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MINUTES OF SPECIAL 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, LAURA DAKE, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY AND LISA JOHNSON WERE ABSENT. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

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

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting was delayed until 5:45pm. The council began by discussing the Parks and Recreation projects. Council member Miller arrived at 5:42pm and Council member Bingham arrived at 5:50pm.

Rich Pictor, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Jon Gay, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board, were present to further discuss the proposed \$6 million projects. Mr. Pictor distributed information, including estimated pricing and photos, on each of the proposed projects. He noted that money budgeted for some of the projects could be leveraged into more money through grants such as a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Mr. Pictor went over the planned order to start each project, noting that they will begin with Big Spring Park. He stated that while it is hard to give specific numbers until each project goes out to bid, he does have opinions of probable costs. Mr. Pictor said that the light replacement project estimate includes twenty-five years of maintenance at no additional cost. He also described the efficiency and sophistication of the proposed lights. Mr. Pictor further discussed each proposed project and what all is anticipated to be included in each project.

Council member Miller asked about a timeframe for starting the projects. Mr. Pictor responded that they would like to put the Big Spring Park project out for bid in January with a proposed start date of March. He noted that Big Spring Park would be closed for nine-ten months during construction and they are planning to do a heavy PR push highlighting the other parks available. Ms. Miller also asked about the other area of Big Spring Park which aren't included in this project. Mr. Pictor stated that they are continuing to work on the back of the park, currently reseeding native grasses. He noted that the entrance on Clifton Road is an ongoing process and that this winter the Parks and Recreation staff will be cleaning out the fence row. Council member Dake suggested more welcoming fencing, as well as new signage for the Clifton Road entrance to match any new signage installed on Park Street during the project.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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

At the request of Council member Miller, City Attorney Bill Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2023-24 Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Versailles, Kentucky, as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-24**

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY**

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio has completed the 2023 S-32 supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Versailles, Kentucky, which supplement contains all ordinances of a general nature enacted since the prior supplement to the Code of Ordinances of this municipality; and

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WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation has recommended the revision or addition of certain sections of the Code of Ordinances which are based on or make references to sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to accept these updated sections in accordance with the changes of the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Versailles, Kentucky:

SECTION 1. That the S-32 supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Versailles, Kentucky, as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio and as attached hereto, be and the same is hereby adopted by reference as if set out in its entirety.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its date of passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Introduced and given first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Versailles, Kentucky, held on the 26th Day of September 2023, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 10th day of October, 2023.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2023-24 ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY.

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

Mayor Traugott presented a Neighborhood Grant Application from Hunteertown Glen Homeowners Association for landscaping in front of the brick wall in the front of the subdivision. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$6,158.00.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION AS PRESENTED BY HUNTERTOWN GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,158.00 FOR LANDSCAPING IN FRONT OF THE BRICK WALL.

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

The Council postponed the Manufactured Homes Discussion.

Mayor Traugott presented several Legacy Partner contracts which are Downtown Versailles Revitalization project sponsorship agreements between the City of Versailles and private donors. He noted that the contract with City National Bank is for a donation of \$5,000 per year for twenty years while the other contracts are each for a donation of \$10,000 annually for 10 years. City Attorney Moore stated that each contract may contain slightly different specifications based on the requirements of the donor, but they are overall standard.

Council member Dake stated that she would abstain from voting on the agreement which reflects her and her husband as donors.

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MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE DOWNTOWN VERSAILLES REVITALIZATION PROJECT SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH BROWN-FORMAN CORPORATION, RUGGLES SIGN COMPANY, WOODFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND, WILLIAM STAMPS FARISH FUND, CITY NATIONAL BANK, JOE AND DEBBIE GRAVISS FOUNDATION, COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, AND CENTRAL KENTUCKY AG CREDIT AS PRESENTED.

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

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE DOWNTOWN VERSAILLES REVITALIZATION PROJECT SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM AND LAURA DAKE, AS PRESENTED.

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Jones and Miller voting aye. Council member Dake abstained.

Mayor Traugott presented Resolution 2023-19 which approves the receipt of funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the paving of Chinoe Road and Schoolhouse Road.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-19 ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VERSAILLES AND COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182,000 FOR THE RESURFACING OF CHINOE ROAD AND SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD IN VERSAILLES.

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

Mayor Traugott stated that the council had approved soliciting RFQs for the Lexington Street Streetscape Plan. He stated that they had received four submissions and the members of the Lexington Street Corridor Improvement Project Steering Committee had unanimously selected QK4 as their top scoring submission to recommend to the council. He noted that David Kratt, of QK4, was present at tonight's meeting to answer any questions.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF VERSAILLES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH QK4 FOR THE LEXINGTON STREET STREETScape PLAN.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott stated that the Woodford County Homecoming Parade will be this Thursday, October 12th at 6:00pm. The Homecoming Football game will be Friday night at 7:00pm.

He noted that prior to tonight's council meeting, he, along with Mayor Thurman and Judge Kay, signed a joint proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Versailles, Midway and Woodford County.

He announced a Chili Cookoff will be held on October 19th 11:00am – 2:00pm at the Courthouse to support Susan Jones in her battle against cancer.

Mayor Traugott invited anyone interested to register and participate in the Goodwill Expungement Clinic to be held on October 17th.

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Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Dake distributed a map of vacant and under-utilized properties downtown on behalf of Council member Johnson. She stated that the plan is to update the map quarterly.

Council member Miller invited anyone to attend a fundraiser at Woodford Inn pavilion on Thursday, October 19th to raise funds for Freedom Tiny Homes LLC which builds tiny homes for people recovering from the 2022 Eastern Kentucky floods. She noted that tickets are \$35 and include music and comedy.

Department Directors

Fire Chief Rankin announced that the Fire Department had been awarded a grant from Kentucky Homeland Security in the amount of \$286,000 for a paritech structural collapse trailer.

Police Chief Murray stated that Rolling Oven will be hosting a Flood With Love fundraiser for the Hindman Settlement School in their rebuild and restoration efforts after the Eastern Kentucky floods. The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 14th 12:00pm – 11:00pm. He noted that Court Street between the Annex building and the Sheriff's office will be closed to traffic. Vehicles will still be able to access the back parking lot from Court Street.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK