within the next two Council years with Parks and Public Works.

**Caudill** No comment.

**Startzman** No comment.

**Wilson** Thanked everyone for being there and the presentations. Thanked everyone for their votes and coveted their prayers for her, the entire Council, and our Mayor, as it was not always easy. They were elected to serve the citizens. Time there was not for their personal agendas. She appreciated everyone and the City. Everyone was one vote. Loved all, loved Berea.

**Scenters** Ditto to Wilson’s comments. Thanked Howard for the Owsley Fork update. As the holiday season was approaching, do not forget Small Business Saturday and Merry Mingling, both scheduled for Saturday, November 26th. Everybody spend your dollars at home. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Terrill** Everyone put the Christmas Parade on their calendars, scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd.

**Davis** Reminded everyone of Small Business Saturday, November 26th. It was important to remember the Small Businesses all year long, not only on Small Business Saturday. Thanked and appreciated Howard for his work. Wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Caudill motioned, Little seconded motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the potential appointment of an employee under KRS 61.810(1)(f).

Voice Vote: All ayes

Payne motioned, Startzman seconded motion to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Fraley stated the City Council met in Executive Session to discuss the potential appointment of an employee under KRS 61.810(1)(f). No decisions were made during the closed session.

He notified the City Council that on November 14, 2022, after three years of service to the City of Berea, he had received and accepted Police Chief Eric Scott’s resignation letter, effective November 30, 2022. He intended to promote Major Jason Hays to the position of Police Chief, effective December 1, 2022.

Mayor Fraley requested Council’s approval of the selection of Jason Hays as the next Police Chief.

Payne motioned; Startzman seconded motion to approve appointment of Jason Hays for the position of Police Chief, effective December 1, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Davis, Scenters, Startzman, Payne, Little, Caudill, Wilson

Nays: Terrill

Motion carried, 7 to 1.

Mayor Fraley congratulated new Police Chief, Jason Hays, and wished Eric Scott all the best.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk