

The Berea City Council met in a regular business session, Tuesday, February 17, 2026.
Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.
A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

- Resolution #02-2026 Grantee for Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) Grant
 - Ordinance #02-2026 Regulation of Inoperable Motor Vehicles

COUNCIL PRESENT: Steve Davis, John Payne, Katie Startzman, Teresa Scenters, Jerry Little, Barry Poynter, Ronnie Terrill

COUNCIL ABSENT: Steve Caudill

OFFICIALS PRESENT: J.T. Gilbert, Shawn Sandlin, Robin Adams, Tommy Horn, Donna Angel, Priscilla Bloom, Amandy Haney, Jason Hays, Kevin Howard, Nancy Conley, Charlie Russell

INVOCATION: Steve Davis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Steve Davis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Payne motioned; Davis seconded motion to approve agenda as presented.
Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Little motioned; Scenters seconded motion to approve minutes as presented.
Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MUNICIPAL ORDER #01-2026 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING THE STANDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, THEIR MEMBERS, AND THE CHAIRPERSON.

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, ready Municipal Order #01-2026 by title summary. Gilbert noted the Municipal Order was replacing former Council Member, Wilson, with newly appointed Council Member, Poynter, on the committees Wilson served. All other Committee Members remained the same.

Little motioned; Terrill seconded motion to approve and adopt Municipal Order #01-2026.

Voice Vote: In Favor 5
 Opposed 2
 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #02-2026 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SERVE AS THE GRANTEE WITH THE KENTUCKY PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (KPDII) GRANT AS AWARDED FOR THE CENTRAL KENTUCKY BUSINESS PARK AUTHORITY PROJECT AT THE TRIPLE CROWN BUSINESS PARK LOCATED IN BEREA, KENTUCKY.

As being subject to a Work Session, Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #02-2026 by title summary.

Payne motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #02-2026.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #02-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY ADDING SECTION 40.311 TO PROVIDE FOR PROHIBITING PARKING OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS, FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO POST NOTICE ON ANY SUCH VEHICLE REQUIRING TIMELY REMOVAL OF ANY INOPERABLE VEHICLE, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF. - 2ND READING

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #02-2026 as amended from 1st Reading, stating change from 1st Reading was the striking of the language relating to a vehicle remaining stationary and unmoved for more than 30 days in an area visible from a public street or way

Davis motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #02-2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO INCREASE FY26 AMENDED BUDGET MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND

City Administrator, Sandlin, stated when the amended budget was previously presented, it was noticed that the revenue stream for the Municipal Road Aid had increased to the level that was allowed an increase of \$100,000 to the expenditure line item.

Requested a motion from Council which would allow an expenditure of \$800,000 instead of \$700,000 in the Municipal Road Aid for this year.

Little motioned; Terrill seconded motion to increase the Municipal Road Aid Fund expenditures to \$800,000.

Voice Vote: All ayes. Motioned carried.

ORDINANCE #03-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #08-2025 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. - 1ST READING

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #03-2026 by summary.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Amanda Haney, Administrator, Codes & Planning Department

A second Comprehensive Plan public open house was scheduled for Thursday, February 19th, 5:50 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at the Berea Gallery & Event Center, 633 Chestnut Street. Invited Council Members, Planning Commission, citizens/residents, those who have recently moved to Berea, and those who have lived in Berea forever. As an important project, they look at a 20-year projection for the City regarding housing, transportation, land use, public facilities, etc.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Welcomed Dr. Andrea Woodward, along with her Civic Engagement Class. They were visiting to evaluate a council session, to find out how they could work within the City, how they could accomplish things in city government, the process to engage in conversation, and how to see things through that they would like to see done.
- Had received numerous comments related to Waste Connections commercial service charges. As the City was concerned, a meeting was scheduled with Waste Connections on February 18th to address issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COMMENTS

- Attended press conference in Lexington regarding community funding project awards. Fifteen awards were announced by Sixth District Congressman, Andy Barr. The funds were federal funds directed back into communities. Two funds involved Berea, the Kenway Street Extension Project and the Central Kentucky Business Park Authority (CKBPA). An additional million dollars in federal funding was awarded for the Kenway Street Extension Project, which was over and above the one million awarded through the state budget. With state and federal funding, hopefully the project could be completed at no cost to local taxpayers. The CKBPA was awarded two million dollars in federal funding, which would go into development of the Regional Industrial Park located in Berea on Farristown Industrial Road.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Terrill No comment.

Poynter No comment.

Little No comment.

Davis Glad to see the college students. Wonderful to have them. Come back and see us again. For clarification, regarding his vote on standing committees, felt the personnel committee was no longer needed. Thanks to everyone. Have a good evening.

Payne Thrilled to see the college students. Between the City, Administration, and Council, shared some of the responsibilities and/or projects they have completed, i.e., revenue/taxes, added a dog park, added bike park, renovated the city pool, added pickleball courts, currently expanding Owsley Fork Reservoir, improving public restrooms, adding shared use paths, adding a community center in the Farristown community, etc. Everything they do was to maintain our City while improving services in hopes of improving the quality of life for those here and those who will come after us.

Startzman No comment.

Scenters Thanked Mayor Fraley for his tenacity in just asking. Ask and you shall receive. Although Congressman Barr's Office had obviously been very forthcoming with funding for Berea, as also the state government, someone had to go ask. Thanked Mayor Fraley for asking.

ADJOURNMENT

Poynter motioned; Little seconded motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Bruce Fraley

City Clerk