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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 MILLER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

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

Cathy Weil, Chair of the Code Enforcement Board, presented the proposed 2024 Abandoned and Blighted Properties List as follows:

111 Bell Court  
145 Bell Avenue  
157 Bell Avenue – abandoned structure E  
320 Bryanwood  
236 Douglas  
105 Macey Avenue  
140 Macey Avenue  
311 Macey Blvd  
78 McCracken Pike  
112 MLK Blvd  
176 Ridge View  
308 Kentucky  
102 Gray Street  
301 S. Russell  
214 Lexington Street

Mrs. Weil expressed her appreciation for Code Enforcement Officer Rock Vance and the job he has done to enforce nuisance ordinances. She provided dates that each listed property last had water service, noting that nearly half of the addresses still have utilities. City Attorney Bill Moore stated that once a list is approved by the council, then the properties will be charged at the abandoned and blighted tax rate which is significantly higher.

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE 2024 ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES LIST AS PRESENTED BY THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD.**

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

Mayor Traugott presented Municipal Order 2023-18 which provides an adoption reimbursement benefit for City employees up to \$2,500.00. He noted that this is an issue near and dear to several people here.

City Attorney Moore suggested that they include language specifying when an adoption would qualify if it is currently in process. Mayor Traugott stated that he would think any adoption that is finalized after this Order is adopted.

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**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO AMEND MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-18 AS PRESENTED TO CLARIFY THAT IT IS “FOR ORDERS ENTERED AFTER DECEMBER 5, 2023”.**

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

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-18 AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY TO ADD ADOPTION REIMBURSEMENT BENEFITS, AS AMENDED.**

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

**Public Works Director Bart Miller presented the bids received for Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals for Calendar Year 2024. He noted that all of the bids are for a full calendar year.**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.98 PER POUND OF CHLORINE GAS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.1631 PER POUND OF LIQUID CAUSTIC SODA FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY UNIVAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.33 PER POUND OF HYDROFLUOSILICIC ACID FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.3990 PER POUND OF AQUA AMMONIA FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.235 PER POUND OF ACTIVATED CARBON FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY USALCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.35 PER POUND OF POLYALUMINUM CHLORIDE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY AULICK CHEMICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.61 PER GALLON OF LIQUID ODOR CONTROL FOR THE LIFT STATIONS.**

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

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**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY AULICK CHEMICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21.85 PER GALLON OF LIQUID DEGREASER FOR THE LIFT STATIONS.**

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

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY AULICK CHEMICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.61 PER GALLON OF LIQUID DEODORIZER FOR THE LIFT STATIONS.**

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

**Public Works Director Miller presented a request to enter into agreement with Kentucky Utilities for street lights on Chinoe and Schoolhouse Roads. He stated that there would be eleven streetlights total.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH KENTUCKY UTILITIES TO INSTALL ELEVEN STREET LIGHTS ON CHINOE AND SCHOOLHOUSE ROADS.**

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

**Council member Bradley requested that Mr. Miller look into street lights at the Breckenridge/Beacon Hill area of Clifton Road. She stated that children gather there to wait for the bus and it is very dark. He responded that he would look into it and bring a price back to the council.**

**Mr. Miller presented quotes for eight six-foot armless roll formed diamond benches for the cemetery pavilion as follows:**

<b>Leisurecraft Holdings</b>	<b>\$8,478.02</b>
<b>Outdoor School Furniture</b>	<b>\$9,235.60</b>
<b>Signature School Products</b>	<b>\$9,672.54</b>

**He noted that he would like to use money from the cemetery trust fund to pay for the benches. He also stated that City employees will install the benches at the Rose Crest cemetery pavilion.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY LEISURECRAFT HOLDINGS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,478.02 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT SIX-FOOT ROLL FORMED DIAMOND CEMETERY BENCHES FOR THE ROSE CREST PAVILION TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF THE CEMETERY TRUST FUND.**

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

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO REAPPOINT BARRY HARTLEY TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

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

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO REAPPOINT MIKE HALL TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

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

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO REAPPOINT DR. ANISSA DAVIS TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

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

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**MOTION BY MILER, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT THE RECORD AS SUBMITTED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – LARRY AND ELIZABETH STIGERS – 115 & 121 BELLVIEW AVENUE – B-4 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS)/I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT TO B-4 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) DISTRICT.**

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

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REGARDING THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – LARRY AND ELIZABETH STIGERS – 115 & 121 BELLVIEW AVENUE – B-4 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS)/I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT TO B-4 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) DISTRICT.**

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

**At the request of council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2023-25 Rezoning 0.966 acres Known as 115 Bellview Avenue and 0,724 acres Known as 121 Bellview Avenue from the I-1 Zone Designation to the B-4 Zone Designation.**

**Mayor Traugott presented a draft Request for Qualifications for Construction Management Services for the planned storm shelter.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SOLICIT RFQ's FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF THE STORM SHELTER PROJECT.**

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

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

**Mayor Traugott stated that the Tree Lighting and Christmas parade events were a great success on Friday and Saturday, as well as the other fantastic events held throughout the day on Saturday.**

**He announced an Ornament Workshop will be held at City Hall on Saturday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm, as well as Santa and bounce houses.**

**Mayor Traugott invited the council to attend the Employee Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 1:30pm.**

**He also announced that there will be an iceless ice skating rink on Court Street on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 5:00pm. Skates will be provided and it is free for everyone.**

**He noted that a work session will be held next week, December 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss housing as well as goals and objectives.**

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

**Council member Dake stated that the second and final walk for the Versailles walk audit took place on Saturday morning and the report should be issued early next year.**

**Ms. Dake also noted that a citizen had approached her and Council member Johnson at the Christmas parade to request a street light at the public parking lot by Jane's School of Dance.**

**Council member Johnson stated that it was the highlight of her year to ride in the Christmas parade. Council member Jones agreed, stating that he had enjoyed it as well.**

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Council member Miller stated that last week she had the privilege to participate in the Commerce Lexington Regional Summit which makes up a nine-county region. She noted how lucky we are that Versailles and Woodford County have been working together for a long time, as well as working regionally with other public officials and agencies.

**Department Directors**

Public Works Director Miller stated that Mago Construction recently finished a large project on the Martha Lane Collings Bluegrass Parkway that took much longer than anticipated. Therefore, they won't be able to begin on the majority of the city paving that they were awarded until the spring.

Brian Clark, with Woodford County Emergency Management, stated that they are in the discovery phase of possibly building storm shelters at various parks.

Mayor Traugott stated that Tracy Combs, the backbone of the Versailles Police Department, recently had a pretty serious health scare. She is back home and doing much better and expected to return to work next week.

Mayor Traugott also announced the upcoming retirement of Public Works employee John Kendrick. A retirement reception will be held for him on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

**MOTION BY MILLER, 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: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO EXTEND THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD WITH TKC DISTILLING UNDER OUR CURRENT CONTRACT FROM DECEMBER 6, 2023 TO JANUARY 6, 2024 WITH THE PROVISION FOR AN ADDITIONAL EXTENSION TO FEBRUARY 6, 2024 DEPENDING UPON APPROVAL OF THE ACCESS ROAD FROM U.S. 60 TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE KENTUCKY TOURISM FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THEIR REQUESTED INCENTIVES, THAT WE WOULD CLOSE THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD, THAT WE WOULD SELL THEM AN ADDITIONAL 32 ACRES FOR A TOTAL OF 118 ACRES AT A TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$7,250,000, AND THAT THEY WOULD PUT UP AN ADDITIONAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT OF \$30,000 ON TOP OF THE \$60,000 THEY HAVE ALREADY PAID.**

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

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