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

**ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUOGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM, MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, AND ANN MILLER. COUNCIL MEMBER GARY JONES WAS ABSENT. 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.**

**Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

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

Mayor Traugott distributed a draft Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and provided his presentation. He noted some of the highlights include a 6% cost of living raise for all employees and a 10% increase in employer insurance benefits. He stated that both hazardous and non-hazardous pension rates are decreasing, thanks to a KLC initiative to separate CERS from KERS retirement funds. Mayor Traugott further noted that liability, property, and workers compensation insurance show an 18% increase due to salary increases, the new fire engine, and increases in property assessments. The general fund revenues reflect modest increases. Mayor Traugott stated that departmental expenses include funding for five additional bourbon barrels downtown, façade grants, neighborhood grants, an assistance program, five vacant lateral police officer positions in the police department and privatizing street sweeping services in the street department. Budgeted capital projects include the Downtown Revitalization project, Edgewood infrastructure, the construction of a new maintenance garage and improvements to Fire Station 1. Water and Sewer projects include a new MTU at the Water Treatment Plant and funding a portion of the new maintenance garage. Mayor Traugott stated that he is proud of the work he and the department directors put into this budget.

Council member Johnson asked about Big Spring Park not being included in the draft and Mayor Traugott noted that he had discussed it with Mr. Pictor and Judge Kay and they are looking at doing a joint bonding for the park renovations and that they are definitely planning to move forward on the project.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-5 Amending the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations for the Operation of City Government Services.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-6 Amending the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual Enterprise Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations for the Operation of the Enterprise Fund.

Council member Dake presented Municipal Order 2023-2 Creating the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations Ad Hoc Committee. The council discussed making minor changes to paragraph four to clarify that there are the committee members as listed plus an additional Fiscal Court member appointed by Judge Kay.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-2 CREATING THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE AS AMENDED.**

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

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**Public Works Director Bart Miller presented the following bid for the Public Works Maintenance Garage Excavation Work:**

<b>Excel Excavating</b>	<b>\$203,300*</b>
<b>Woodford Excavating</b>	<b>contacted; no bid submitted</b>
<b>Grubbs Excavating</b>	<b>contacted; no bid submitted</b>

**Mr. Miller stated that Excel Excavating's original bid was \$247,300 and included the cost of hauling debris out of county. The City offered a closer alternative on city property, which resulted in the bid being lowered.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE BID AS PRESENTED BY EXCEL EXCAVATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$203,300 FOR SITE EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL FOR THE NEW MAINTENANCE GARAGE.**

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

**Fire Chief Rankin presented quotes for the demolition of two small concrete patios at Station 1 and replace with an elevated rear patio with aluminum handrail.**

<b>Womack Construction Co.</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>
<b>Whitehouse Concrete Construction, Inc.</b>	<b>\$16,564.00</b>

**He recommended the low bid as presented by Womack Construction.**

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY WOMACK CONSTRUCTION CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500.00 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF TWO CURRENT PATIOS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE LARGE PATIO WITH HANDRAIL AT STATION 1.**

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

**Public Works Director Miller requested to surplus the water meters that are currently being replaced with the new smart meters. He noted that they will most likely be bid on for scrap.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS THE OLD WATER METERS AND SELL ON GOVDEALS.COM.**

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

**Council member Miller questioned whether they could be donated to a Kentucky municipality that may not be able to afford meters but Mr. Miller stated that any they donated would have to be tested and that cost would not be feasible.**

**Mayor Traugott presented a neighborhood grant application that has been submitted by Broadway Street neighbors for a small sidewalk project.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY BROADWAY STREET NEIGHBORS FOR A SIDEWALK PROJECT TOTALING \$7,420.00.**

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

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

**Mayor Traugott stated that the agenda for the next Work Session, to be held Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, will include the FY2023-2024 Budget and changes to the procurement and surplussing ordinance.**

**He also stated that there is a Comp Plan Update meeting tonight in Millville and next week at Northside Elementary in Midway.**

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He announced Coffee with the Chamber to be held at the Woodford County Library on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am to learn about the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Mayor Traugott presented Resolution 2023-5 Recognizing Municipal Clerks Week and praised City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds and her staff for their work for the City.

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT  
RESOLUTION 2023-5 RECOGNIZING MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK.**

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

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

Council member Johnson encouraged people to attend the Comp Plan Update meetings.

Council member Miller stated that she would be emailing everyone to schedule a walk under Main Street/Depot Street for any council members that would like to attend.

Council member Bingham announced the following Juneteenth celebration schedule:

- Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-9:00pm at Huffman Pavilion – Motown Karaoke contest
- Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-1:30pm at Woodford County Library – Dr. Jose Pimienta-Bey will speak on “The Connection of Knowing Our History and Good Mental Health”
- Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-8:00pm at Huntertown Interpretive Park – food trucks, games, bounce houses, face painting

Council member Dake noted that this past weekend was a successful Main Street Clean Sweep and she thanked all those that participated.

**Department Directors**

Mr. Miller noted that he had attended a FEMA webinar regarding the March 3<sup>rd</sup> windstorms and that Versailles should qualify for substantial reimbursements.

Mr. Miller also provided a High Street sidewalk update.

Mr. Miller stated that two Wastewater Treatment Plant employees are retiring – Superintendent Ralph Ortt and Operator Stanley Green.

Johnny Mills, with Emergency Management, stated that the FEMA monies for the March storms also means more mitigation grant funding will be available.

Chief Rankin presented quotes for a battery extrication tool as follows:

High Tech Rescue, Inc.	\$14,883.70
The Public Safety Store, LLC	\$15,139.67

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS  
PRESENTED BY HIGH TECH RESCUE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,883.70 FOR A  
BATTERY EXTRICATION TOOL FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

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

Chief Rankin noted that they had responded to a fire at Sheridan last Thursday and thanked Versailles Public Works, Woodford County Road Department, Woodford County Fire, and Versailles Police Department for their assistance. He stated that the fire was extinguished quickly but there was a lot of mess and debris.

He stated that there is a Public Safety Fair at WYSA on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-2:00pm.

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**Mayor Traugott praised the recent “Push-In Ceremony” held by Versailles Fire Department for their recently purchased Engine 4.**

**Chief Murray requested to surplus the following equipment acquired through defense reutilization:**

- **Polaris Sportsman 700 4-wheel ATV**
- **One recumbent bike**
- **One stair stepper**
- **Two treadmills**
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**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS THE POLICE EQUIPMENT AS LISTED AND SELL ON GOVDEALS.COM.**

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

**Chief Murray stated that they also have a 1992 International 4600 armored vehicle that they would like to donate to another agency. A newer armored vehicle has been donated to Versailles Police Department by Brinks.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS AND DONATE TO ANOTHER KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY A 1992 INTERNATIONAL 4600 ARMORED VEHICLE.**

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

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

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**