**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ MARCH 5, 2024**

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

WORK SESSION

5:45PM – 6:20PM

POLICE DEPARTMENT WELLNESS PLAN - Captain Casey Botkin

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jim Davis, Teresa Scenters, Katie Startzman, Jerry Little, Steve Caudill,

 Cora Jane Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** David Rowlette

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

Priscilla Bloom, Amanda Haney, Jason Hays, Casey Botkin, Susan Helton, Kevin Howard, Shawn Sandlin

**INVOCATION:** Jim Davis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jim Davis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Little motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

**CHILDREN’S CHAMPIONS PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Fraley read proclamation in entirety, recognizing the month of March 2024 as Children’s Champions of Madison County Month in Berea, Kentucky, and presented to Phillis Adams, President, Children’s Champions of Madison County (CCMC) and David Olinger, Berea Kiwanis Club.

Adams thanked local officials for their continued interest and support in the project. As leaders in the community, they helped others in the community know the importance of keeping children safe, helping them be successful, and have good environments to live in. Adams also shared additional CCMC events during the month of March and the 2024 winning billboard design, “Be a Children’s Champion,” by 3rd grader, Zaiden Harvey, Shannon Johnson Elementary School.

Olinger noted that the Berea and Richmond Kiwanis clubs worked together on the project on behalf of the youth throughout Madison County. Thanked City officials for their support.

**VILLAGES OF BEAUMONT SUBDIVISION STORMWATER DETENTION POND ACCEPTANCE INTO CITY MAINTENANCE**

Amanda Haney, Administrator, Codes & Planning Department, requested approval of the Villages of Beaumont Subdivision Stormwater Detention Pond for acceptance into City Maintenance. The pond was located at the end of Garden Gate Drive and served as a regional pond for all of Beaumont Subdivision. As the development grew, it was determined the current pond was not large enough. The water shed area had become quite large and now served over 150 acres.

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As advised by the City Attorney, the Codes & Planning Department worked with the developer, a design engineer, and city engineer to create an agreement of how the pond would be treated to assure it was in proper working order and the right size. The City would take responsibility for the pond and the developer would incur the expense of expanding the pond to the needed size.

The developer had completed the City’s punch list items, the pond had been certified by an engineer, and the land had been transferred into the City of Berea.

Little motioned; Caudill seconded motion to accept the Villages of Beaumont Subdivision Stormwater Detention Pond into City Maintenance.

Voice Vote: All ayes

**ORDINANCE #08-2024 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #04-2023 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. - 2ND READING**

As the Governmental Fund and Proprietary Fund Amounts were read at the 1st Reading, Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #08-2024 by summary.

Caudill motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #08-2024.

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

 Nays - None

 Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #09-2024 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, MAKING CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO SECTIONS 56.004(G) AND (H); REVISING SECTION 56.004(P) TO PROVIDE FOR A SAMPLING LICENSE PURSUANT TO KRS 243.0307; REVISING SECTION 56.005 TO MAKE PROHIBITED BUSINESS HOURS THE SAME FOR DISTILLED SPIRITS, AND WINE BY THE DRINK, AND PACKAGE SALES OF DISTILLED SPIRITS AND WINE, FOR CONSISTENCY; AND DELETING SECTION 56.005(B)(3)(f)2 PROVIDING FOR DIFFERENT BUSINESS HOURS WHEN CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR’S DAY FALL ON A SUNDAY. - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #09-2024 by summary.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Daniel Brindley, Director, IT Department**

Current and Upcoming Projects

* Working on replacing old copper internet connections with fiber. The Water Treatment Plant had been completed and working well. The Russel Acton Folk Center fiber installation had been scheduled for this week.
* Although working on replacing current virtual hosts, VMware had been bought out by Broadcom and prices were increased 400%. Had been looking into other platforms, still scheduled to meet with current vendor for any offers, and other hardware specs looking into were for platform and licensing.
* Working with vendors for pricing and demos of a new firewall as the City’s firewall can no longer be renewed and expires in the next fiscal year.
* Due to a recent internet outage in February, internet traffic had to be rerouted to a different data center. Working with a new contact in Versailles with the same issues keeping one another up to date while sharing ideas and options.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Martin Richards, Berea

Recognized Betty Olinger, Planning & Zoning Commission, noting Olinger had recently stepped down as Chair of the Commission. Although Olinger had served on the Commission for several years, wanted to acknowledge and thank her for her leadership over the past few years as Chair.

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

* The City had received a preliminary approval letter for $245,000 for the Land and Water Conservation Grant for the City pool. Although there was a short list of items to submit before final approval, plans were to compile the list as quickly as possible in order to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) before summer on in early summer.
* Shared summer employment opportunities for the City pool, i.e., pool manager, assistant pool manager, swim lesson instructor, lifeguard, concession manager, and concession worker.
* Noted a free family event scheduled for Saturday, March 16th, Folk Center, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., i.e. the Kent Family Circus & Magic Show.
* The Parks Department had several programs scheduled in March for Children’s Champions Month. Visit their Facebook page for information.
* Informed the Council of the Berea Police Rifle and Red-Dot Sight Purchase which included:
* 35 rifles (FN brand, 16”) purchased at state contract pricing $34,615.00
* 2 rifles (FN brand, 11.5”) purchased at state contract pricing $ 2,173.60
* 37 Holosun series red-dot sights purchased at state contract pricing $14,800.00

Total Cost $51,588.60

 All items purchased from Kiesler Police Supply were budgeted and approved.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Complimented Helton, Beverly, and Department Heads for an outstanding job on the budget process.
* Acknowledged groups/organizations that had applied for grants through the Codes & Planning / GIS Department on the Trash for Cash Program, receiving $100/mile. A good way to keep our City clean.
* Acknowledged Earth Warriors for their work at Owsley Fork Lake and community wide clean-up this past weekend. Also a good example of keeping our City clean and attractive.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Terrill** No comment.

**Wilson** Thanked everyone for being there. Had a nice, pleasant diplomat from Turkey to visit Todd’s Antique Mall this week. He had met with Mayor Fraley and Donna Angel. Praised Angel, stating he would be back. Thanked Angel for the work she did with Economic Development and Tourism.

**Caudill** The Audit & Finance Committee met last Friday for interviews of Financial Audit Firms. The City would be switching audit firms this upcoming fiscal year from Baldwin CPAs, Richmond, to RFH CPAs, Lexington.

**Little**  ThankedBetty Olinger for her service on the Planning & Zoning Commission as it is a tough and very important position.

**Startzman** No comment.

**Scenters** No comment.

**Davis** No comment.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

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

 City Clerk