

The Berea City Council met in a regular business session, Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

WORK SESSION

5:45 PM – 6:15 PM

Dogwood Drive Discussion

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, Daniel Brindley, Donna Angel, Priscilla Bloom, Amanda Haney, Jason Hays, Charlie Russell

INVOCATION: Cora Jane Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cora Jane Wilson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Payne motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Hutton, Berea

Upon retirement, Hutton and his wife moved to Berea because of unique respect given here to intellectual pursuit and traditional craft. Before moving to Berea, they had visited to participate in summer LearnShops for approximately fifteen years. Once in Berea, he founded Berea's Pinnacle Astronomy Club. He later offered a successful LearnShop called '100 Things to See in the Night Sky.' He later proposed a second LearnShop called 'First Light,' only to find out the 2025 LearnShops had been cancelled. Hutton requested for Council to do all they could to support the Berea LearnShops in the future. The financial benefit to our City should be obvious to everyone.

CONSTITUTION WEEK 2025 PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fraley read Proclamation in entirety and presented to Amy Howard Justice, Chapter Historian, Berea Laurel Ridges Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). They celebrated their 95th anniversary in May. They are a historical lineage of non-profit emphasis on community service and educating the community about the Constitution, i.e., , making bags for veterans and students, serve the homeless, etc. Appreciated the acknowledgement of Constitution Week.

STREET ACCEPTANCE - 363 & 366 BALDWIN STREET

Codes Administrator, Amanda Haney, stated Codes & Planning and Public Works Departments had inspected the new portion of Baldwin Street, consisting of 80 Linear Feet (LF) of street, and the 40' foot wide right-of-way had been completed and added to serve two new houses on Baldwin Street, 363 and 366 Baldwin Street. Requested acceptance by City Council into City Maintenance. Street acceptance was for curb, gutter, and asphalt. No stormwater infrastructure nor sidewalks were installed as part of the project.

Assets to the City were 80 LF of 40' wide right-of-way with total assets to the City \$16,187.00.

Little motioned; Caudill seconded motion to accept recommendation of Codes Administrator, Haney, to accept 363 and 366 Baldwin Street into City Maintenance with total assets to the city of \$16,187.00.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

BEREA HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Fraley requested approval for Berea Housing Authority Board reappointment of Linda Leforce to serve a four-year term.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve reappointment of Linda Leforce, to serve a four-year term on the Berea Housing Authority Board.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #17-2025 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A REVISED AGREEMENT FOR THE MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (MCECC), TRANSITIONING THE CURRENT JOINT 911 TO A COUNTY DEPARTMENT FUNDED BY THE MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT, THE CITY OF RICHMOND, AND THE CITY OF BEREA CONTRIBUTING TO THE COST OF THE SERVICE BASED ON ITS SHARE OF TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE INSIDE ITS JURISDICTION FROM THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR, AND AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA FOR THE METHOD OF FUNDING AND COLLECTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS; AND REPEALING THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 05-2024, WHICH PROVIDES FOR ASSESSMENT ON MADISON COUNTY TAX BILLS FOR A 911 FEE, DENOMINATED THE BEREA/RICHMOND/MADISON 911 FEE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR TRANSITIONING E911 TO A COUNTY MANAGED PROGRAM; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024, WHICH APPROVES THE MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AGREEMENT; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 17-2024, WHICH APPROVES A REVISED AND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #17-2025 by title summary.

Mayor noted Resolution #17-2025 was the subject to a Work Session on Thursday, September 11th.

Davis motioned; Wilson seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #17-2025.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Thanked Council Members for tonight's Work Session discussion. A good way to gather information and move forward with the land use for the tow yards, impound lots, and other issues within the Codes Department.
- Although he would probably be at the Spoonbread Festival from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., asked that Council Members join him in supporting the Festival by helping serve spoonbread on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COMMENTS

- Sponsored by the Berea Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone of the Spoonbread Festival this weekend. Festivities kick off Friday afternoon, Balloon Glow was scheduled for Friday night, parade on Saturday, and miscellaneous festivities continued through Sunday. Encouraged Council to help Shawn serve spoonbread. Invite people to come, it was a good way for us to showcase our City.
- Received notice last week that the last of the residuals of the chemical weapons at Bluegrass Army Depot had been destroyed. Appreciated the work of all involved, past and present, on the process. Appreciated Craig Williams who did a lot of work on behalf of all involved. There had been a lot of work to make sure the agents/weapons were destroyed in a responsible and environmentally correct way. Owed everyone involved a debt of gratitude.
- Regarding Constitution Week, as we think about our Constitution, we think about the servicemen and women who throughout the history of our country had taken an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. A recent press release recognized a service member, Henry Gerald Gish, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, who paid the ultimate sacrifice, killed in action in 1968, not accounted for, had recently been accounted for. It was important that we acknowledge his service to our country. Gish would be repatriated on Thursday, September 18th with services on Saturday, September 20th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Scenters No comment.

Startzman Thanked Sandlin for sending out Department Head Reports and Department Heads for their super detail. Thanked them for their leadership and to all staff for the important work they were doing for our City.

Payne Parks meeting would be scheduled for next Tuesday, September 23rd. Thanked Mayor Fraley for bringing attention to soldier who would be coming home after a period of sixty years. Spoonbread Festival was coming up this weekend and he helped to put together an activity book for the children. If you have children/grandchildren, be sure to come to the information booth to pick up a book. Thanked everyone for coming.

Davis No comment.

Terrill Worried about the weekend traffic and parking space at the Spoonbread Festival. Thought the City needed to make sure there were alternative parking areas.

Wilson Echoed Startzman's and Payne's comments. Thanked everyone for coming. Thanked DAR. Come to the Spoonbread Festival, buy some spoonbread, take some home with you. Have a great week.

Caudill Thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), they do a lot of great work. As Spoonbread weekend was a huge weekend in Berea, there would be a lot of people, have patience. October 4th was the last weekend music series at the pavilion, the opening act was pretty cute, and two bands were playing, looking for to it.

Little No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Bruce Fraley

City Clerk