

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A THREE-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEREA AND THE BEREA POLICE SERGEANTS REPRESENTED BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, PARMA LODGE NO. 15, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4117 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 12-2 stands on third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-3: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A THREE-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEREA AND THE BEREA POLICE PATROL OFFICERS, REPRESENTED BY THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4117 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 12-3 stands on third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-4: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A THREE-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEREA AND THE BEREA FIREFIGHTERS REPRESENTED BY LOCAL 1836 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4117 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 12-4 stands on third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-5: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A THREE-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEREA AND THE BEREA SERVICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE LABORERS’ INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND STATE EMPLOYEES’ UNION, LOCAL 1099, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4117 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 12-5 stands on third reading.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING: None

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PASS-THROUGH SALE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (“CCLRC” OR “LAND BANK”), FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN DOWNTOWN BEREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

City Engineer Tony Armagno was present this evening, and gave a brief summary of the pass-through agreement between the City of Berea and the Cuyahoga County Land Bank. After distributing a map of the parcels in question to all Council Members, Mr. Armagno reminded Council that in 2013 Council adopted legislation approving a donation of land to the City of Berea, or its agent, the Berea Community Development Corporation. That deal, however, was never able to come to fruition, and thus the City would like to enter in to an agreement with the Land Bank for the property behind the townhouses that runs from Center Street to Bridge Street, and is currently owned by Riverside Gardens LLC. This agreement would allow the Land Bank to accept the donation of land from Riverside Gardens LLC and hold it for up to 1 year. The City will then accept the property from the Land Bank for \$500. Mr. Armagno noted that the City will be responsible for maintenance of this property, as well as taxes, throughout the time it is being held by the Land Bank.

Mr. Armagno explained the need for this agreement, emphasizing the benefits this land would provide to the City. The land in question abuts City rights-of-way, and thus owning the land will help with future access and maintenance. A portion of the property is also necessary for permanent and temporary easements in conjunction with the West Center Street Bridge Repair and Replacement Project. The property owner was unwilling to grant the easements, and would prefer to donate the entire property. In response to a question from Mrs. Brown, Mr. Armagno noted that the Land Bank has agreed to grant the City all necessary easements during the bridge repair.

Although Mr. Armagno was hoping this Ordinance could be adopted under suspension tonight, there were not enough Council Members present to make this request a reality. Mrs. Brown informed Mr. Armagno that Council will likely hold a Special Meeting later in the week to address this Ordinance and the suspension request.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1-2 stands on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-3: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$515,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS AT COE LAKE, INCLUDING AN AMPHITHEATER AND POOL SHELTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. The Fiscal Officer’s Certificate is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Mr. Zacharyasz questioned the need for this Ordinance, having adopted a similar borrowing last year. Mayor Kleem responded that this borrowing addresses the final phase of

the Coe Lake improvements. This Ordinance represents a new borrowing and was voted upon in the temporary budget.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1-3 stands on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-4: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$2,585,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF RESURFACING CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL (THE 2016 STREET PROGRAM) AND TO PAY COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTING STREETS, INCLUDING IN THE BLUEGRASS DEVELOPMENT AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. The Fiscal Officer's Certificate is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Zacharyasz wondered how much of this borrowing will go toward the next phase of the Bluegrass Development Area repair, and Mr. Armagno answered that \$1.75 million will be allocated toward Bluegrass.

Mrs. Banaszak asked when the list of roads included within the 2016 Street Program would be prepared, and Mr. Armagno stated that the list should be ready in April.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1-4 stands on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-5: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$3,542,500 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF (i) ACQUIRING PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, THE FRONT STREET RAILGRADE SEPERATION PROJECT AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PROJECTS, (ii) ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, (iii) ACQUIRING CITY VEHICLES FOR USE IN THE CITY'S SERVICE, POLICE AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS, (iv) IMPROVING THE INDOOR SWIMMING POOL AT THE CITY'S RECREATION CENTER, (v) ACQUIRING POLICE VEHICLES AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT, (vi) REFURBISHING AN AERIAL FIRE TRUCK AND ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES, (vii) ACQUIRING A PLOW TRUCK AND SERVICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT, (viii) RESURFACING CERTAIN CITY STREET TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND (ix) ACQUIRING VEHICLES, AND COMPUTER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. The Fiscal Officer's Certificate is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Key inquired about the condition of the aerial fire truck, and Mayor Kleem stated that the truck will need to be replaced within the next few years. Mrs. Jones reminded Council that the City has applied for a grant to fund the purchase of the ladder truck, but will not know the results of those awards until at least April.

Mr. Skoczen questioned whether or not mutual aid assistance has been discussed with surrounding communities, and Mrs. Jones explained that for any size fire, the City relies on

mutual aid. She referenced the day's house fire, adding that 5 neighboring Fire Departments had responded to the blaze.

Mayor Kleem added that while a joint Fire District has been discussed, and is a possibility in the future, currently it is difficult to get communities to agree on mutual aid equipment, specifically due to the fact that response time is always going to be an issue. The question is good, however, because in the 6-year Capital Plan, \$385,000 was allocated for a pumper truck and approximately \$1 million for a ladder truck. Mrs. Jones noted that the ladder truck the City would like to pursue can be jointly utilized as a pumper truck.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1-5 stands on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-6: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$750,000 URBAN RENEWAL TEMPORARY REVENUE BONDS, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF DEFINITIVE URBAN RENEWAL REVENUE BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CITY URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES IN THE FIRST AVENUE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1-6 stands on first reading.

REPORT AND COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Brown announced that the Grindstone Award Dinner is quickly approaching, and this year a Courtesy Award will be presented as well. Nominations for both honors are currently being accepted, and for more information, either the Clerk of Council or the Berea Chamber of Commerce can be contacted.

Mrs. Brown thanked Mr. Madzy and Mr. Norton for a wonderful small business seminar, thanked the Mayor for a terrific Volunteer Dinner and for recognizing worthy individuals and thanked The Station for providing fabulous food for the event.

Mrs. Brown lastly reminded Council to fill out their Financial Disclosure forms.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. DeVito thanked everyone at Mt. Zion Church for hosting the MLK Prayer Breakfast. He added that the keynote speaker, Julian Earls, was fantastic and a great time was had by all.

Mr. Haschka was not present.

Mrs. Key stated that she had attended a few events this past week, and thanked both Mayor Kleem and Mr. DeVito for attending the Prayer Breakfast and volunteering at the Berea Library. She also expressed her appreciation to 5 other women who assisted at the library as well.

Mr. Maxwell was not present.

Mr. Skoczen thanked the City's Service Department and Safety Forces for immediately responding to a few issues that had emerged over the past week, and told them to keep up the great work. He also requested assistance for the Berea family who was displaced by the house fire on Lincoln Avenue. The family could use all types of clothing. He wondered if Council might be able to organize a collection effort.

Mr. Zacharyasz expressed his sincere condolences to the Trizzino Family on Butternut Drive.

Mrs. Banaszak commended the Mayor for a wonderful Volunteer Banquet, adding that the volunteers truly appreciate the recognition.

CORRESPONDENCE

The January 1, 2016 – January 21, 2016 Correspondence is available in the Clerk's office.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Esson briefly touched upon the Financial Disclosures, and asked Council Members to watch their email for an update on the Council photo that is scheduled to take place next Monday evening.

Moved by Mrs. Banaszak, seconded by Mrs. Key, that a Special Meeting of City Council be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:30p.m. Vote on the motion was all ayes and no nays. The motion passed.

There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Mrs. Key, and seconded by Mrs. Banaszak, that the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned. Vote on the motion was all ayes and no nays. The motion passed and President Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Mary K. Brown
President of Council

Alycia Esson
Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The regular meeting of Council of the City of Berea, Ohio, held on the 25th day of January, 2016, was conducted in compliance with Codified Ordinances Section 109 and Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Alycia Esson
Clerk of Council