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MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: MAYOR LAURA DAKE PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM, MARY BRADLEY, GARY JONES, ANN MILLER, AND FRED SIEGELMAN. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT. COUNCIL MEMBER LISA JOHNSON WAS ABSENT.

DEPT. HEADS: MITZI DELIUS, T.A. RANKIN, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, AND ROB YOUNG WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2025 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2025-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 97.03 of the Versailles Code of Ordinances to Specifically Include the Responsibility for Managing Trees, Shrubs, and Other Vegetation with the Responsibilities of the Owner or Occupant of Property Next to Any Street or Alley, as follows:

CITY OF VERSAILLES ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.03 OF THE VERSAILLES CODE OF ORDINANCES TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING TREES, SHRUBS AND OTHER VEGETATION WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER OF PROPERTY NEXT TO ANY STREET OR ALLEY AND TO SPECIFY THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER, RATHER THAN THE OCCUPANT, HAS SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO REMOVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CITY STREETS, ALLEYS AND THEIR GUTTERS.

Whereas, the City desires to amend Section 97.03 of the City's Code of Ordinances to clarify that it is the responsibility of all persons owning property adjoining any street or alley within the City to manage and maintain all trees, shrubs and other vegetation between the owner's property and the street or alley and to remove such responsibility from the occupant of the property, and to further remove any responsibility for a property owner to maintain the City streets and alleys or their gutters.

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

Section 1. Section 97.03 of the Versailles Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

§ 97.03 DUTIES OF ADJACENT OWNERS.

The occupant, or if none, the owner of every lot or building adjoining any street or alley shall keep the half of his street or alley their property, including the sidewalks and gutters adjoining such property, well cleaned and free from obstructions, and the owner shall keep the adjoining sidewalk and gutter in good repair. This responsibility includes the duty to maintain all trees, shrubs and other vegetation to the gutter or street in a manner that does not obstruct the vision of persons using the street or alley and that does not otherwise present a danger to the public.

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This duty specifically includes the duty to remove any tree, shrub or vegetation that presents a danger to persons using the street or alley. The City Council may by municipal order create a program for sidewalk construction and maintenance as funding in the General Fund budget allows.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective after passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced and given first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Versailles, Kentucky, held on the 19th day of August, 2025, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 2nd day of September, 2025.

CITY OF VERSAILLES

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2025-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.03 OF THE VERSAILLES CODE OF ORDINANCES TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING TREES, SHRUBS, AND OTHER VEGETATION WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF PROPERTY NEXT TO ANY STREET OR ALLEY.

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

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2025-16 A General Taxation Ordinance, as follows:

CITY OF VERSAILLES
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16
GENERAL TAXATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the total assessment value of all real property subject to general taxation within the City as of January 1, 2025 is \$1,274,964,073; and

WHEREAS, the total assessment value of all personal property subject to general taxation within the City as of January 1, 2025 is \$83,291,618; and

WHEREAS, the total assessment value of motor vehicle and watercraft property subject to general taxation within the City as of January 1, 2025 is \$99,750,063; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized under KRS 132 to levy a tax rate on all real property within the City, as well as having the authority to levy other taxes.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY, TO-WIT:

Section 1. REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

There is hereby levied and imposed an ad valorem tax of 4.9 cents on every \$100.00 of real property assessment subject to being taxed by said City for general government purposes.

Section 2. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

There is hereby levied and imposed a personal property tax rate of 10.0 cents on every \$100.00 of personal property assessment subject to being taxed by said City for general government purposes.

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Section 3. MOTOR VEHICLE AND WATERCRAFT TAX RATE

There is hereby levied and imposed a motor vehicle and watercraft tax rate of 12.0 cents on every \$100.00 of motor vehicle and watercraft assessment subject to being taxed by said City for general government purposes.

The taxes herein levied by said City of Versailles, Kentucky, together with other revenue, license fees, services and other sources of income shall be and same are hereby appropriated from the General Fund for general government operating purposes.

This Ordinance shall become effective after passage and publication as required by law.

All Ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict are hereby expressly repealed.

Introduced and given first reading at a meeting of the Versailles City Council, held on the 26th day of August, 2025 and fully adopted after a second reading at a meeting of said Council held on the 2nd day of September, 2025.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2025-16 A GENERAL TAXATION ORDINANCE.

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

Mayor Dake presented the following items for surplus and to advertise for sale on www.govdeals.com:

2008 Chevrolet 6500, Cab and Chassis Flatbed	VIN#6421	75,428 miles
2010 Ford Explorer, 4WD	VIN#4443	137,041 miles
2013 Ford F-150 4WD Pickup	VIN#4437	122,646 miles
35-foot Aluminum Flagpole		

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO SURPLUS THE THREE VEHICLES AND ONE FLAGPOLE, AS LISTED, AND TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE ON WWW.GOVDEALS.COM.

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

Council member Bingham stated that the Versailles Housing Authority residents had selected resident Katheleen Most to serve on the Housing Authority to complete the term of Robin Stone.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KATHELEEN MOST TO THE VERSAILLES HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF AUGUST 11, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake stated that the teal ribbons throughout downtown are for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and their Turn the Towns Teal campaign.

She invited everyone to attend the Twilight Festival on Saturday, September 6th from 12:00pm – 9:00pm.

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Mayor Dake stated that the Woodford County Public Schools Hall of Fame Ceremony will also be on September 6th, 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

She noted that she attended a Progress Meeting for the Kroger Way Extension and they anticipate installing asphalt on Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

She also stated that the last Market Days will be held at The District on September 13th 8:30am – noon. She noted that there will be vouchers for children through middle school.

Mayor Dake announced the raising of the new city flag, as designed by students from Southside Elementary, will be on Tuesday, September 16th at 5:00pm, right before the council meeting.

She also stated that the 17th issue of the city’s e-newsletter went out yesterday.

Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports

Council member Jones stated that he had received a lot of comments this week regarding the traffic study that the Legends developers offered to pay for.

MOTION BY JONES TO ENTER INTO A TRAFFIC STUDY OF A PROPOSED CONNECTING ROAD ON EDMONDS CROSSING, WITH LEGENDS DEVELOPMENT PAYING THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL COST.

The Motion died due to lack of a second.

Department Directors

Fire Chief T.A. Rankin noted that the Versailles Fraternal Order of Firefighters Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, October 11th at The Woodford Club. He stated that this is a fundraiser and he invited anyone to participate.

Chief Rankin also mentioned an upcoming Touch-a-Truck event at the old Woodford County High School to be held on Saturday, September 13th 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Scott White, Editor of The Woodford Sun, invited everyone to the Open House of The Woodford Sun’s remodeled offices on September 12th 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Mayor Dake adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK