

The Berea City Council met in a regular business session, Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

WORK SESSION

6:00 PM – 6:15 PM

Resolution #14-2025 Speed Limits on KY 595, KY 956, & KY 2874

Resolution #15-2025 HB1 Grant for Kenway Street Extension

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Steve Davis, Jerry Little

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jerry Gilbert, Shawn Sandlin, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Priscilla Bloom,
Jason Hays, Kevin Howard, Charlie Russell, Nancy Conley

INVOCATION: John Payne

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: John Payne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 1, 2025

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTION #13-2025 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY RELATING TO THE KENTUCKY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (KCDBG) PROCUREMENT CODE FOR THE BEREA FARRISTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) #23-002.

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #13-2025 by title summary.

City Administrator, Sandlin, reminded Council, a Resolution was normal procedure of applying for Community Development Block Grant funding and stating the City was willing to follow the Procurement Code.

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #13-2025.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motioned carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jason Hays, Chief, Berea Police Department

Recognized Captain Ken Puckett upon his retirement at the end of July. Captain Puckett had served the City of Berea for twenty-four years. During his twenty-four years, Puckett had served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Shift Commander, Captain, and Administrative Captain (narcotics, detectives, street crimes, and canines). Puckett had also worked on policy, purchases,

event coordination/approval, community threat assessments, supervision of Shift Commanders, and Command Staff. Thanked Captain Puckett for his years of service with the City and the Police Department. Captain Puckett was a person with high integrity and character. Appreciated Puckett and he would be missed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Thanked Captain Puckett for his service to our City and the citizens he had served over the years.
- Thanked all involved in the Craft Festival, a great event. Although the numbers were slightly down, overall, the event was successful. Statistics included 107 craft vendors (28 were new vendors), and 7 food vendors.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COMMENTS

- As the Craft Festival was one of our signature events for the City, it took a lot of work and coordination. Thank you to City Staff, volunteers, and Dani Gift for an outstanding job. Met and welcomed new vendors. Interesting to see how the Festival changed each year. Grateful for everyone involved, making it a success.
- Last week, met with the new Berea Community School Superintendent, Dr. Ryan Neaves, from Williamstown. A good introductory meeting with City Hall. Plans were to attend a future City Council meeting with an update for Berea Community School and priorities for the coming year. Also plans for a future update from Randy Neeley, Superintendent, Madison County Schools.
- Captain Puckett was a picture of professionalism and competence. Thanked him for his service to the City and its citizens and his leadership within the City.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Caudill No comment.

Scenters No comment.

Cora Jane Wilson Thanked everyone for being there. Thanked Captain Puckett for his years of service, such a good person and what we need.

Startzman Congratulations to White House Clinic on their ribbon cutting for the new pediatric center, a big accomplishment for them. White House Clinic Director, Stephanie Moore, had shared that White House Clinic served one in five of Berea residents. A key healthcare provider in our community.

Berea Pollinator Gardens had scheduled a Music in the Garden event, in the shady garden, next to the creek, on July 18th, 4 PM – 7 PM. Shared her appreciation for them and the work they do.

Terrill Berea Craft Festival was the safest he had ever seen. Signs were visible, everyone did a wonderful job. Equipment was removed promptly. Great job.

Payne Echoed Wilson's, Startzman's, and Terrill's comments. Parks Department was working hard on summer programs. Shared current summer programs for the Parks Department and the Madison County Public Library. Summer was fleeting, enjoy it while you can.

ADJOURNMENT

Caudill motioned; Scenters seconded motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Bruce Fraley

City Clerk