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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 CHANTEL BINGHAM, MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, AND GARY JONES. COUNCIL MEMBER ANN MILLER WAS ABSENT. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

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

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Sherri McDaniel, Director of Woodford County Solid Waste, was present to request the Council's approval to apply for the Household Hazardous Waste Grant. She noted that this grant has been received annually for the last several years. The grant is used to fund a county-wide "Household Hazardous Waste Event" that is very popular. She stated that during the 2023 event they accepted waste from 620 vehicles throughout an eight hour day.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE THE MAYOR SIGNING THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT APPLICATION EXPRESSING THE CITY'S SUPPORT.

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

Public Comment

Ken Kerkhoff, Chair of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, proposed the name "Versailles Downtown Market and Entertainment District – Woodford County, KY" for the new area downtown Versailles that includes the 3-Season Pavilion and the stage area. He noted that the committee worked through several possibilities before deciding to recommend this name which embraces all that the area will have to offer.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE NAME OF "VERSAILLES DOWNTOWN MARKET AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT – WOODFORD COUNTY, KY" FOR THE AREA CURRENTLY BEING CONSTRUCTED AND/OR RENOVATED AS PART OF THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT.

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

Mr. Kerkhoff also provided a schedule update, stating that W Principles is continuing to be ahead of schedule on the project and they are planning a soft opening for early June.

Mayor Traugott stated they are now at a point in the process to begin soliciting proposals for a sound system for the stage area.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR A SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE STAGE AREA OF THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT.

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

Ms. Jo Lauderdale, Pastor of Living Grace Church, addressed the council to provide an update on the Living Grace Church Warming Center. She noted that the center is open during the winter season, any night that the temperature drops below freezing. She stated that they have had five people at the most on any given night they are open and they have accommodations for up to ten people. Ms. Lauderdale thanked Assistant Police Chief Rob Young for his work to ensure a police presence when they are open.

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At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2024-4 Accepting the Dedication of Kroger Way From the Versailles Center to U.S. Highway 60 as a City Street Pursuant to KRS 82.400(3), as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES ORDINANCE NO. 2024-4
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF KROGER WAY
FROM THE VERSAILLES CENTER TO U.S. HIGHWAY 60 AS A CITY STREET
PURSUANT TO KRS 82.400(3).**

WHEREAS, since the opening of the Versailles Center on September 10, 2015, Kroger Way has been a public thoroughfare continuously open to the unrestricted use of the general public such that City officials reasonably believed that said roadway had been dedicated as a City street on the plat of the Versailles Center as the other streets shown upon said plat; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Kroger Way from its intersection with U.S. Highway 60 to the Versailles Center was constructed upon a private access easement pursuant to a written agreement between Hardin Field, III and Patsy Field, husband and wife, and Rubloff Versailles, LLC dated June 20, 2001 that appears of record in Deed Book 203 at Page 348 in the Woodford County Court Clerk's Office; the portion of Kroger Way at issue being shown on Exhibits A and B to said easement at Deed Book 203 at Pages 352 and 353; and

WHEREAS, although the conceptual development plan for the Versailles Center showed the portion of Kroger Way located between its intersection with U.S. Highway 60 and the Versailles Center as a "future public right-of-way," the final plat of the Versailles Center did not include this portion of the roadway and this portion of the roadway was not officially offered to the City for dedication as a public street pursuant to KRS 82.400(1) nor was it dedicated as a City street by operation of law under KRS 82.400(2); and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained the portion of Kroger Way from its intersection with U.S. Highway 60 to the Versailles Center since the opening of the road in 2015 as though it were a City street; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary and appropriate for this portion of Kroger Way to remain accessible to the general public as a City street; and

WHEREAS, KRS 82.400(3) provides that any property that has been open to the unrestricted use of the general public for five (5) consecutive years shall be conclusively presumed to have been dedicated to the City as a public way, subject to its acceptance by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it would be in the best interests of the City and its residents to accept the implied dedication of Kroger Way from its intersection with U.S. Highway 60 to the Versailles Center as a City street and to officially adopt that portion of the roadway as a City street.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY as follows:

Section 1. The City hereby finds that the roadway shown as North Marsailles Road on Exhibits A and B to the Access Easement and Storm Water Drainage and Detention Easement that appears of record in Deed Book 203 at Page 348 in the Woodford County Court Clerk's Office, now known as Kroger Way, from the intersection of said roadway with U. S. Highway 60 to the Versailles Center has been open to the unrestricted use of the general public for a period of more than five consecutive years and has therefore been dedicated to the City as a public way pursuant to KRS 82.400(3), and the City hereby accepts such dedication of that portion of Kroger Way as a City street pursuant to KRS 82.400(3) and declares that portion of the roadway to be a City street.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective after the date of its passage and publication as required by law.

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Mr. Miller presented the following quotes for four Hach Tu5300c Turbidimeters for the Water Treatment Plant.

Hach Company	\$13,228.89
USA Bluebook	\$13,484.44

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY HACH COMPANY FOR FOUR HACH Tu5300sc TURBIDIMETERS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

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

Mr. Miller presented the following quotes for two Hach SC4500 Controllers for the Water Treatment Plant.

Hach Company	\$7,012.32
USA Bluebook	\$7,188.00

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY HACH COMPANY FOR TWO HACH SC4500 CONTROLLERS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

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

Mayor Traugott asked the council to approve the demolition of 105 Macey Avenue. He noted that the structure is in a state of disrepair and a notice was issued by the Building Inspector. He talked to the owner of the property and they are in favor of demolition. If approved, the City will seek quotes and pay for the demolition and then a lien will be placed against the property.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE THE DEMOLITION OF PARCEL NO. 30-2018-009-00 KNOWN AS 105 MACEY AVENUE AND A LIEN FOR THE TOTAL DEMOLITION COSTS TO BE PLACED AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott announced that the Versailles Municipal Building will be closed Friday, March 29th in recognition of Good Friday.

He announced that the roofline light contractor accepted a plea deal and the city has been fully refunded for the expense they incurred.

He noted that today we celebrated the retirement of Telecommunications Officer John Long, who is retiring April 1st with over 28 years of service.

Mayor Traugott also praised the Expungement Clinic that was held today, noting it was well attended. Council member Johnson added that Versailles is in the top 5 of Communities that are Recovery Ready.

Mayor Traugott wished everyone a Happy First Day of Spring!

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Bingham noted that Jada Grace had contacted her as the Program Coordinator for the Weatherization Program which would provide assistance for lower income households as well as senior citizens.

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Council member Johnson stated that the Woodford County Health Department is hiring for a Youth Engagement Project Director which is a five-year grant funded position to engage youth to prevent substance abuse. Ms. Johnson encouraged anyone interested to apply.

Department Directors

Public Works Director Miller noted that there is an ad in this week's edition of the Woodford Sun regarding job openings in the Public Works department.

Mr. Miller asked for permission to transfer a 1993 Bobcat, that was approved last council meeting for surplus and to sell on govdeals.com, to the Versailles Fire Department rather than surplus it.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO REMOVE THE 1993 MODEL 753 BOBCAT FROM SURPLUS AND TRANSFER IT FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Brian Clark, with Emergency Management, announced that they had met with the Department of Homeland Security last week regarding a community assessment to identify communities' capabilities and needs regarding a bombing incident. He stated that Woodford County had been selected for the assessment and it will be completed sometime this summer.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUOGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK