**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ JANUARY 17, 2023**

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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, David Rowlette, Jerry Little,

Steve Caudill, Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** J.T. Gilbert,Rose Beverly, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Donna Angel,

Priscilla Bloom, Shawn Sandlin, Jason Hays, Kevin Howard,

Amanda Haney

**INVOCATION:** Steve Caudill

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Steve Caudill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to amend agenda to include as #10, Berea Housing Authority Appointment.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 3, 2023**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jackson Napier, Breathitt County, KY

Recently moved back to Berea, with his fiancé, with plans to start a family.

Expressed his opinion of Berea passing a Fairness Ordinance.

Eleanor Workman, Berea

Asked if there had been any movement on the re-zoning of Christmas Ridge Road.

**KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Representative Josh Bray, 71st District, stated when the legislative redistricting took place, he was shifted to this area and wanted to introduce himself. He was the Vice Chair of the Local Government Committee, was former City Administrator for the City of Mt. Vernon, and familiar with issues effecting cities. Looked forward to working with Berea and what he could do in Frankfort to help Berea.

**BRIEFING: REDEEMING HOPE**

Lisa Foster, Vickie Primrose, and Jamie Arnold addressed the devastating effect of human trafficking and presented plans for a local, non-profit home that would aid victims of human trafficking, serving girls between the ages of 14 and 18. Many victims were children forced into sexual servitude to survive.

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They were raising the issue now as January was National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. As of 2019, for federal cases, Kentucky ranked number nine in the nation for human trafficking. Foster stated although the home location had been selected, it had not been publicized. Arnold stated residents would live in a secure homestyle setting, be assisted in securing their GED and/or high school diploma, and would receive emotional support to begin a new life, getting the love and support they need. Foster stated financial support and awareness were the two things most needed at this time.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Fraley requested Council approval for the following Planning Commission Appointments:

Caudill motioned; Startzman seconded motion to approve re-appointment of Greg Lakes to the Berea Planning & Zoning Commission, to serve a four-year term, expiring on January 17, 2027

Voice Vote: All ayes

Davis motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve re-appointment of Mike Barnett to the Berea Planning & Zoning Commission, to serve a four-year term, expiring on January 17, 2027.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Caudill motioned; Startzman seconded motion to approve appointment of Ben Robinson III, to the Berea Planning & Zoning Commission, to serve a four-year term, expiring on January 17, 2027.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Little motioned; Caudill seconded motion to approve appointment of Jeff Johnson, to the Berea Planning & Zoning Commission, to serve a four-year term, expiring on January 17, 2027.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Mayor Fraley thanked all those serving. Thanked Jeff Reed for eight years of service and Phil Malicote for four years of service on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**BEREA HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

As Ken Vasey had served 24 years on the Berea Housing Authority, he had advised Mayor Fraley that he no longer wanted to serve on the board.

Mayor Fraley requested Council approval to appoint Jeanie Hogg, to the Berea Housing Authority, to serve a four-year term.

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve the appointment of Jeanie Hogg, to the Berea Housing Authority, to serve a four-year term, expiring January 17, 2027.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Mayor Fraley thanked Vasey and Hogg for their service and willingness to serve.

**STREET, INFRASTRUCTURE, & SEWER ACCEPTANCE FOR STONEY CREEK**

Regarding the Public Comment questions of rezoning Christmas Ridge Road, Haney stated there had been no resubmittal for the zone change request.

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Haney presented a street acceptance for Stoney Creek, Unit 2, Block 1, Phases 1 & 2.

Codes & Planning, GIS, and Public Works had inspected Stoney Creek, Unit 2, Block 1, Phases 1 & 2, consisting of 4,757 LF of streets at Wyldwood Way (past the roundabout), Boulder Court, Sapphire Drive, and Middle Creek Drive for acceptance into the city maintenance program. All deficiencies had been corrected and they recommended acceptance by City Council. The street acceptance would be for curbs, gutters, roads, sidewalks, stormwater piping and infrastructure, excluding any retention / detention ponds. Total asset to the City would be $1,902,800.

Little motioned; Wilson seconded to accept 4,757 LF of streets at Stoney Creek, Unit 2, Block 1, Phases 1 & 2. The City would accept all infrastructure from the back of sidewalk on Wyldwood Way (past the roundabout), Boulder Court, Sapphire Drive, and Middle Creek Drive for a total asset to the city of $1,902.800, excluding any retention / detention ponds.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU) had inspected and approved approximately 2,100 LF of 8” PVC sewer pipe ($136,500) and 10 newly installed manholes ($75,700) at Stoney Creek, Unit 2, Phase 1-A. BMU requested acceptance by the City Council into Berea Utilities’ maintenance program. Total asset to the City would be $212,200.

Davis motioned; Rowlette seconded motion to accept 2,100 LF of 8” sewer line and 10 manholes at Stoney Creek, Unit 3, Phase 1-A, for a total asset to the city of $212,200.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Daniel Brindley, Director, IT Department**

Pricing was complete on the phone system upgrade as parts were no longer available for the current phone system. Will look into moving forward in the coming weeks.

A new Network Server rack had been ordered to replace the one in the BMU building. The rack had been ordered early to avoid price increase and would be moved over once phone system was complete.

In-house security training had begun, beginning with e-mail. The IT Department would be meeting with all City departments for training, including City Council.

City cell phones were being moved to a different provider. The new provider was slightly cheaper on data devices along with better customer service overall.

In the process of updating wi-fi in the city buildings.

**Kevin Howard, General Manager, Berea Municipal Utilities**

After receiving six quotes and onsite demonstrations on a budgeted jetvac truck, Howard requested approval to move forward with a 900-ECO unit from Brown Equipment Company at a purchase cost of $499,401.32 which was below the original budgeted line item. The current unit would be kept in the water division and continue using the hydroexcavation feature to assist in waterline repairs, saving cost in asphalt and yard remediation caused by repairs.

Terrill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve the purchase of a 900-ECO Jetvac truck in the amount of $499,401.32

Voice Vote: All ayes

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

* Requested approval for the Fire Department for the purchase of a 2023 Tahoe PPV CK10706 White 4WD, state contract price of $45,620. The purchase was budget approved.

The Tahoe would be replacing the 2012 Chevrolet which would be going to the Parks Department.

Scenters motioned; Little seconded motion to approve purchase of a 2023 Tahoe PPV CK107036 White 4WD for the Fire Department in the amount of $45,620.

Voice Vote: All ayes

* Presented a City Council Legislative Committee List requesting Council to review. If no questions, suggestions, or changes, a Municipal Order would be prepared and presented at the next City Council meeting.
* The following retirements would be happening soon:

Police Department, Sgt. James Hampton, 22 years of service

Fire Department, Scott Adams, 27 years of service & 3 years of service as a volunteer

Fire Department, Steve Bryant, 20 years of service & 1 year as a volunteer

Congratulated and thanked them for their dedication and hard work for the City of Berea.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Congratulated and thanked the Police & Fire Department retirees for their dedication and service to the City & citizens.
* Shawn Sandlin and Brent Billings had created a Fact Sheet for Loss & Fire with contacts and miscellaneous information. A very useful guide and thank you to the Fire Department.
* Thanked Ken Vasey for his 24-years of service on the Berea Housing Authority. He was a great leader and chairperson on the board.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Terrill** No comment.

**Wilson** Thanked tonight’s presenters, thanked Ken Vasey for his 24 years of service on the Berea Housing Authority Board, and thanked the retirees for their time and service. Appreciated all.

**Caudill** No comment.

**Little** No comment.

**Rowlette** Thanked Brindley for his presentation and the work he does. Food for thought, as there seemed to be several reappointments, perhaps there could be a way to stagger terms. Appreciated the retirees.

**Startzman** Had the privilege of attending Honeysuckle’s one-year anniversary. As this was a challenging time for local businesses/restaurants, encouraged everyone’s support. Thinking about beautification in the community, encouraged interested citizens to reach out to her on her chat board.

**Scenters** As tonight had been about people serving, it had been gratifying. Thinking, Kevin owes Amanda lunch for speaking for him and Daniel owed Donna for breaking the Tolle Building.

**Davis** Thanked those who had stepped up and served on the various Commissions and Boards. Thanked the retirees for their years of service in the community. Thanked Vasey for his years of service. Thanked Brindley for his report.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Rowlette seconded motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk