

The Berea City Council met in a regular business session, Tuesday, April 7, 2026.
Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.
A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION
Reverse Salt Auction and Authorization

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Steve Davis

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jerry Gilbert, Shawn Sandlin, Robin Adams, Tommy Horn, Priscilla Bloom,
Casey Botkin, Kevin Howard, Amanda Haney, Charlie Russell, Brent Billings

INVOCATION: Barry Poynter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Barry Poynter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 17, 2026

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTION #03-2026 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY PROVIDING FOR THE CITY TO ACT AS THE SPONSOR FOR THE KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES REVERSE SALT AUCTION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Resolution #03-2026 in entirety.

Caudill motioned; Payne seconded motion to approve and adopt Resolution #03-2026.
Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #04-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REFERRED TO AS 120 MAYDE ROAD AND OWNED BY BEREA INTERCHANGE DEVELOPMENT CORP. FROM I-2 (INDUSTRIAL PARK) AND B-4 (INTERCHANGE BUSINESS) TO B-4 (INTERCHANGE BUSINESS).
- 2ND READING

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #04-2026 by title summary.

Caudill motioned; Startzman seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #04-2026.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Scenters, Startzman, Payne, Little, Caudill, Poynter, Terrill
 Nays - None
 Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #05-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REFERRED TO AS 288 MT. VERNON ROAD AND OWNED BY TERRY L. WILSON AND JAMES E. TODD WILSON FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-2 (MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT).

Corporate Counsel, Gilbert, read Ordinance #05-2026 by title summary.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #05-2026.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Terrill, Poynter, Caudill, Little, Payne, Startzman, Scenters
 Nays - None
 Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Tommy Horn, Assistant IT Director, IT Department

- In the process of developing a new website for the City. Vendor is currently in the migration phase. Once migration phase is complete, process should move quickly.
- In the process of refreshing Wi-Fi access points.
- Working with firewall vendor to replace firewall due to a failed back-up firewall.
- Working with vendor to renew Microsoft 365 license, due to expire in July, and ensure usage compliance.
- Repaired and/or replaced cameras at the park expansion. Thanked Public Works and Utilities for their assistance.
- Working with the Police Department on the City’s FBI Cyber Security audit.

Charlie Russell, Chief, Fire Department

Russell introduced Brent Billings, Public Information Officer, Fire Department.

Billings shared the Fire Department’s high school program and introduced two former students who were first to the program and graduated last year, William Madden and Jeffrey Gilbert. One is now a volunteer firefighter in Berea, the other part-time with the Madison County Fire Department.

As high school had changed a lot, students could now choose a pathway to lead them into a career they would like. In 2025, Berea Community School began a Fire/Science Career Pathway to allow young men and women to explore the pathway of becoming a firefighter, while continuing their normal school curriculum. The program had now branched off to Madison County Schools at Ignite South.

Russell thanked everyone for their support.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Exciting news regarding the Fire/Science Career Pathway program. Ignite South was also beginning an EMT program in the fall.
- Spring Clean-Up Week was scheduled for the week of April 20th - April 24th.
- Trailhead Restroom Project was moving along well with plans to be completed during the first week of June.

MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS

- Commended the IT Department staff, which included only two employees, Daniel Brindley and Tommy Horn. They do a fantastic job as they work with all departments, a model of efficiency, superior knowledge and ability in their field, their performance was great and recognized.

- Participated in the recent 89th annual Berea Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt interacting with the children and parents. Believed this had been the largest turnout he had seen. Glad to see volunteers from the County School System and Berea Community School engaging with the young people in service to the community and to the youth. Compliments to the Berea Kiwanis Club for all they had done as an organization for the past 89 years.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Terrill No comment.

Poynter No comment.

Caudill When discussions had begun regarding obtaining a vocational school in Berea, a long journey, there had been a lot of work by a lot of people to move it along. This was a perfect example of that vision giving students the ability to try out careers and potentially graduate with the ability to walk into a career. Kudos to all involved and the vision, fantastic. Congratulations to the Fire Department, they had done an awesome job. Thank you.

Mayor Fraley noted, giving credit, the vision for vocational and technical education schools was the vision of B. Michael Caudill, Steve Caudill's father.

Little Regarding the IT Department, they did an exceptional job of taking care of everything. Thanked them for what they do.

Payne Regarding the vocational school, congratulations on a successful program. Remembers former Councilman's, Truman Fields, passion for understanding the need of a vocational center and his excitement when it came to fruition. While he loved seeing what other communities did well, commented on Tasty Tuesdays in Richmond, and looked forward to the day when Berea could incorporate something similar to our weekly offerings to the community.

Startzman No comment.

Scenters Motioned to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Scenters motioned; Caudill seconded motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Bruce Fraley

City Clerk