

**NOVEMBER 7, 2023
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MINUTES OF REGULAR 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, MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. 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 BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Mayor Traugott presented Municipal Order 2023-16 which creates the position description for a Special Projects Coordinator. He noted that he used this job title to encompass the job of event coordinator as well as other duties that the council previously discussed and formatted it into the city's normal job description format. Council member Johnson asked if there would be an interview committee or if the council would be involved in the hiring process. Mayor Traugott stated that he planned to meet with the current event coordinator and discuss the position with them before posting or interviewing for the job. He noted that if the job is posted, there will likely be several interested people as someone qualified had reached out to him just yesterday.

Council member Bingham stated that it was her opinion that the position should be posted and qualified candidates interviewed. Mayor Traugott noted that an interview committee process had been used in the past and resulted in a bad hire. Council member Johnson recognized that this is not the private sector, but stated that in a private business it would be unacceptable to hire without "putting a net out there". Council member Dake agreed, noting that advertising the position would result in a more diverse pool. Council member Bingham expressed the need for more diversity in city and county government. Mayor Traugott responded that our employment numbers always exceed the demographic.

Council member Dake asked if the position should be titled Special Projects Manager instead of Coordinator, since they are managing projects and will have a lot of responsibility. She also suggested adding to the essential duties something regarding acting as a liaison for the miscellaneous agencies (i.e. library, Tourism, Chamber, Farmers Market, etc). Council member Jones stated that the person always needs to be aware of and/or coordinate with other community events. Council member Miller asked if #1 of the job description encompasses all of that.

Council member Johnson asked about event statistics. Mayor Traugott stated that there is some great information out there that needs to be compiled into an easily readable format.

Mayor Traugott noted that the position being discussed entails a lot more than events and that this is a job the community sees the results of.

The Council will continue to consider the draft position description and it will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott stated that the Boo Bash/Spooktacular events were well attended.

He noted that City Hall will be closed Friday, November 10th in recognition of Veterans Day. He announced the dedication of the Veterans mural will be Saturday, November 11th at noon followed by the American Legion Fish Fry at 1:00pm.

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He stated that the Public Works department has begun decorating for Christmas in anticipation of the Versailles Merchants Alliance Christmas Open House on Saturday, November 18th.

He invited everyone to attend the Tree Lighting on Friday December 1st and the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2nd.

Mayor Traugott distributed a picture of a sign currently used in Southgate, Kentucky that could be added to stop signs. The sign states “It’s Your Choice! Complete Stop Free, Rolling Stop \$164.00”.

He also announced the Woodford County Middle School 8th Grade Championship will be Saturday at 7:00pm at LCA.

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Dake stated that the 6th issue of the Versailles Newsletter is out.

Ms. Dake also noted that a walk audit planning meeting was held virtually yesterday. They are planning walk audits around 5-7 areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. One will be on a weekday afternoon and one on a Saturday morning for each area.

Ms. Dake stated that the work done by Versailles and Woodford County for the Livable Woodford Age Friendly Initiative will be featured at AARP’s Age Friendly 101 Workshop at the 2023 Gerontological Society of America’s Annual Scientific Meeting in Tampa, Florida.

Council member Johnson stated they are still waiting for information from Task 3 of the Traffic Study at the intersection of 33.

Council member Miller noted that some of the council have registered to attend the Kentucky League of Cities Virtual Housing Conference to be held next Wednesday 9:00am – 4:00pm. She stated they some of them will be watching it in the council chambers on the large screen, if anyone would like to join.

Department Directors

Public Works Director Bart Miller stated that the Boosters have painted well over half of the city fire hydrants and will resume in the spring.

Fire Chief T.A. Rankin stated that two Versailles firefighters had deployed to Martin County regarding a collapsed building. He thanked them for their service.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK