

**APRIL 10, 2023
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUGOTT 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: MIKE MURRAY AND PATTY WILDER WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

STEVE HUNTER, PLANNING DIRECTOR WAS ALSO PRESENT.

Short Term Rentals

Mayor Traugott stated that tonight's work session was specifically to continue the discussion of the Planning Commission's proposed ordinance relating to bed and breakfasts and short term rentals, including Airbnb's. He noted that the Council had received the proposed changes in full several weeks ago. He stated that this industry has long been unregulated here in Versailles and while the proposed ordinance does have real-life ramifications, it is necessary. He applauded Mr. Hunter and Planning and Zoning for taking this on.

Mr. Hunter noted that the definitions are listed in Chapter 2 and the proposed changes are in Chapter 5, which includes a paragraph specifically for the City of Versailles, and Chapter 7. He provided a brief explanation of the proposed changes.

Council member Johnson questioned how this might affect short term rentals that have been operating without any issue in a zone that will not allow them in the proposed ordinance. Mr. Hunter stated that the language could be changed to allow the short term rentals in those zones with an approved conditional use permit, it is up to the council if they want to allow those in neighborhoods.

The Council further discussed with Mr. Hunter those short term rentals currently operating in R-1 and R-2 which currently violate Planning and Zoning laws but they may be paying taxes, etc to the city and county as a business. Mayor Traugott noted that if someone currently applies for a business license with the City to operate a short term rental then they are directed to Planning and Zoning, however they may not be clear when they apply for a license that it is for a short term rental. He stated that there are ramifications of passing these changes and noted that the council members will hear from people they know that are affected and they need to be prepared for that.

City Attorney Moore stated that the Council could accept and approve the text amendment as submitted and then pass an ordinance in the coming weeks to make a change.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK