Fraley reelected, city council sees new blood in Berea elections

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BEREA — Incumbent Berea Mayor was given a third term by voters on Election Night. He'll be working with several new faces on the Berea City Council.

Fraley brought in 3,034 votes to challengers Ricky Clontz's 1,430 and Troy Lane's 272.

Fraley was first elected in 2018. He was recently sworn in as president for the Kentucky League of City's. He made a statement about the victory on Election Night.

"The people have spoken. Thanks to everyone who supported my reelection campaign and put their trust in me to continue leading our city forward . and thanks to all of our citizens who who engaged in the election process. I am proud to be a Berean. Together, we can do great things," Fraley said.

The Berea City Council will be looking a lot different. While incumbents John Payne, Katie Startzman, and Steve Caudill held onto their seats, the rest of the council will be made up of new faces.

The top vote getters (and winners of the race) are as follows.

Steve Caudill — 2,895
John Payne — 2,712
Alex Sipple — 2,681
Dan Sipple — 2,442
Katie Startzman — 2,430
Leah Van Winkle — 2,302
Ali Blair — 2,170
Brooke King — 2063

Fellow incumbents Mike Barnett and Barry Poynter were defeated. Ronnie Terrill — who left his seat this past summer and initially claimed that he didn't intend on seeking reelection before returning to the campaign trail — was also defeated. The rest of the candidates vying for seats on the city council received the following number of votes.

Teresa L. Wren — 1,269
Ronnie Terrill — 1,996
Mike Barnett — 1,908
Barry Poynter — 1,759
Regina Hudson — 1,653



Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley rides in the Spoonbread Festival Parade. | BLAKE VICKERS

COMMISSION

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Commissioner Mendi Goble is going into her third term, after having first been elected in 2022.

"I am incredibly grateful and humbled by the trust and support of the voters, friends, family, and so many who have encouraged me along the way. It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to continue serving the community I love," Goble said of her victory on social media. "I am excited for another term as your City Commissioner and look forward to working alongside my fellow elected officials and the dedicated employees of the City of Richmond to continue moving our city forward, building on our successes, and making Richmond an even better place to live, work, and raise a family."

Like Goble, Commissioner Tammy Cole is also going into her third term following an initial 2022 victory.

"I am excited & humbled to continue serving as a Richmond City Commissioner… It is a great privilege to serve our Community and I thank each person that put faith in me. I will work hard for Richmond," Cole said.

Arnold returns to the commission after being elected for the first time in 2020. In 2022 she ran for Mayor against incumbent Mayor Robert Blythe. Following her victory, Arnold thanked her family and supporters for helping her return to the commission.

"If you talked with your neighbors or a stranger to help see this campaign through I want you to know your effort was sincerely appreciated. Every person who knocked on doors to help inform other voters, thank you so much. That alone is a task not many offer to do. I want to thank all the citizens who placed their trust in me to represent them at City Hall. I'm committed to not losing sight of my fellow citizens and moving Richmond forward. Thank you again," Arnold said in a post on social media.

Commissioner Jim Newby also took time to thank his supporters are losing his seat to Arnold by just 94 votes. The longtime commissioner thanked his supporters and reflected on his time in office.

"Well folks, things didn't go as well as we would have liked tonite but as always I wanna thank everyone that has always supported and believed in me. I promise you from the bottom of my heart I have always fought for the individual folks and I never once gave in to the big boys. My conscience has been clear every nite I laid my head down. I appreciate everyone for everything. I luv you guys," Newby said in a post on social media.

The Board of Architectural Review will hold a Special Called public hearing at 239 W Main Street, Richmond, Kentucky on Tuesday Nov. 17th, 2026 at 3:30 pm to consider multiple applications for exterior changes to several H1 properties. Contact the Building Inspection Department for more information, 859-625-6428

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ORDINANCE NO. 26-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY ANNEXING PROPERTY INTO THE CITY BOUNDARIES AND ASSIGNING ZONE CLASSIFICATION FOR 0.35 ACRES OF LAND AT 217 PLEASURE DRIVE

By Ordinance No. 26-28, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond, Kentucky annexed and adopted the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and assigned the zoning classification of a property at 217 Pleasure Drive in Hillcrest Subdivision. The property in question consists of a tract of 0.35 +/- acres owned by Richard and Julie O-Toole. The Owner had requested that property be zoned R1C (Single Family Residential- small lot). The Ordinance granted that request.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY ANNEXING PROPERTY INTO THE CITY BOUNDARIES AND ASSIGNING ZONE CLASSIFICATION AT 223 PLEASURE DRIVE & 611 BENJAMINE DRIVE

By Ordinance No. 26-29, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond, Kentucky annexed and adopted the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and assigned the zoning classification of a property at 223 Pleasure Drive and 611 Benjamine Drive in Hillcrest Subdivision. The properties in question consist of a tract of 0.38 and 0.42 +/- acres owned by Kenneth and Caryn Allen. The Owner had requested that property be zoned R1C (Single Family Residential- small lot). The Ordinance granted that request.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-30

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 96 PUNKIN RUN ROAD WITHIN CITY LIMITS

. By Ordinance No. 26-30, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond, Kentucky adopted the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and assigned the zoning classification of a property at, at 96 Punkin Run Road, with 88.36 Acres. Richmond Development Company, LLC, Owner, has requested the zone R-1A (Single Family Residential- large lot) and requesting R-1C (Single Family Residential- small lot) and R-3 (Multi-Family Apartments). The Ordinance granted that request.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-31

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL NO. 0069-0000-0020 CONSISTING OF 49.53 ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS

. By Ordinance No. 26-31, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond, Kentucky adopted the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and assigned the zoning classification of a property at, Parcel No. 0069-0000-0020, Berea Road (formerly), New Carriage Placewith 49.53 Acres. Richmond Development Company, LLC, and Spangler Apartments, LLC, Owner, has requested the zone AG (Agricultural) and requested R-1C (Single Family Residential- small lot). The Ordinance granted that request.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL NO. 0069-0000-0020 CONSISTING OF 18.09 ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS

By Ordinance No. 26-32, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond, Kentucky adopted the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and assigned the zoning classification of a property at, Parcel No. 0069-0000-0020 Berea Road (formerly), New Carriage Place with 18.09 Acres. Richmond Development Company, LLC, and Spangler Apartments, LLC Owner, has requested the zone AG (Agricultural) and requested R-1C (Single Family Residential- small lot). The Ordinance granted that request.