**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ JANUARY 3, 2023**

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, January 3, 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, Steve Caudill,

Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Jerry Little

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

Priscilla Bloom, Jason Hays, Amanda Haney

**INVOCATION:** Cora Wilson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Cora Wilson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Scenters motioned; Davis seconded motion to amend agenda to include as #13, Request Motion for Executive Session, to discuss pending litigation per KRS 61.810(c).

Voice Vote: All ayes

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 20, 2022**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shane Morris, Berea

Concerning meeting Public Comment(s), as a First Amendment issue, citizens had a right to petition their government to address grievances. According to Morris, the Attorney General’s Office does not state there is a specific law in Kentucky demanding public comment at public meetings. Thought Council was perfectly in their right to do away with public comment. He hoped the City would implement a fair policy when it came to public comments as Berea had a tradition of public comment at Council meetings with limitations of time, place, manor, and unbiased. Comment(s) and/or grievances could also be sent by letter, carrier pigeon, phone call, etc. Felt the City currently had the opportunity to return to focusing on city business, i.e., filling potholes, changing lights, etc., and calling point of order on none-city business.

**CENTRAL KENTUCKY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Mayor Fraley requested Council approval for the Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board appointment of George Wyatt, for a four-year term, to expire on January 16, 2027.

Startzman motioned, Rowlette seconded motion to approve appointment of George Wyatt to the Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board; term to expire January 16, 2027.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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**CENTRAL KENTUCKY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Mayor Fraley requested Council approval for the Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board appointment of Charles (Chuck) Conley, for a four-year term, to expire on January 16, 2027.

Caudill motioned, Wilson seconded motion to approve appointment of Charles (Chuck) Conley to the Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board; term to expire January 16, 2027.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Amanda Haney, Administrator, Codes Department**

Haney shared the following projects and information within the Codes Department:

**Larger Projects** included the Berea College Computer Media & IT (CMIT) Building, Berea College Indoor Practice Facility (Mill Street), the AppHarvest Complex, and diligently working on OpenGov software with plans to go live on July 1, 2023.

**Current Projects** included a wave of diverse and affordable housing in 2023, i.e., 140 units at Harvest Commons (Beaumont), 44 units / condominiums on Garden Gate Drive (Beaumont), under review were developments for 41 townhouse lots, 18 duplex lots, and 27 new single-family dwellings lots (Stoney Creek).

The Codes Department recently hired a new building inspector, Brian Maniscalco, with one- & two-family certification through International Code Council (ICC) and licensing through the Department of Housing, Buildings, & Construction. Electrical inspector, Jeff Harness, recently passed the Commercial Electrical Inspection test, now being able to inspect commercial and industrial, along with residential. They would continue to use Michael Leger, a contracted electrical inspector, on an as needed basis.

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

No report due to busy schedules during the holidays.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Melinda Carter had been hired as the new Executive Director for Berea Housing Authority upon the retirement of Doris Wyatt.
* Appreciated all involved with the Oath of Office Ceremony for Mayor and Council on Thursday evening, December 22, 2022.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Rowlette** Acknowledged the installation of the radar detection devices on Big Hill Road, in the areas of Bratcher Lane and Christmas Ridge Road. A good start to monitoring the speed limit. Honored to serve on City Council again and looked forward to working with the Council Members in the next two years.

**Startzman** Thanked Haney for sharing the work taking place in the Codes Department. Exciting!

**Scenters** No comment.

**Davis** The Oath of Office Ceremony was really nice and appreciated.

**Caudill** No comment.

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**Wilson** Thanked everyone for being at the meeting tonight. Hoped everyone had a good Christmas. Happy New Year, hoped everyone’s coming year was blessed and prosperous. Thanked Haney and all Department Heads for the great job they do.

**Terrill** Would like to have more lights added on Big Hill Road in the Bratcher Lane / Christmas Ridge Road area. Would also like to see 35 MPH speed limit signs placed from Silver Creek Drive to Wood Lane.

Mayor Fraley stated he had been in contact with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet requesting additional speed limit signage and he would follow up.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Davis motioned, Caudill seconded motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation per KRS 61.810(c).

Voice Vote: All ayes

Caudill motioned, Wilson seconded motion to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**ADJOURNMENT**

Scenters motioned; Rowlette seconded motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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City Clerk