

The Berea City Council met in a regular business session, Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

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, Priscilla Bloom, Jason Hays, Kevin Howard, Nancy Conley, Charlie Russell

INVOCATION: Cora Jane Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ronnie Terrill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 6, 2026

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

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REDEEMING HOPE

As January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Lisa Foster, President, Redeeming Hope, shared an update on their Redeeming Hope home. They now have the 7000 square foot house under roof with no debt. The HVAC system was currently being installed with plans to install a sprinkler system. Although they were excited about getting the home completed, they would still need financial support when finished and would continue fundraising and applying for grants. They wanted the citizens to love them, love the girls, love what Redeeming Hope was doing and help if they could.

APPOINTMENT APPROVAL FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Fraley requested City Council approval of the re-appointment of Denise Hagan-Rubin to the Planning Commission to serve a four-year term.

Payne motioned; Startzman seconded motion to approve re-appointment of Denise Hagan-Rubin to the Planning Commission to serve a four-year term.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT APPROVAL FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

Mayor Fraley requested City Council approval of the re-appointment of Rebecca McClure Isaacs to the Code Enforcement Board to serve a three-year term.

Caudill motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve re-appointment of Rebecca McClure Isaacs to the Code Enforcement Board to serve a three-year term.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #01-2026 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF CDBG FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (KCDBG) FOR THE BEREA FARRISTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) #23-002.

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #01-2026 in entirety.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #01-2026.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COMMENTS

- Lonnie Sams, Lieutenant, Shift Supervisor, Police Department, was retiring this month with eighteen years of service. A retirement celebration was scheduled for January 30th, 1:00 p.m., City Hall. Stop by to wish him well on his retirement.
- Thanked Wilson for her service. Wilson had always had in her heart in doing what was right and best for the City of Berea, especially the City of Berea employees, a steadfast advocate.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Wilson Shared this was her last Council meeting as she was in the process of moving outside of Berea City Limits. She had enjoyed serving on the Council and had been a former employee. It had been great, the Mayor was great, this was a good group. Appreciated everyone.

Terrill Would miss Wilson.

Davis Thanked and appreciated Wilson for her years of service to the community.

Payne Thanked Wilson for her service. If anyone had anything to add to the next Parks Committee agenda, please contact him before Friday. Citizens had reached out to him in the past couple of weeks regarding Waste Connections issues. If needing to contact Waste Connections, use their website e-mail and forms. If no response, forward to your local government. Wanted everyone to have a good experience with their service.

Startzman Thanked Wilson.

Scenters Thanked Wilson for all her heart, soul, and service.

Little Thanked Wilson for her service and her work at Utilities. Always looked out for the employees and the citizens. Had done an excellent job.

Caudill Had known Wilson for a very long time and appreciated all she had done. Living in a political world, whether agreed or disagreed, he always knew at the end of the day she still loved him. Appreciated and would remember that as who she was while she served and cared deeply about everything with the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Caudill motioned; Davis seconded motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Bruce Fraley

City Clerk