

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
PAGE ONE
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, AND ANN MILLER. COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM AND GARY JONES WERE ABSENT.

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

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-10 ENCOURAGING THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REQUIRE PRIVATE DEVELOPERS TO CONSTRUCT MULTIUSE PATHS IN SPECIFIED AREAS.

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

Public Works Director Bart Miller presented the following quotes for the demolition of the house on the Edgewood property at 168 Kroger Way:

Grubbs Excavating	\$39,975.00
Woodford Excavation	\$44,800.00

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY GRUBBS EXCAVATING FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE HOUSE AT PARCEL # 30-0000-044-03 (KNOWN AS 168 KROGER WAY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,975.00.

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

Mr. Miller presented the following quotes for the demolition of the barn on the Edgewood property at 168 Kroger Way:

Woodford Excavation	\$9,200.00
Grubbs Excavating	\$10,500.00

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY WOODFORD EXCAVATION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE BARN AT PARCEL # 30-0000-044-03 (KNOWN AS 168 KROGER WAY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,200.00.

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

Mayor Traugott stated that the house and barn at 168 Kroger Way have several small, relatively low value items, including clothing, appliances, and furniture, that the prior owners left. He noted that they had originally wanted to ask the council to surplus the items and donate them to charity but after researching Kentucky Revised Statutes, he determined that it was not permissible to do so. The council further discussed what could be done with the items and they determined that the Versailles Fire Department would take them to be used in one of the stations or to be used in training exercises.

Mayor Traugott presented a proposal from Thoroughbred Engineering for the completion of the design of the Edgewood Farm access road and preparation of bid documents. He noted that the road must be completed by December, 2025.

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
PAGE TWO
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

Council member Miller asked if page 9 could be changed to make the sidewalks wider. Mayor Traugott agreed that they should change it to say “as wide as reasonably possible”. Ms. Miller also asked if the landscaping included trees and he noted that the design includes \$120,000 in landscaping which has several trees in the design.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED BY THOROUGHbred ENGINEERING FOR THE DESIGN AND PREPARATION OF BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE EDGEWOOD FARM ACCESS ROAD IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$265,000.

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

Mayor Traugott opened the discussion regarding the possibility of creating a downtown TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District. He noted that it could be beneficial to expand the footprint from what was originally discussed to include the two corner properties at the Rose Hill-South Main Street intersection. He stated that would not want to include any property that is currently paying a large tax amount.

Council member Dake asked if someone would need to assess the need and/or feasibility. Mayor Traugott answered that it could be done but not required.

Mayor Traugott further stated that creating a TIF District is a laborious process and we first need to determine if we want to move further with the discussion. The council agreed to discuss it at the next Work Session.

Council member Dake presented a proposal from Next Step Network to assist the City with the sale of the Housing Task Force Pilot Project.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY NEXT STEP NETWORK FOR CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING THE SALE OF THE HOUSING TASK FORCE PILOT PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00.

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

Council member Miller presented the Housing Task Force recommendations regarding Versailles Zoning Ordinance. She noted that the recommendations and changes include the definitions of manufactured homes, mobile homes, and modular homes as well as lowering the required residential lot size and permitting manufactured homes in R-1C, R-2, and R-3.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-11 PROVIDING THE HOUSING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE VERSAILLES ZONING ORDINANCE.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott stated that the Fiscal Court had accepted the Council’s changes to the Food Pantry MOA and they approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Sharon Hardin as the Interim Executive Director of the Food Pantry.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WOODFORD COUNTY FISCAL COURT AND SHARON HARDIN AS THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FOOD PANTRY.

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

He announced that Trick or Treat will be October 31st, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
PAGE THREE
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

He stated that Congressman Andy Barr will be at the Woodford County Library tomorrow at 9:00am and noted that anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP through the Chamber.

Mayor Traugott invited everyone to attend the Twilight Festival to be held downtown on Saturday, September 7th, 12:00pm – 9:00pm. Public Works Director Miller noted that this year is set to be the largest footprint they've ever had.

He stated that next Tuesday would be a Council Work Session to further discuss TIF.

He announced that the Kentucky League of Cities Conference will be held at the end of the month.

Mayor Traugott stated that next Tuesday the City will be closing on the sell of the KCTCS building to KCTCS.

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Dake stated that the 11th issue of the newsletter came out yesterday. She also noted the new trash cans downtown.

Council member Johnson recognized the recent National Overdose Awareness Day and asked if we could further discuss the ordinance regarding recovery residences. She thanked Strengthening Transformations for organizing the butterfly release this past weekend.

Council member Miller expressed her concern that gas prices are higher in Versailles and Woodford County than surrounding counties. She asked if there is anything we can do? Mayor Traugott noted that he had sent a letter to all of the local gas stations a few years ago but that there isn't much that can be done in a free market.

Council member Johnson asked for a public calendar of events to be posted on the City website and/or social media. She also asked about continuing the discussion of the Municipal Order regarding policies for downtown events.

Department Directors

City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds announced that a Farewell Celebration for Mayor Traugott will be held immediately following the September 17th council meeting at the Downtown Market Pavilion. She stated that it is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Public Works Director Miller stated that they are working to have Park Street open during the Twilight Festival due to the large portion of Main Street being closed.

Mr. Miller also stated that leaf collection will begin the week of October 14th.

Mrs. Reynolds announced that due to an error with the printing company, all September utility bills included "Final Billing" on them. She asked customers to disregard that wording.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK