

**FEBRUARY 17, 2026
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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, LISA JOHNSON, GARY JONES, ANN MILLER, AND FRED SIEGELMAN. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

DEPT. HEADS: MITZI DELIUS, BART MILLER, 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 FEBRUARY 3, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Rich Pictor, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the recent clearing of trees by Marathon Pipeline. He stated that Marathon had given them a \$2,000 gift certificate to Nelson Lee Tree Farm to purchase trees and shrubs for different parks locations. He also noted that Nelson Lee Tree Farm donates a tree for every \$500 spent, so they will receive an additional four trees from them.

Mayor Dake recognized Brittany Campbell, founder of Strengthening Transformations, with a Proclamation and presented her with a Key to the City. Mayor Dake noted that Ms. Campbell, through her non-profit, has been a trusted and reliable source for good in Versailles including her work providing backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene kits to students, organizing a father-daughter dance at the Woodford County Detention Center, and serving in First Baptist Church and at the Woodford Food Pantry.

Judge Executive James Kay read a letter from Governor Andy Beshear recognizing Brittany Campbell and he also read a Proclamation on behalf of Woodford County.

Emily Downey, Executive Director of the Tourism Commission, provided information and an update on Visit Woodford including their mission and focus, marketing strategies, and she shared one of their videos for Birthplace of Bourbon. Mrs. Downey presented data for downtown and The District from Placer.ai. She noted that the Tourism Commission operates solely on funding through the room tax and stated that they follow KRS 91A, operate on interlocal agreements with the three local governments, and are governed by a Board of Directors. Mrs. Downey thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support.

Dr. Rick Graebe, founder of the Neuro Visual Performance Institute in Versailles, shared information with the council about the vision therapy they offer and how it can empower your brain and eyes to work together to unlock full visual potential. Council member Bingham noted that she had invited Dr. Graebe to come tonight after she learned how much vision therapy can help children struggling in school or with anxiety and depression. Dr. Graebe talked about RightEye, a new eye-tracking technology which can help identify issues much earlier and enhance treatment. Council member Bingham stated that she is working with legislators to get RightEye in the schools, similar to the current requirement for children to have an eye exam before starting kindergarten.

Police Chief Rob Young presented the following quote from Bachman Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevrolet Traverse as well as a quote from L&W Emergency Equipment to equip the new vehicle. Chief Young noted that these are both state pricing contract vendors. He stated that this vehicle would be replacing a 2020 Ford Explorer that was totaled in an accident on December 12, 2025 and they had received \$27,962.00 from the insurance company for that vehicle.

Bachman Chevrolet	\$39,068.00
L&W Emergency Equipment	\$ 4,028.65

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MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BACHMAN CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,068.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE.

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

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY L&W EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,028.65 FOR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2026 TRAVERSE.

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

Public Works Director Bart Miller presented the following quotes for downtown flowers and watering:

Bi-Water Farm	\$18,075.00
MacDougals	declined to quote
Daynabrook	no response

Mr. Miller stated that the City has used Bi-Water Farm for the last several years and that the total price is the same as last year. The total price includes 37 hanging baskets at \$65.00 each, 25 barrel planters at \$65.00 each, and daily watering including fertilization from May – September for \$2,800.00 per month.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BI-WATER FARM FOR THE DOWNTOWN FLOWERS AND WATERING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$18,075.00.

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

Mayor Dake presented a grant application for the 391(h) Nonpoint Source Grant through the Kentucky Division of Water. She asked for council approval for the City to apply for the grant for improvements to the Glenss Creek watershed. She stated that the City would be applying for \$104,000 and the maximum grant match from the City would be \$5,000.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR THE 309(h) NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GLENN'S CREEK WATERSHED.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake stated that she had attended a press event this morning at Forcht Bank which included the announcement that the City of Versailles will receive \$1.4 million in community project funding for the Paddock Drive Extension. She noted that the project must be completed by the end of 2026.

She stated that the last "Two Minutes with the Mayor" discussed the planned purchase of the Yokohama building and that she directed people to a two-page Q&A document that is posted on both the City and County websites.

Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports

Council member Bingham presented the following quote for section markers for Rose Crest Cemetery:

Ruggles Sign	\$4,935.00
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MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY RUGGLES SIGN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,935.00 FOR SECTION MARKERS FOR ROSE CREST CEMETERY.

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

Council member Bingham stated that she would like to have a Street/Stormwater/Cemetery Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 25th at 5:00pm to discuss many items including the traffic study on Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd.

Council member Siegelman praised the new sign on the Versailles Police Department. Police Chief Young expressed appreciation to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni for sponsoring the sign.

Council member Siegelman expressed his concern about the council's recent approval of \$152,932.39 toward the turf replacement project at Community Stadium. He apologized for missing that council meeting but stated that the committee (of which he is a member) had recommended paying only \$75,000. He noted that he would like the council to reconsider their approval of the higher amount.

City Attorney Moore stated that the council had already approved the full amount and approved Mayor Dake negotiating the payment plan with the County. Mayor Dake stated that they had actually just agreed on a plan which would have the City paying \$12,932.39 in the current year and then \$20,000 per year for seven years.

Council member Siegelman publicly expressed thoughts and prayers in the passing of his cousin, and well know Midway resident, Junior Phillips. Mayor Dake also expressed sympathies on behale of the City.

Council member Miller noted a tentative date for the next Housing Affordability Task Force is March 2nd at 6:00pm at the Versailles Police Department Community Room.

Council member Miller shared a photo showing the area for a proposed bridge to connect the walking path behind the Versailles Police Department. She noted that the bridge would be raised and likely made out of Trex deck type material.

Department Directors

No reports were received.

Mayor Dake adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK