**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

WORK SESSION

5:45 PM – 6:25 PM

ORDINANCE #09-2023 ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT AT COMMUNITY & PRIVATE EVENTS ON

CITY PROPERTY - Rose Beverly, City Administrator

ORDINANCE #10-2023 UTILITY STRIP MAINTENANCE REVISION - Rose Beverly, City Administrator

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jim Davis, Teresa Scenters, Katie Startzman, David Rowlette, Jerry Little,

Steve Caudill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Cora Jane Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Jerry Gilbert, Rose Beverly, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Donna Angel,

Priscilla Bloom, Shawn Sandlin, Casey Botkin, Kevin Howard

**INVOCATION:** Teresa Scenters

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Teresa Scenters

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 15, 2023**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**BEREA COLLEGE PRESIDENT, Dr. Cheryl Nixon**

Mayor Fraley and City Council welcomed Berea College’s new President, Dr. Cheryl Nixon, and husband Tim Monroe. Nixon was thrilled to be joining Berea College and the Berea community, looking forward to great partnerships.

**STREET ACCEPTANCE – CENTRAL PARK, BLOCK 3, CENTRAL PARK AVENUE**

**Rose Beverly, City Administrator**

Codes & Planning and Public Works inspected Central Park Block 3, consisting of 1295 LF of streets at Central Park Avenue for acceptance into the City Maintenance Program. All deficiencies had been corrected and requested acceptance by the City Council. The street acceptance included curbs, gutters, roads, sidewalks, stormwater piping and infrastructure, excluding any retention / detention ponds (none in the phase).

Assets to City

1295 linear feet of street from back of sidewalk to back of sidewalk on Central Park Avenue. Total asset to the city was $518,000.

Little motioned; Caudill seconded motion to accept 1295 linear feet of streets at Central Park Block 3 into the City Maintenance Program. City to accept all infrastructure including curbs, gutters, roads,

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sidewalks, stormwater piping and infrastructure, excluding retention / detention ponds, for Central Park Avenue for a total asset to the city of $518,000.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #09-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADDING SECTION 56.006 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ALCOHOL SALES AND SERVICE FOR ORGANIZED CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ORGANIZED PRIVATE ACTIVITIES, AND PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS FOR SUCH EVENTS. - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #09-2023 In entirety.

**ORDINANCE #10-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY REVISING SECTION 41.101 TO INCLUDE UTILITY STRIPS IN THE REQUIREMENT OF MAINTENANCE BY PROPERTY OWNERS, AND TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR UTILITY STRIPS. - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #10-2023 in entirety.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Priscilla Bloom, Director, Parks Department**

As it was already September, the pool season closed on August 13th, with a summer attendance of 17,000, a daily average of 224 attendees. Although there were a few challenges, it was a successful season. The season ended with their fifth annual Pooch Palooza (dog swim) welcoming over 50 pups, 125 of their humans, and taking their largest collection thus far of donated items for the Madison County Animal Shelter.

Programs for the remainder of the summer season included partnering with Richmond Parks to host a Game Night for Special Olympics, monthly Bingo at the Senior Center, Murder Mystery, weekly after school program with Berea Community Schools, annual bowling night for individuals with special needs, 10K & 50K relays, Swing for a Cure softball tournament, scheduling for the Berea Youth League, and working with the Berea Chamber of Commerce for the Spoonbread Festival.

Their maintenance crew was staying busy closing the mechanical room at the pool, preparing parks for the Spoonbread Festival, and working on maintenance for the youth football and soccer fields for tournaments, and planning for the 22nd annual Halloween at the Park.

The Parks Department had applied for a grant for the Recreational Trails Program to replace the restroom building next to Duerson Stadium. The Advisory Board would be meeting on September 14th allowing applicants to present their proposed project(s). Along with the Mayor, City Administrator, Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD), the Parks Department would be working on a presentation.

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

Requested approval for the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-550, 4WD, with 36’ boom, Utility Bucket Truck in the amount of $198,947.13, for the Electric Division of Berea Municipal Utilities. The truck had been budgeted for Fiscal Year 23/24 at state pricing contract in the amount of $225,000.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-550 Utility Bucket Truck, for BMU, Electrical Division, in the amount of $198,947.13.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stephanie Stumbo, Kentucky Guild of Brewers, Lexington, KY

As a former State ABC Commissioner, on behalf of the Kentucky Guild of Brewers, 90+ manufacturers in Kentucky, spoke on Ordinance #09-2023. Appreciative of time spent on getting the Ordinance correct regarding implementing alcohol sales within the city limits for fairs and festivals. In review of the Ordinance, Stumbo shared concerns of inaccurate and/or missing Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) within the Ordinance. With the intent to help the City get it right, looked forward to a long successful venture on fairs and festivals bringing revenue into the City.

Ali Blair, First Friday, Berea

Survived another season of the Levitt Amp Music Series consisting of eleven events during August and September with approximately 4000 guests overall. The events were provided to the community and free of charge. Funding had been committed, from the Levitt Foundation, for 2024 and 2025. Several grants and sponsors also help in the production of First Friday. Events took place at the Park, the (Farmer’s Market) Pavilion, and the Dog Park. Noted the Tuesday Farmer’s Market shared that vendor sales, vendor attendance, and customer count increased due to their partnership with First Friday. Looked forward to future events and continued partnerships.

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

* Requested approval to pay for a sign upgrade at the Industrial Park. The total cost would be $3,529.90, from line item #029-1000-54500 Building & Grounds R&M, Berea Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) Fund. Currently, nothing was budgeted for this line item.

Davis motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve sign upgrade for the Industrial Park, in the amount of $3,529.90, from line item #029-1000-54500, Building & Grounds R&M, Berea Industrial Development Authority Fund.

Voice Vote: All ayes

* As being over 30K, requested Council approval for purchase of a budgeted Bobcat Track Loader for Public Works in the amount of $75,549.26. New tires had been added to the old track loader and was being transferred to the Parks Department.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve purchase of Bobcat Track Loader, for Public

Works, in the amount of $75,549.26 at state contract price.

Voice Vote: All ayes

* Construction work would begin on the Tolle Building this week.
* Hoped to have Rose Street finished this week. Underground work on Glades Street should be completed by next week. The next step would be resurfacing in the Spring with a Request for Proposal (RFP) going out in late winter.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Reminded everyone of the Spoonbread Festival, September 15th - 17th, Memorial Park. Invite friends and family to one of Berea’s signature events.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Davis** Thanked Dr. Nixon, President, Berea College, her husband, Mr. Monroe, and Judge Wilson for attending the Council meeting. Thanked Priscilla for a successful summer at the Park.

**Scenters** No comment.

**Startzman** Thanked those who were at the meeting from the Kentucky Guild of Brewers. Appreciated the Work Session conversation, exciting to see Berea trying to do things the right way from the start, and thought it would work out well.

**Rowlette** Would like to see suggestion of getting quotes for City projects done quickly as possible. The City was not sure if it was getting good deals or not if there was not any competition. It is also time to get things done in a quality and timely manner. Berea was last to get a bypass in the state of Kentucky and deserved better.

**Little** Requested that Berea College better monitor the crosswalk on Chestnut Street, in front of the College President’s house. As the sign instructs, students are not crossing in groups which is blocking traffic through town during high traffic hours.

**Caudill** Echoed all comments. Exciting to have visit from Berea College’s new President and to see what her leadership brings over the next several years. Would like to dust off the Procurement Policy as it seemed duplicate work was being done on approvals for budgeted items, especially on government contracted pricing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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Mayor Bruce Fraley \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk