

AGENDA
BEREA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
304 CHESTNUT STREET
6:30 PM

The public is given an opportunity to speak to the City Council during public comment portion of the meeting. Any public comments exceeding three-minutes should be scheduled as a presentation through the Mayor's office and will be placed on the agenda. When recognized by the mayor, please go to the podium, state your name for the record. Comments should be business oriented and we ask for no inappropriate language or naming any person individually during your comments.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION - John Payne
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - John Payne
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 18, 2022
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
7. KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES TRAINING AWARDS - Terri Johnson
8. STEPHENSON TRAIL - Dr. Louisa Summers
9. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - Susan Meeks, Finance Director
10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Rose Beverly
11. MAYOR'S COMMENTS
12. COUNCIL COMMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT

"Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Council meeting shall be the voluntary offering of private citizen. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker."

The Berea City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Mayor Bruce Fraley presiding.

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

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jim Davis, Teresa Scenters, Katie Startzman, John Payne, Jerry Little, Steve Caudill, Cora Wilson, Ronnie Terrill

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jerry Gilbert, Rose Beverly, Robin Adams, Daniel Brindley, Priscilla Bloom, Kevin Howard, Shawn Sandlin, Susan Meeks, Ken Puckett

INVOCATION: Jerry Little

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jerry Little

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 4, 2022

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

Voice Vote: All ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jacquelyn Bowling, Berea

Stated City Councils members were there to serve the citizens. Per the First Amendment, shared her freedom to voice her opinions without opposition. She would use her knowledge to bring things to light, would fight for what was right until found to be wrong, and would continue until no longer here.

Eleanor Workman, Berea

As it was election time, she was glad to be in Berea. Sensible people were running for office and appreciated that she had not heard any 'bad-mouthing' one another. When voting, she voted for individuals who did their work/homework and shared information, which provided good results.

FARRISTOWN COMMUNITY UPDATE - Aaron Banther

Thanked Mayor Fraley and the City Council for taking the time to meet with the Farristown Community earlier this year, realizing changes needed to be made. He was looking for continuous solutions that would not drive people apart but bring them together. As of June 2nd, there had been two community meetings, a meeting with Berea Home Village, a grant was received from the Kentucky Historical Society to gather rural history regarding Farristown, had received good news from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on the progress of the Farristown Bridge, would like to see a student(s) from Farristown Middle School involved in community engagement, the Farristown Church and Cemetery were in the process of getting cleaned up, an access way was to be provided to the Farristown Cemetery, and funds were being raised for a Community Welcome Center. As far as Industrial Development involvement, he understood jobs, roles, and giving opportunities within the city, but would honestly prefer Farristown would stay the way it is. At the very least, with economic growth, the safety of the citizens should be number one over economic growth. A buffer zone between what was being built and the residents would be respectful. Requested other citizens help him to be a part of the

historical preservation. Appreciated that three acres of the eighty-seven acres, purchased by the City, would be designated for a green space dedicated to the families of Farristown. Keep Farristown in conversation and don't forget about them.

AUDIT REPORT - Baldwin CPAs, LLC, Drew Ulmer, Myron Fisher

Ulmer, CPA/Manager, Baldwin CPAs, LLC, presented an overview of the completed audit for fiscal year 2022. Audit went as planned with no audit issues nor internal control deficiencies. The results were a clean audit for the City of Berea.

Caudill motioned; Little seconded motion to accept audit for fiscal year 2022.

Voice Vote: All ayes

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Shawn Sandlin, Fire Chief, Berea Fire Department

Sandlin reminded everyone that the Fall Fire Season ran from October 1 thru December 15 in which NO open burning was permitted between the hours of 6am and 6pm, if you were near any woodland or brushland areas. If anyone had plans to have a controlled burn, they would need to contact the Fire Station to obtain guidance prior to lighting a fire.

The Fire Department was currently heavily involved in fundraising for their Christmas Toy and Breast Cancer Awareness Programs. Both programs were ran by off-duty firefighters with support from on-duty firefighters when time allowed.

Current daily duties / training included: Calls for Service (CFS) were currently trending to top last year's 826 calls, Annual Pump Testing would be completed next week, Ladder Testing was scheduled for mid-November, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant physicals were scheduled for the first week in November, all 55 self-contained breathing apparatuses & 85 cylinders had been certified, over three miles of fire hose had been tested, and annual maintenance on each apparatus had been completed, approximately ninety business inspections (pre-planning) were completed each month, testing for 355 fire hydrants had been completed, had participated in over sixty public relation events to date, and completed Fire Prevention Week during the month of October.

Interagency Active Shooter annual training for firefighters was mandated by the Kentucky Fire Commission had been completed last week. Twelve members would complete their recertification training for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in October.

Sandlin stated the City had an amazing group of firefighters that loved their jobs and always willing to step up and fill in during any situation that was needed. It was an honor to lead such a group. Thanked all City Departments for what they do as they worked closely with all departments. Sometimes they were there first, sometimes they were there all together, but it had always been great to share a common goal...to help each citizen when they need it the most.

Sandlin noted, in collaboration with the Police & other city departments, they were currently working on a Coat Drive for Eastern Kentucky, specifically the area of Hindman, KY.

Sandlin complimented City Administrator, Rose Beverly, on an excellent job within the past year.

Susan Meeks, Finance Director

Meeks introduced Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU) customer notification system, residential and business, soon to be implemented. The system would enhance the City's communication with customers by offering the most up-to-date information regarding utility services provided by BMU. With the system, customers would receive information on scheduled power outages, interruption of water service, and boil water advisories via text messages or automated voice messages on their landlines. To receive the information, customers would need to sign up for the service through the billing office.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Rose Beverly

- Waiting on a bid and date for street striping. The Allen Company would be striping Forest Street and currently waiting on a date for completion.
- The street Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving.
- Working on the final details for Ellipse Street. The project was scheduled to be let in February 2023 with plans for completion in April or May, weather pending. Extra funding would be provided by the Federal Government due to project being held up on the state level.
- Berea Tourism LearnShops announced the "MAKE IT, TAKE IT, GIVE IT" holiday classes would begin this weekend and would run through November 27th.
- Fall Clean-Up was underway this week.
- The 21st Annual Halloween at the Park was scheduled for Monday, October 31st, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., free event.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COMMENTS

- Nice to have a clean audit. Thanked the Financial Management Team, City Council, and all involved. Well done.
- Complimented Banther on his historical preservation and grassroots community building, a natural gift. Appreciated the work he was doing as Farristown history was also Berea history.
- The bypass completion date was scheduled for late June 2023.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Davis Thanked Banther for his work and service. Thanked Sandlin for his work and his team.

Scenters Thanked everyone for being there tonight and their input. Have a happy Halloween at the Park.

Startzman Looked forward to digging more into the audit report. Commended the team for their work, was very helpful seeing the documents and budget working together.

Payne Concurred with Mayor Fraley in thanking everyone responsible for the audit going well. Thanked Meeks for reminding him to sign up for the utility alerts. Sorry to hear Kroger decided to not come into the community and would need to keep seeking other grocery stores interested in coming to Berea. Thanked everyone for coming tonight. Wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

Little It was important to get the BMU alert notifications out to businesses, grocery stores, etc. A good, informative meeting. Thanked Banther for what he was doing.

Caudill Thanked Sandlin, good report, comments, and work. Thanked Beverly for the work. Encouraged everyone to participate in and enjoy Halloween at the Park.

Wilson Thanked everyone who spoke tonight. Thanked Meeks and the auditors for a great job. Thanked and commended Banther on his work for Farristown. Everyone have a happy Halloween.

Terrill This was a good chance to clean out your closets and give to the Fire Department for the Eastern Kentucky coat drive. It's cold in the mountains.

ADJOURNMENT

Payne motioned; Little seconded motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Voice Vote: All ayes

Mayor Bruce Fraley

City Clerk