

**DECEMBER 12, 2023
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MINUTES OF COUNCIL WORK SESSION
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, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. ALSO PRESENT WAS CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE.

DEPT. HEADS: MARLENA JACOBS AND MIKE MURRAY WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

STEVE HUNTER, PLANNING DIRECTOR, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

Discussion – Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives Recommendation

Steve Hunter presented the Planning Commission’s recommended Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives. Mayor Traugott noted that statutorily the Council must act on these recommendations within ninety days. If the council does not take action, then they will automatically go into effect. Mr. Hunter stated that the Commission is required to review the Plan every five years to ensure it is still relevant and valid. He noted that the 2020 census data has changed some of the information that is cited in the Plan.

Mayor Traugott noted the addition of relevant objectives included adding parks, stormwater management systems, and healthcare facilities to the section titled Community Facilities and Services.

The council further discussed the Goals and Objectives as they relate to tourism, housing, and land use.

Discussion – Housing Options

Council member Miller and Council member Dake presented a PowerPoint on the benefits of modular manufactured homes. Ms. Dake noted that they have been interested in the availability and attainability of housing for people that are at mid-income point. She stated that they had attended a program at the University of Kentucky that discussed housing discrimination and what cities can do to address housing equity and affordability in their communities. Ms. Dake asked the council to consider creating a task force or committee to further study the issue of housing affordability attainability as well as provide practical and doable solutions.

Ms. Miller discussed possible solutions including grants, incentives, and changes to lot size requirements. She noted that they would like this task force to be short-term and to have suggestions within four to five months.

The presentation included a video that featured Logan Hanes, Executive Director of the Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute, which showed the benefits of manufactured homes and how they compare to site-build homes.

Ms. Miller praised Steve Hunter for sharing his knowledge and guidance over the last several months as they have researched housing issues. She noted that she would like Mr. Hunter, as well as Mayor Traugott, included on the proposed task force in advisory roles.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUOGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK