**BEREA CITY COUNCIL \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ REGULAR MEETING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

WORK SESSION

5:45 PM – 6:20 PM

Ordinance #20-2024 Waste Collection RFP - Rose Beverly, City Administrator

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

Steve Caudill, Cora Jane Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Jerry Gilbert, Rose Beverly, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Priscilla Bloom,

Aaron Boycan, Dani Gift

**INVOCATION:** Steve Caudill

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Steve Caudill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Moton carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK 2024 PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Fraley read Proclamation in entirety and presented to Joan Keith and Ruth Shafer, representing Berea Laurel Ridge Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Keith thanked Mayor Fraley and Council for the presentation and recognition of the Proclamation. As the Constitution was very important to the DAR, they had participated in several activities this week to promote the Constitution.

**RESOLUTION #09-2024 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BEREA AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION AND FILING OF A GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ACCELERATING NEEDED TRANSFORMATION (GRANT) POGRAM OF 2024 PROJECT APPLICATION FOR UP TO $1,024,800 IN GRANT PROGRAM OF 2024 FUNDS WITH THE CABINET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BEREA TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY CED TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT; PERMITTING REVIEW AND EXECUTION OF ALL AGREEMENTS AND REQUEST OF ALL DISBURSEMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT PROGRAM OF 2024.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #09-2024 in entirety.

Caudill motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #09-2024.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE #20-2024 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AWARDING A FRANCHISE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY TO WASTE CONNECTIONS OF KY, INC. - 1ST READING**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #20-2024 by summary.

Caudill explained that the City of Berea had the opportunity to keep a very competitive price for waste collection. Although there would be a small price increase, the new contract would provide a can for every household. Issuing a can to each household would prevent damage to personal cans due to the equipment used to pick up the cans. Recycle would now be optional, with a fee, and a larger recycle bin provided for recycle. Overall, this was a favorable bid and less than the closest competitor.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Aaron Boycan, Assistant Chief, Police Department**

Boycan shared the following projects for the Berea Police Department:

Current Projects

* New firing range construction was still underway.
* Flock camera project was nearing completion and had been very useful thus far.
* Still in the process of reviewing and updating policies in preparation for their next Accreditation process.
* Administering a non-certified police officer hiring process. Although the process was time consuming, they wanted to ensure they hired the best possible candidates.
* In the process of outfitting the new police UTV (side-by-side) for the use at special events, patrolling our trail system, etc.
* Body armor rated to stop rifle threats was being provided to all officers. They were grateful to have the additional level of protection for the officers.

Future Projects

* Rapid Deployment Training with surrounding agencies.
* Fall Firearms Qualifications

Spoonbread Festival

* Looking forward to Spoonbread 2024. Officers would be patrolling and ready to respond to any issues that may arise. EKU Police Department would also be helping. Thankful for their assistance.
* After the Balloon Glow, be attentive to officers, following their direction, as they would be directing traffic to ease congestion as much as possible.
* Jefferson Street from North Broadway to Ellipse Street would be closed beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20th. Cones would be placed to indicate no parking.
* No parking would be allowed near the train tracks in the CSX right of way. Any vehicles parked in that area may be towed.
* Berea Police Association would be selling t-shirts at the festival. Funds raised would be used for programs such as Christmas With A Cop where officers take children shopping for presents and necessities.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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

* Requested approval for a line overage for budget line #200-9100-56310, Heavy Equipment, in the amount of $130,692.08. The bucket truck ordered in September 2023 was given a delivery date of June 2024. The chassis ($59,391), applied to the FY23-24 Budget, had been delivered on September 28, 2023, by Tim Short Auto Group. The bucket truck delivery, completing the unit, was not delivered until August 14, 2024, therefore, the remaining cost had not been included in the current FY24-25 budget.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve budget overage for line item #200-9100-56310, Heavy Equipment, in the amount of $130,692.08, to complete purchase.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried

* Requested approval for a line overage for budget line #057-1000-53200, Uniforms & Gear, in the amount of $23,000. Although the line was budgeted for $22,000 in FY23-24, the company was unable to fulfill an order for rifle rated body armor and carriers. The purchase, with additional cost for shipping, needed to be carried over to the FY24-25 budget in the amount of $23,000 as the FY24-25 budget line was currently at zero.

Terrill motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve budget overage for line item #057-1000-53200, Uniforms & Gear, in the amount of $23,000, for rifle rated body armor and carriers.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

* Property Tax Cards had been sent out.
* The Planning Commission was hosting Housing Learning Sessions in September and October.

Sessions would include presenters from FAHE, HUD, KY Housing Corporation, Habitat for Humanity, USDA Rural Development, and Section 8.

* Economic Development Director, Donna Angel, often hosts workshops for small business development. The next workshop, Focus on Your Future, Credit and Money Management Program, was scheduled for September 19th, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., City Hall Basement Conference Room.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS**

* Spoonbread Festival was scheduled for this weekend, September 20th - 22nd.

Beginning Friday at Memorial Park, before kick-off, an announcement related to the park was scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Invited everyone to come and show support. Kick-off was scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

The Balloon Glow was Friday night, continuing with activities Saturday and Sunday.

Encouraged everyone to attend and support the Chamber of Commerce.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Little** No comment.

**Caudill** No comment.

**Wilson** Thanked everyone for coming. Don’t forget to go the Spoonbread Festival, it’s good.

**Terrill** No comment.

**Rowlette** Thanked Roy Curtis for the portable handicap ramp which, if needed, could also be used in the future.

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**Startzman** Echoed Beverly’s appreciation for the Planning Commission’s Housing Learning Sessions. The housing issue was a huge issue. It was great to hear about the County level data which included the gap we now have compared to 2029 as it related to needed homes, rental homes, and homes for sale. More jobs would increase the need for housing.

The Bike & Trail Committee had begun to communicate with Richmond’s Riney B Trail Group. Their next meeting was scheduled for October 5th, Madison County Library, Richmond, Kentucky. They can also be found on Facebook. Was proud of what the City of Berea had accomplished with trails and being a leader.

**Scenters** Good to see the fall decorations going out. Reminded everyone to not get frustrated with traffic this third weekend in September. Be kind.

**Davis** No comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caudill motioned; Wilson seconded motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

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Mayor Bruce Fraley

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