

**MARCH 21, 2023  
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MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRUGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM, MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.**

**DEPT. HEADS: BART MILLER, MIKE MURRAY, T.A. RANKIN, AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

**Sherri McDaniel, Director of Woodford County Recycling, was present to ask the council for support and approval for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Grant Application. She noted that this is something the City supports each year as a signer on the grant. The grant allows them to host a Hazardous Waste Collection day each year. She also requested support for a Recycling Grant for the purchase of a new paper cutter.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE MAYOR SIGNING THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT APPLICATION AND THE RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION EXPRESSING THE CITY'S SUPPORT.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2023 WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-3 Amending Section 50.22A of the Versailles Code of Ordinances to Increase the Authority Given to the Public Works Director to Adjust Sewer Bills for Water Leaks.**

**Mayor Traugott presented a draft of Ordinance 2023-4 relating to common area maintenance, which was previously discussed at the most recent work session. The Council discussed the maintenance of common areas and stormwater facilities and agreed that individually owned private property should fall under the nuisance ordinance. City Attorney Moore will make the changes discussed and Ordinance 2023-4 will be presented at the next regular council meeting for first reading.**

**Mayor Traugott distributed two documents relating to the FEMA Safe Room Phase 1 grant project. He noted that the first document is a Request for Qualifications for Engineering/Architectural Services for Phase 1 of the project. The second document is an Agreement for Project Management and Grant Administration Services between the City of Versailles and Bluegrass Area Development District. The total cost for the management and administrative services is a flat fee of \$10,000 which will be paid from the grant.**

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PHASE 1 OF THE SAFE ROOM PROJECT.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

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**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH BLUEGRASS AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR PHASE 1 OF THE SAFE ROOM PROJECT.**

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

Mayor Traugott praised the recent success of the Woodford County High School boys basketball team as they competed in the Final Four of the KHSAA 2023 State Tournament.

He stated that he had recently met with Mayor Stacy Thurman, Judge James Kay and Superintendent Danny Adkins to plan a community celebration honoring the recent athletic and academic achievements of our students. The celebration is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon/evening of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

He noted that he had recently attended Governor Beshear's press conference to accept a Cleaner Water Grant of \$1,000,000. This is in addition to a previous \$600,000 grant the City received.

Mayor Traugott stated that City employees had recently hung the spring banners throughout downtown and in April we will switch to the CASA banners to bring light to child abuse.

He provided an update on the downtown roof light project, noting that 41 building owners have signed off on their approval to have the lighting installed.

Mayor Traugott stated that there are two days left of the state legislative session and KLC has pushed several positive changes that have passed, including extending the police contract from three to five years.

He requested council approval to move forward with soliciting bids for the stamped concrete on South Main Street to replace the current brick portions of the sidewalks. He noted that businesses are supportive and the engineer estimate is \$60,000.00.

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BRICKS ON SOUTH MAIN STREET WITH STAMPED CONCRETE.**

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.

Mayor Traugott stated that he had received written permission from the building owner beside City Hall to improve the Coca-Cola mural and to string lights over the Courtyard.

He noted that he has been working with each department director to finalize the first draft of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. He asked if any council members have an out of ordinary budget request to send that information to himself or City Clerk Reynolds.

Public Works Director Bart Miller stated that he had been in contact with the County Road Department and the State's District 7 garage regarding the state road signs that are down on Main Street. They will be picking them up this week and getting replacement signs.

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

Council member Dake stated that the Main Street Clean Sweep will be held Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am – noon and encouraged everyone to attend.

Council member Johnson stated that the Water and Sewer committee had met prior to tonight's council meeting and they are recommending four sewer adjustments.

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**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 508 LEXINGTON ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$549.71.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 516 LEXINGTON ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF 1,434.91.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 2059 ELMWOOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$345.17.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 252 LOCUST STREET, APT B, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686.58.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Ms. Johnson noted that the new smart meters will notify city employees and customers much sooner of a high usage which should allow leaks to be repaired much quicker.**

**Public Works Director Bart Miller stated that the smart meters are 20% installed and the installation team will be adding several more people in the coming weeks. He also noted that several of these adjustment requests were due to undetected water leaks in vacant buildings during an extreme cold weather occurrence.**

**Council member Miller displayed several AARP publications that she had received for free using information that Council member Dake had previously shared.**

**Department Directors**

**Public Works Director Miller commended the public works employees for their work cleaning up after the events of the recent wind storm.**

**Mr. Clark, Disaster and Emergency Management, stated that they are still collecting damage information to roll up to Frankfort for a FEMA claim.**

**Fire Chief T.A. Rankin reported that he will be travelling to Wisconsin next week for the final inspection of the new fire engine.**

**Chief Rankin also announced that the Versailles Fraternal Order of Firefighters are holding an “Egg Your House” fundraiser and details can be found on the Fire Department’s Facebook page.**

**Police Chief Mike Murray stated that the spring Citizens Police Academy will begin April 11<sup>th</sup> and there are still a few spots available.**

**Chief Murray also noted that they had recently held a safety meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> with the residents of Gleneagles subdivision.**

**Public Comment**

**Mr. Bob Racho, a Versailles resident, was present and spoke to the Council about physical and memory issues he faces as a senior citizen living here in Versailles. He praised Falling Springs and the town overall. He asked for information about the Senior Citizens Center and noted that he had attended a luncheon there a few years ago (presumably before it closed due to COVID). Mayor Traugott and City Clerk Reynolds provided him with information on the Senior Citizen Center which is open five days a week, 8:00am – 4:00pm and serves hot lunches on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.**

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**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(b) TO DELIBERATE ON THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND KRS 61.810(1)(c) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION AGAINST OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY DAKE TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.**

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAU GOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**