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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 MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, GARY JONES AND ANN MILLER. COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM AND LISA JOHNSON WERE 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**

**Rev. Floyd Greene expressed the appreciation of everyone at First Baptist Church for the recently completed parking agreement with the City of Versailles. He stated how great it was for everyone to work harmoniously together to improve Versailles.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

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

**J.D. Chaney, Executive Director and CEO of Kentucky League of Cities, provided a 2023 Legislative Update. He praised Mayor Traugott for his outstanding leadership during his tenure as KLC President. Mr. Chaney noted that fourteen KLC supported initiatives made it through the legislative process including updates to the procurement code, legislation regarding recovery/sober living homes, and updates to the retirement system to reduce the period of separation after retirement. He stated that KLC opposed House Bill 5 regarding the exemption from the bourbon barrel tax and that they worked to fight the proposed legislation regarding a moratorium on city annexations. He noted the implementation of new annexation processes and a task force. He praised the working relationship between Versailles and Woodford County. Mr. Chaney also mentioned discussions regarding Road Fund and how it will change as vehicles transition to electric.**

**Mayor Traugott stated that they owe KLC a debt of gratitude for the retirement legislation. He asked Mr. Chaney about fire department retiree rehires and if there would be any legislation to change the law so that retired firefighters can be rehired without having to pay the employer portion of retirement. Mr. Chaney responded that it was unlikely because the state firefighter groups oppose the change.**

**Mayor Traugott also asked about the regionalization of water and whether it was a push that we should be concerned about. Mr. Chaney noted that there is difficulty finding certified water/sewer applicants for open positions and that some areas can regionalize their operations to help with that issue.**

**Mayor Traugott and Mr. Chaney praised State Representative Fister and Senator Mays-Bledsoe for their support of all of the KLC sponsored legislation. He noted that Senator Mays-Bledsoe is a great friend to local governments.**

**At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-12 Amending Article VII of the Zoning Ordinance to Further Define Principal Uses in the Agricultural Zone, to Define Agritourism Uses, to Eliminate the Cross Reference to B-1 Uses as Principal Uses in the B-5 Zone, and to Add Distilled Spirit Production, Storage, Distillery Related Uses, and Merchant Electric Generating Facilities and Principal Uses in the I-1 Zone.**

**Planning and Zoning Director Steve Hunter was present to provide clarification regarding Ordinance 2023-12 and the changes it would implement.**

**Attorney Dick Murphy was present on behalf of Dennis Anderson, the current owner of a property that is currently zoned B-5. He stated that Mr. Anderson had planned a mixed use development that would include both commercial and residential. He noted that this ordinance takes away the cross reference which allows residential.**

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Mr. Murphy asked that Section 4 of the ordinance be removed or that the property owned by his client be grandfathered in. Mayor Traugott expressed his appreciation for Mr. Anderson's investment in Versailles with his Wooldridge Gardens development, but he stated there is finite B-5 land and he doesn't want to see it all taken up with residential properties.

Council member Dake asked about the preliminary plan that was submitted and approved by the Planning Commission for the property that doesn't include residential. Mr. Murphy stated that the plan was submitted eleven years ago by the owners at that time and that things have changed.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-10 FORMALLY REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER TEXT AMENDMENTS AS LISTED.**

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

Assistant Police Chief Rob Young was present to ask for the council's approval to revoke City of Versailles Business License # 880295812 which was issued October 19, 2021 to Pop Smokes LLC. Chief Young stated that the police department had received several complaints of the business selling vape/nicotine products to underage customers which they referred to the ABC. In May, 2023 ABC issued a citation for selling to underage. Versailles Police Department continued to receive complaints on the business and conducted their own investigation which found the business to be a "known location" for underage customers to purchase nicotine products. The Council discussed their options which include revoking or suspending the business license. Council member Jones recommended suspending the license for a number of days or weeks. Mayor Traugott noted that the business owner can appeal a revocation or suspension in the circuit court system.

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO REVOKE CITY OF VERSAILLES BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER 880295812 IN THE NAME OF POP SMOKES LLC.**

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, and Miller voting aye. Council member Jones voted nay.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided second 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, as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES  
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5**

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE 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**

**WHEREAS**, the Versailles City Council has approved and adopted the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund budget and recommends that the proposed revenues and appropriations be amended as provided by said Versailles City Council; and **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the City of Versailles,

**SECTION 1:** That the proposed General Fund budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 hereby be amended as follows:

	<u><b>GENERAL FUND</b></u>
<u><b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b></u>	
Property Taxes	\$ 765,000
License and Permits	6,866,500

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Intergovernmental Revenues	<del>4,258,761</del>	<u>13,936,676</u>
Charges for Services	<del>122,000</del>	<u>125,000</u>
Other Income	<del>108,505</del>	<u>266,439</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$12,120,766</b>	<b><u>\$21,959,615</u></b>
<b><u>ESTIMATED OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>		
<b><u>General Government</u></b>		
City Council	\$2,191,969	<u>\$ 2,579,894</u>
City Clerk	436,315	
Mayor	79,758	
<b><u>General Public Service</u></b>		
Police	\$5,461,921	<u>5,566,718</u>
Asset Forfeiture	<del>30,000</del>	<u>90,000</u>
Fire	<del>1,921,871</del>	<u>1,969,870</u>
Street	1,104,309	<u>1,209,840</u>
Cemetery	<del>341,726</del>	<u>336,726</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,567,869</b>	<b><u>\$12,269,121</u></b>
<b><u>ESTIMATED CAPITAL EXPENSES</u></b>		
Council	\$ <del>345,000</del>	<u>1,124,660</u>
Clerk	35,000	
Police	<del>404,920</del>	<u>798,841</u>
Fire	<del>252,199</del>	<u>249,284</u>
Street	<del>438,641</del>	<u>710,981</u>
Cemetery	<del>44,000</del>	<u>27,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ <del>1,519,760</del></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,945,766</u></b>
<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES (OPERATING/CAPITAL) (OVER)/UNDER REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ <del>(966,863)</del></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,744,728</u></b>
<b>ACTUAL FUND BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 5,386,575</b>	
<b>PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ <del>4,419,712</del></b>	<b><u>\$12,131,303</u></b>

WHEREAS, this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED and given first reading at a meeting of the Versailles City Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

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BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR  
CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:

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ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

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**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT 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.**

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

**At the request of council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-7 Approving and Adopting the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 2023-8 Approving and Adopting the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual Enterprise Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations for the Operation of the Enterprise Fund.**

**At the request of council member Dake, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-9 Approving and Adopting the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual Municipal Aid Road Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations.**

**At the request of council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-10 Approving and Adopting the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual 911 Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations.**

**At the request of council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-11 Adopting a Fire Prevention Code for the City of Versailles; Designating the City Fire Department as the Enforcement Agency; Designating the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, and Fire Inspector as Enforcement Authority; Authorizing Inspections of Buildings; Providing for Appeals from Citations; and Authorizing the City to Make Necessary Repairs and Assert a Lien for the Cost Thereof.**

**Public Works Director Bart Miller presented quotes for the removal of a hackberry tree that straddles the property line between the city-owned Versailles Municipal Building and 125 Morgan Street, owned by Brad Slutskin. He stated that the March, 2023 wind storm took portions of the tree down and it has been determined that the rest of the tree needs to be removed. Mr. Slutskin has agreed to pay half of the cost of removal.**

<b>Bailey &amp; Sons Tree Service LLC</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Matthew Parks</b>	<b>\$8,200.00</b>

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BAILEY & SONS TREE SERVICE LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE HACKBERRY TREE BETWEEN VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND 125 MORGAN STREET, HALF TO BE PAID BY BRAD SLUTSKIN, OWNER OF 125 MORGAN STREET.**

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

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

**Mayor Traugott announced equipment upgrades will begin on the council chambers this Friday, including new microphones, camera, and podium. He stated that no work session will be held next week.**

**He noted that the Woodford County Fair is being held this week, through Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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He stated that the City is in the process of having the Coca Cola mural refreshed by local artist Steve Sawyer and praised how great it looks already.

Mayor Traugott announced the upcoming Block Party on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> as well as the Juneteenth events to be held Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Huffman Pavilion and Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Hunteertown Interpretive Park.

He noted that City Hall will be closed Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Juneteenth.

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

Council member Dake stated that the EV Charging Station Ad Hoc Committee had their third meeting yesterday. She noted that Magistrate Mary Ann Gill attended and will be serving on the committee as Judge Kay's Fiscal Court appointment.

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF MAGISTRATE MARY ANN GILL TO THE EV CHARGING STATION AD HOC COMMITTEE.**

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

Ms. Dake also asked for approval to apply for the federal grant through Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to place four EV charges in two different locations in Versailles. The committee had determined the two best locations to be the city parking lot at 114 Rose Hill Avenue and the Falling Springs parking lot. She stated that the grant is 80/20 with the 20% being covered by third party vendors.

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES.**

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

Council member Jones invited everyone to attend the Bourbon and Blues festival in Midway this weekend.

**Department Directors**

Public Works Director Miller requested permission to surplus a two-ton overhead crane from the Waste Water Treatment Plant and advertise for sale on govdeals.com.

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS A TWO TON OVERHEAD CRANE FROM THE WASTE WATER PLANT AND ADVERTISE FOR SALE ON GOVDEALS.COM.**

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

Mr. Miller also requested permission to surplus the following items and advertise for sale on govdeals.com:

Item Name	Count
800mL Kjeldahl Flask w/ Long Neck	4
Plastic Buret Funnel	1
500mL Erlenmeyer Flask	1
250mL Erlenmeyer Flask-Narrow Mouth	4
250mL Erlenmeyer Flask-Wide Mouth	4
Glass Funnel w/ Short Narrow Stem	1
High Speed Plastic Funnel	1

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<b>Item Name</b>	<b>Count</b>
Glass BOD Bottle	32
1000mL Kimax Class A Volumetric Flase w/ Snap-on Cap	7
250mL Kimax Class A Volumetric Flase w/ Snap-on Cap	1
200mL Kimax Class A Volumetric Flase w/ Snap-on Cap	1
100mL Kimax Class A Volumetric Flase w/ Snap-on Cap	6
Buchner Funnel, Glazed Porcelain - 9cm	2
1000mL Glass Reagent Bottle w/ Stopper	3
500mL Glass Reagent Bottle w/ Stopper	2
50mL Glass Reagent Bottle w/ Stopper	2
80mm Evaporating Dish-Coors Porcelain	15
94mm Evaporating Dish-Coors Porcelain	1
60mm Evaporating Dish-Coor Porcelain	1
150mL Porcelain Crucible	2
100mL Porcelain Crucible	2
Metal Funnel	1
500mL Kimax Long Neck Square Flask w/ Snap-on Cap	1
250mL Kimax Long Neck Square Flask w/ Snap-on Cap	1
200mL Kimax Long Neck Square Flask w/ Snap-on Cap	1
500mL Round Bottom Boiling Flask w/ Ground Glass Neck	1
Glass Settle-o-meters	2
Various Glass Pipettes	24
Millipore U.V. Sterlizer	1
YSI Disolved Oxygen Probe	1
YSI Disolved Oxygen Probe - Digital	1
YSI Salinity and Disolved Oxygen Meter	1
Thermolyne 1500 Muffle Furnace	1
RAE Multi Gas Detectors	2
Electric Titrator	1
Ultrasonic Flow Meter	1
Vacuum Manifold	1

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS THE 134 LAB EQUIPMENT ITEMS AS LISTED AND ADVERTISE FOR SALE ON GOVDEALS.COM.**

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

**Mr. Miller stated that the Bulk Water station has been relocated to 336 Kentucky Avenue. He noted that it was formerly located behind Court Street and was relocated as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project.**

**Mr. Brian Clark, Emergency Management, stated that they have been assigned a Disaster Liaison regarding the March 3<sup>rd</sup> wind storm and the goal is to have substantial reimbursement opportunities.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON 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: Bradley, Dake, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

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

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

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**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 117 MACK STREET FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR \$1.00.**

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

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

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAUOGOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**