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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: 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 MAY 13, 2025 SPECIAL WORK SESSION.

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

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

Versailles Attorney Cassie Barnes addressed the council regarding the removal of funding for the Chamber from the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget and asked that the council consider adding the \$5,000 line item for Chamber of Commerce support back in before approving the budget. Ms. Barnes noted that a portion of the Chamber's budget is paid through memberships but it is also paid through partnerships which allow the Chamber to host several events throughout the year including a job fair and expungement clinics. She stated that it affects the Chamber's ability to provide these offerings. Ms. Barnes also stated that downtown is so vibrant right now and they would like to see that continue. She noted that the City, County, and Chamber should continue to all work together.

Council member Jones stated that he thought the support for the Chamber was just moved from the Council expenditures to the Event expenditures. It was clarified that the Event department expenditures includes a \$5,000 sponsorship of the Twilight Festival which is paid to the Chamber.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN TO ADD A LINE ITEM TO THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUGET TO INCLUDE A \$5,000 SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

City Attorney Moore stated that since we have not had first reading of the budget, it wouldn't be appropriate to make a motion to amend that ordinance until the second reading.

Council member Siegelman rescinded his motion.

Fire Chief T.A. Rankin introduced recently hired Battalion Chief Max Davis. He stated that Chief Davis had previously worked for Versailles Fire Department part-time and was a full time training officer for another department. He noted that Mr. Davis will be over the new fire science program starting this fall for high school students.

Battalion Chief Davis thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity and stated that he lives here in Versailles, loves this community, and is excited to work here full-time.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-6 An Ordinance Amending the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations for the Operation of City Government Services.

At the request of Council member Johnson, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-7 An Ordinance Amending the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual Enterprise Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations for the Operation of the Enterprise Fund.

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City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds stated that there was a typo on the copy FY2026 proposed line item budget which results in Intergovernmental Revenues actually being \$75,000 more. This change affects the draft Ordinance 2025-8 and she provided an updated copy to City Attorney Moore for first reading.

At the request of Council member Bingham, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-8 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations for the Operation of City Government Services.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-9 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual Enterprise Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations for the Operation of the Enterprise Fund.

At the request of Council member Miller, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-10 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the City of Versailles, Kentucky Municipal Aid Road Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations.

At the request of Council member Bingham, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-11 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the City of Versailles, Kentucky Annual 911 Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations for the Operation of City 911 Dispatch Services.

Public Works Director Bart Miller presented the following quotes for Cemetery Tree Removal. He noted that each quote included sales tax, which the City is exempt from paying, so the amounts below are after subtracting the sales tax:

Dave Leonard Tree Specialists	\$9,900.00
Deeply Rooted, LLC	\$29,450.00

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY DAVE LEONARD TREE SPECIALISTS FOR CEMETERY TREE REMOVAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,900.00.

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

Council member Johnson asked if action is being taken to replace trees that are removed? Council member Miller responded that she is working with Assistant Public Works Director, on behalf of the Street/Stormwater/Cemetery Committee, to look at more appropriate trees for the cemetery and bring those recommendations to the committee.

Mr. Miller presented the following quote for street striping and stop bars. He noted that S&L Contracting is a state price contract vendor and this is a budgeted expense.

S&L Contracting	\$9,030.00
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MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY S&L CONTRACTING FOR STREET STRIPING AND STOP BARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,030.00.

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

Mr. Miller stated that the City participates annually in the KLC Reverse Salt Auction to get the best possible prices for salt for the upcoming Fiscal Year. He presented the following bids:

Morton Salt	\$105.00/ton
Magic Salt	\$127.95/ton

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MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE BID AS PRESENTED BY MORTON SALT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ROAD SALT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105.00 PER TON.

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

Mr. Miller noted that the amount of salt used each year varies depending on the weather that season.

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake presented several “Thank You” cards that she had received from the Southside Elementary Fourth Grade for the opportunity to participate in the Versailles Flag project. She stated that they are working with Ruggles Sign to get a clear file that can be used to order flags and hopefully have an unveiling on Flag Day which is June 14th.

Council member Johnson praised the work of all of the groups that participated in the project.

Mayor Dake distributed a report of cash balances as of May 31st for General and Enterprise Funds, which also included descriptions of each cash account, whether those funds are restricted or unrestricted, and a pie chart showing the make-up of total cash by fund. She stated that City Clerk Reynolds would update the report regularly and distribute it.

Ms. Dake announced the next Market Days is scheduled for June 14th 8:30am – 12:00pm at The District.

She also announced an upcoming event, which Council member Bingham clarified is the Juneteenth celebration, on June 20th at The District beginning at 6:00pm.

Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports

Council member Jones stated that a Water and Sewer Committee meeting was held prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss a sewer adjustment request for 156 Frankfort Street. He noted that it is a vacant building and an outside unknowingly faucet ran for several days. Council member Johnson reiterated that the water did not go through the sewer system, it went into the ground. The Committee recommended a sewer adjustment.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,150.93 FOR 156 FRANKFORT STREET.

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

Council member Bingham stated that the Juneteenth celebration to be held on Friday, June 20th at The District includes a DJ 6:00pm-8:00pm and the band Honeychild 8:00pm-10:00pm.

Mrs. Bingham announced that a Street/Stormwater/Cemetery Committee meeting will be held on June 9th at 9:00am.

Council member Siegelman stated that he would like to bring up a few points from the recent Special Work Session regarding the City’s agreement with the City of Midway to provide police services. He stated that Midway has lowered property tax and has a lower insurance premium tax than Versailles. He asked the council to reconsider and not give up \$32,000 to the City of Midway.

Department Directors

Fire Chief Rankin invited everyone to the Safe Haven Baby Box Blessing to be held on June 26th at 10:00am. He stated that the Safe Haven Baby Box website has current statistics including how often the boxes have been used.

Chief Rankin recognized Bill Phelps for his 60 years with the Versailles Fire Department and praised the amount of knowledge Mr. Phelps has shared with everyone at the VFD.

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Mayor Dake adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK