

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

WORK SESSION

5:30 PM - 6:10 PM

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COUNCIL PRESENT: Steve Davis, John Payne, Katie Startzman, Teresa Scenters, Jerry Little,
Steve Caudill, Cora Jane Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jerry Gilbert, Shawn Sandlin, Robin Adams, Tommy Horn, Donna Angel,
Priscilla Bloom, Jason Hays, Susan Helton, Kevin Howard, Charlie Russell,
Dani Gift

INVOCATION: Teresa Scenters

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Teresa Scenters

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to amend agenda to change #13 as Executive Session, to discuss the potential appointment of an individual employee under KRS 61.810(1)(f).

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 4, 2025

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER #02-2025 CITY OF BEREA LEGISLATIVE BODY - CONDUCT OF
LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETINGS – TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO ENSURE THAT THE
LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF BEREA MAINTAINS ORDER AND
COMPLETES THE BUSINESS AT HAND IN A PROFESSIONAL, SUCCESSFUL, AND
CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER, THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE ADOPTED AND BECOME EFFECTIVE
UPON APPROVAL. THIS MUNICIPAL ORDER REVISES AND AMENDS MUNICIPAL ORDER 03-
2023 AS SET OUT HEREAFTER.**

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Municipal Order #02-2025 by amendments in Sections II(C)(d) and V(B).

Little motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve and adopt Municipal Order #02-2025.

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

Nays - None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #04-2025 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, REVISING THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS' ASSIGNED PAY GRADE AND PAY SCALE BY CONFORMING THE TITLES TO CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY, PURSUANT TO THE SEPARATION OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM - 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #04-2025 in entirety.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Priscilla Bloom, Director, Parks Department

Bloom stated that spring was here and certainly a busy time for the Parks Department.

Current Maintenance Projects included:

- Outdoor restrooms had been opened for public use.
- Had begun work on getting water fountains up and running.
- Working to get ballfields and soccer fields in good shape.
- Taking care of limbs that were down due to high winds and rain over the weekend.
- Removal of stumps after recent removal of several trees.
- Cutting out and repouring concrete areas at the ballpark and skatepark.
- Due to only having two maintenance staff for Parks, interviews for seasonal workers were completed last week and hoping to soon have some on staff.

Current Programs included:

- Leprechaun Lookout scavenger hunt throughout the parks was completed last Friday with over forty families attending.
- Partnered with the Madison County Public Library and Winterberry Studios, for the Ever After Jubilee, which took place on Saturday with over eighty children participating in several fairytale activities at the Folk Center. The Berea College CELTS Program and Bert's Speak Cheezy food truck also participated in the event.
- A wellness-fair at Hyster Yale was scheduled for Wednesday of this week, with an expected attendance of approximately four hundred.
- Munchie Monday Cookbook Club, which began in January, continued. This was also a partnership with the Madison County Public Library and had been well attended.
- Spring Painting was scheduled for April 5th at the Folk Center.
- Bingo was scheduled for April 9th at the Senior Center.
- Special Olympics of Kentucky Spring Dance for individuals with special needs was scheduled for April 15th.

Pool Construction Update:

- Currently installing the main drains. The pool bottom had been cut out to install two drain boxes and run new pipes to surge tank. Once these were completed, the new pool bottom would be poured.
- Accepting applications for all pool staff which included managers, lifeguards, and concessions. Applications could be picked up at City Hall's Human Resources Office or at the Park Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patience Martin, Berea, had moved to Berea in 2019 from a small Tennessee Town, now calling Berea 'home.' She had attended a Berea City Council meeting in which she had a positive interaction. She often shared gratitude with friends and family about the uniqueness of our 'bubble' (Berea) in the Commonwealth. There was a strong sense of a community driven and nurtured by the community itself, City Officials, employees, and elected representatives. Thanked Council for their support upholding the platform(s) for communication with Berean voices.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Nothing significant to report at this time.
- Department Head Reports had been sent out via e-mail.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COMMENTS

- Thanked and appreciated Council Members for attending two consecutive Work Sessions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Davis Appreciated everyone coming out tonight, public comment, and Council coming together to resolve the Public Comment issue. Have a good week.

Payne Thanked fellow Council Members for working together and voting to strengthen our community's voice. Agreed with Council Member Little, from previous meeting, requesting Work Sessions be held in Council Chambers and televised along with Council Meetings. In the tradition of Willard Scott, "Happy 101st Birthday," on March 19th, to Pauline Oliver, a former colleague.

Startzman No comment.

Scenters No comment.

Little Thanked Sandlin for getting the Shooting Range on track for completion.

Caudill No comment.

Wilson Thanked everyone for coming.

Terrill No comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Scenters motioned; Payne seconded motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the potential appointment of an individual employee under KRS 61.810(1)(f).

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Payne motioned; Davis seconded motion to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Fraley reported City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the potential appointment of an individual employee. No decisions were made in the Closed Session. Requested motion for Council to approve his selection of Shawn Sandlin as the full-time, permanent City Administrator for the City of Berea, subject to the execution of an appropriate employment contract.

Wilson motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve Mayor's selection of Shawn Sandlin as the full-time, permanent City Administrator for the City of Berea, subject to the execution of an appropriate employment contract.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Sandlin commented he appreciated everyone. His commitment had always been to Berea and always would be. Appreciated Council's confirmation of Mayor Fraley's recommendation. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Bruce Fraley

City Clerk