

**APRIL 16, 2024  
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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, GARY JONES AND ANN MILLER. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.**

**DEPT. HEADS: MARLENA JACOBS, BART MILLER, MIKE MURRAY, AND T.A. RANKIN WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

Council member Dake noted that the last page of the draft April 2, 2024 minutes contain a typo in paragraph four of the last page which states “She also expressed appreciation for the replacement fence at Falling Springs” which should state Big Spring Park rather than Falling Springs.

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE CHANGE AS NOTED.**

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

**Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

Mr. Rich Pictor, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed the council requesting their support for a Recreational Trails Grant application. Sioux Finney, Parks and Recreation Board member, was also present. He stated that they are applying for the grant for funding for the Hometown Community Park project. The total budget for the project is \$230,000 and the project would include paving a one-mile walking/running trail. He noted that without the grant, the cost to the City would be \$115,000 and with the grant it would bring the City’s portion down to \$23,000.

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION OF, AND COMMITMENT TO THE FUNDING IF AWARDED, THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT FOR THE HUNTERTOWN COMMUNITY PARK.**

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

Mr. Pictor provided an update on the other special projects, including the Big Spring Park project. He stated that the Board had met last night and approved an RFP for a construction manager. He also noted that the playground committee had met and put together an RFP for the playground equipment and that was also approved last night. Mr. Pictor said that the Fiscal Court approved the pickleball design concept and it will now move forward with the construction document page and then soliciting bids to begin work on that project as early as June.

At the request of Council member Dake, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2024-6 Relating to the Franchise of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

He noted that this increases the franchise fee from 2% to 3%.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2024-7 Amending Sections 33.01 and 33.02 of the Versailles Code of Ordinances to Increase the Dollar Amount for Purchases That Must Comply with the Kentucky Model Procurement Code.

Mayor Traugott presented a Resolution of the Public Properties Corporation to the Council which was approved by the Corporation on April 10, 2024. The Resolution requests that the City issue \$5,435,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the Versailles Standardbred Group, LLC project. The project includes purchasing the land from the City of Versailles and acquisition, construction, and installation of buildings, barns, and other necessary materials. Michael Michalasin was present with Versailles Standardbred Group, LLC, as well as Stan Kramer of First Kentucky Securities, to provide information and answer any questions about the project. Mr. Michalasin stated that the project is a premier Standardbred facility that would include 250 stalls, a 5/8 mile track, and a restaurant. Mayor Traugott noted that the City would lease the land and improvements to the LLC until the bond is paid off.

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**Public Works Director Miller presented the following bids for the Complete Filter Rehab at the Water Treatment Plant:**

<b>S4 Water Sales and Service, LLC</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>
<b>Layne Water Services</b>	<b>\$42,227.00</b>
<b>National Water Services</b>	<b>\$49,494.00</b>

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE BID AS PRESENTED BY S4 WATER SALES AND SERVICE, LLC FOR A COMPLETE FILTER REHAB AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000.00.**

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

**Mr. Miller presented a proposed Change Order from Pauly Construction in the amount of \$109,538 for concrete work from the front of the new maintenance garage to the street. He stated that due to the high price of the change order, he also solicited quotes for the concrete work. The quotes were received as follows:**

<b>Johnny's Concrete</b>	<b>\$36,147.75</b>
<b>P&amp;R Construction</b>	<b>\$55,855.00</b>
<b>Daugherty Construction</b>	<b>\$73,200.00</b>
<b>Excel Excavating</b>	<b>\$131,100.00</b>

**Mr. Miller recommended the low quote as presented by Johnny's Concrete and stated that they had completed two recent projects here in town with good reviews.**

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY JOHNNY'S CONCRETE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,147.75 FOR CONCRETE WORK AT THE NEW MAINTENANCE GARAGE.**

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

**Council member Dake stated that everyone had received a final copy of the Walkability Audit report a couple of months ago. She noted that she has since met with Mr. Hearn and he has suggested a citizen led walkability committee. She has discussed with the public works department and those who participated in the walk study, and they are recommending that it be put under the Street and Stormwater Committee. Ms. Dake referenced the work that Assistant Public Works Director Dan Knight has done up to this point on sidewalk improvements and the sidewalk inventory. She also noted that there are other issues that need to be addressed in addition to sidewalks – including high visibility crosswalks, advocating for improvements on state roads, signage, vegetation, seating, lighting, etc. No determination was made regarding moving the walkability issue to the Street and Stormwater Committee.**

**Council member Miller stated that, at the request of the Public Works department, the Cemetery Committee is recommending removing arbitrary planting of trees and shrubs by individuals and to only allow city personnel to plant them. Ms. Miller noted that this does not include flowers, which can be planted in the very front eighteen inches of the headstone. The committee also recommends removing the section that states that a lot owner may be charged for removal of plants/trees. Mayor Traugott noted that these changes must be made by ordinance, which will be on the May 7<sup>th</sup> agenda.**

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

**Mayor Traugott stated that the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will include the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Presentation and then there will be a work session on May 14<sup>th</sup> which will include budget discussions.**

**He noted that the Downtown Roofline Light Project bid opening was held yesterday and neither of the two submittals met the bid specifications. He stated that the project would be rebid with more detailed specifications.**

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**He stated that we received no submissions for the Request for Proposals for the Sound System for the Downtown Revitalization Project. It will move forward to the next step.**

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

**Council member Bingham praised a Sexual Violence Forum that was held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Woodford County Library and was put together by Mayor Stacy Thurman.**

**Ms. Bingham also attended a Stepping in Their Shoes simulation event that was held on April 10<sup>th</sup> to give people an opportunity to see the challenges former inmates face when they return to society. She stated that all local officials should participate and it gives a new understanding to how hard the transition can be. Ms. Bingham will work to set up another simulation. She noted how difficult it can be for former inmates to find housing and employment.**

**Council member Dake invited everyone to attend the Main Street Clean Sweep this Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – noon.**

**Department Directors**

**Public Works Director Miller requested permission to remove the barb wire from the fence around Simmons Cemetery.**

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO REMOVE THE BARB WIRE FROM THE FENCE AT THE SIMMONS CEMETERY.**

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

**Fire Chief Rankin recognized and thanked dispatch as this week is National Telecommunicator Week and noted that they are the unsung heroes behind all first responders.**

**Chief Rankin requested the Council's support to apply for the Kentucky Division of Forestry Grant which is a 50/50 grant for tools and equipment.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION OF, AND COMMITMENT TO THE FUNDING IF AWARDED, THE KENTUCKY DIVISION OF FORESTRY GRANT FOR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

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

**Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.**

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**