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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 GARY JONES. COUNCIL MEMBER ANN MILLER WAS ABSENT. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

DEPT. HEADS: MITZI DELIUS, MIKE MURRAY, T.A. RANKIN AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Traugott presented Resolution 2023-11 Honoring the Life of Jeri Lyn Hartley and recognizing June 25th as Jeri Lyn Hartley Celebration of Life Day. He noted that Jeri was an asset to Versailles and Woodford County, using her position as a real estate agent to promote the area that she loved. He stated that she was also involved in so many facets of the community, including supporting local and small business, supporting programs to help those suffering with addiction, and serving on both the Woodford County Chamber of Commerce and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Traugott praised Jeri's love of her family including her husband, Barry, her five children, her seven grandchildren, her parents, and her siblings. He shared about his friendship with Jeri and what a blessing she was to his life both professionally and personally.

Fire Chief Rankin stated that Jeri had become a lifelong friend and mentor when met her as a young adult when he did carpentry work for a local builder that she worked for at the time.

Council member Bingham praised Jeri and noted that she had also been a mentor to her, encouraging her to run for city council and helping her through the campaign process.

City Clerk Reynolds spoke on the giving nature Jeri shared with everyone – bringing meals to sick family members, sharing anything she might've had, including a baby swing, when someone had a need, and always texting to check on others, even when she was fighting her own battle with cancer.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-11 HONORING THE LIFE OF JERI LYN HARTLEY AND DECLARING JUNE 25TH AS JERI LYN HARTLEY CELEBRATION OF LIFE DAY.

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

Barry Hartley thanked the Mayor, council, and the community for their outpouring of love and support for their family in the passing of his wife. He noted her love for her family and this town.

Public Comment

Nathan Lauderdale, Commander of American Legion Post 67, addressed the council regarding the sidewalk on Main Street in front of the legion. He stated that the sidewalk is in disrepair and that several of their members and guests use walkers, canes, or wheelchairs and it is especially dangerous. He noted that he is concerned that if someone falls, then the Legion would be responsible. Mr. Lauderdale wanted to also confirm where the responsibility for the repairs lies. Mayor Traugott stated that the City is in the process of getting prices to replace the mixture of brick and concrete sidewalks on Main Street with stamped concrete, but it has been determined that it is more extensive than originally thought so it is taking time to move forward. City Attorney Moore noted that the responsibility of the sidewalk lies on the building owner, in this case the Legion. Mayor Traugott suggested the Legion put cones or safety signs out until the City replaces the sidewalks, hopefully before the cold weather season.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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

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MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2023 SPECIAL WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

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

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-15 Establishing an Impact Fee Program for Users of Water Service Provided by the City, Establishing a Methodology to Determine the Fee, Requiring that the Fee be Segregated, Establishing Limitations on the Use of the Funds Collected, Establishing a Process to Appeal the Fees and Prohibiting Connection to City Water Service Until the Impact Fee is Paid.

Council member Dake asked if a customer would pay the impact fee if they have a different size meter installed. Utilities Manager Delius stated that they would be required to pay the difference between the impact fee charge for meter size they currently have and the impact fee charge for the new meter size. Ms. Dake also inquired about the definition of “demand” in the ordinance which Ms. Delius stated references the meter size such as residential versus commercial. Ms. Dake clarified that the impact fee will only be for customers that have a new construction or increase the size of their meter.

Ms. Delius presented the following bids received for a Public Works Department Leaf Vacuum:

Best Equipment Company	ODB LCT600	\$69,322
Municipal Equipment	MPE-SM7400JDB	\$68,758

She noted that the City has owned ODB vacuums in the past and that Best equipment provided three Kentucky references as requested in the bid documents, which Municipal Equipment did not provide any. She also stated that the City has a good history with both companies, but that they are recommending the purchase of the ODB from Best Equipment Company.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LEAF VACUUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,322.00.

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

Chief Rankin presented a quote for 20 sets of turnout gear from America’s Bravest Equipment Company in the amount of \$70,300.00. He noted that America’s Bravest has a pricing contract with the Kentucky Fire Commission, that extends to all Kentucky fire departments, to purchase fire equipment significantly below regular price. He stated that the quoted price is a 62% discount. He also noted that there would be an estimated shipping charge of \$672.40.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY AMERICA’S BRAVEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$70,972.40 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWENTY SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR UNDER THE KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION’S PRICING CONTRACT.

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

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO ACCEPT THE RECORD OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – JPG RENTAL AND STORAGE, LLC – 1031 TYRONE PIKE – I-2 TO B-4 DISTRICT, AND WAIVE THE RIGHT OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES TO HOLD THEIR OWN PUBLIC HEARING.

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

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MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN REGARDS TO THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – JPG RENTAL AND STORAGE, LLC – 1031 TYRONE PIKE – I-2 TO B-4 DISTRICT.

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

At the request of council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-16 Rezoning 1.521 Acres Known As 1031 Tyrone Pike from the I-2 Zone Designation to the B-4 Zone Designation.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO ACCEPT THE RECORD OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – CITY OF VERSAILLES AND EDGEWOOD FARM LLC, LEXINGTON ROAD, PAYNES MILL ROAD, AND CROSSFIELD DRIVE, VERSAILLES, KY.

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

City Attorney Moore stated that he will prepare the Ordinance after he has received the metes and bounds for the property.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION FOR STOURBRIDGE 2 HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,806.00.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott stated that this Friday, July 21st there will be a Block Party on Green Street.

He also announced the ribbon cutting and grand opening for Rail Explorers to be held Thursday, July 27th at 11:30am.

He noted Friendship Fest will be held on July 29th.

Mayor Traugott asked the council to consider the City of Midway's request to extend the recently approved police contract from five years to ten years.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VERSAILLES CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE MIDWAY CITY GOVERNMENT PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION AND PROVISION OF POLICE SERVICES AND PROTECTION FOR THE CITY OF MIDWAY, WOODFORD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, TO TEN YEARS.

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

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Bingham stated that a low income subdivision, Madeline Manor, is being developed in Lawrenceburg with Phase 1 being multi-family rentals and Phase 2 being rentals for the 65+ population.

Ms. Bingham noted that she had contacted the Lexington Housing Authority regarding having someone speak to the council and that she has not received a response yet.

Council member Dake provided an update from the Downtown Revitalization Committee, noting that they are working on an agreement with the Bluegrass Community Foundation which would allow them to manage the funds from the Legacy partners for the downtown project.

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Ms. Dake stated that a new butterfly bench has been installed at Big Spring Park in memory of Tim Thompson.

She also provided a follow-up on the audible crosswalks, noting that Assistant Public Works Director Knight has spoken with the State and they had already approved four locations in Versailles for the installation of the audible crosswalk signals, but they are waiting on the equipment. Mr. Knight is reaching back out to them to ask about installing a fifth one at the intersection by the current high school.

Ms. Dake stated that Livable Woodford is continuing to work on the Age Friendly Initiative and they will be hosting listening sessions.

She also noted that the Girl Scouts are hosting a Food Drive July 27th and 28th at Kroger in Versailles to collect food for the backpack program which assists approximately 350 children each week. She noted that the needs of this program differ from the typical food drives, with them specifically needing a lot of single serve items.

Council member Johnson stated that the Building Standards and Downtown Development Ad Hoc Committee is in the process of the traffic study.

Department Directors

Russell Crabtree, with Woodford County Emergency Management, stated that this week is the quarterly Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting to be held at Versailles Fire Department Station 2 at noon on July 20th.

Chief Rankin shared his thoughts and prayers for the family of Glenn Downey, a former member of the Versailles Fire Department that recently passed away unexpectedly.

Council member Bingham and Mayor Traugott shared their condolences in the recent passing of Alvis Johnson.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK