

**FEBRUARY 3, 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, DAN KNIGHT, T.A. RANKIN, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, AND ROB YOUNG WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Mayor Dake presented Resolution 2026-2 which supports the Woodford County Economic Development Authority in their application for up to \$2,000,000 in grant funding to use toward the purchase of 105 Industry Drive by the Woodford County EDA, the City of Versailles, and Woodford County.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO THE KENTUCKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CABINET BY THE WOODFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION OF THE 105 INDUSTRY DRIVE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake thanked all city workers, including street, cemetery, water, sewer, police, and fire, for their hard work during the recent snow storm and below freezing temperatures.

She announced a need by The Station for volunteers to staff overnight, 7:00pm to 8:00am, any day that temperatures drop below 32 degrees. She stated that there must be two people at all times, but one of those people can sleep and dinner is provided. She noted that The Station provides food and shelter for anyone in need every night that temperatures drop under freezing.

Mayor Dake stated that the Woodford County Chamber's Awards Luncheon has been rescheduled for this Thursday, February 5th at 11:30am. She announced that the City has eight tickets total and there are still two available if anyone is interested in attending.

Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports

Council member Siegelman addressed the public regarding the purchase of the Yokohama building at 105 Industry Drive. He noted that it is important that the City, along with EDA and Fiscal Court, have some control over who the building is sold to so that we can hopefully get large employer and not warehouse or storage. Mayor Dake agreed, noting that 300 jobs were lost with the Yokohama closure.

Council member Miller stated that she is working with Rich Pictor, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, and Bluegrass ADD to apply for a Land and Conservation grant to connect a bridge behind the Versailles Police Department to the Big Spring Park. She noted that because of the location, Parks and Recreation may not be eligible so they will need to regroup and look at other options.

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Department Directors

Utilities Director Mitzi Delius shared that she had been approached by the Clean Water Professionals of KY & TN regarding their annual conference which will be held in July in Lexington. She stated that they have asked Versailles Municipal Utilities to partner with them in their Next Round Brewing project which would use treated water from the Versailles Wastewater Treatment Plant to brew beer by local breweries. She noted that the project focuses on recycling and the potential reuse of the water. She stated that she is excited for Versailles Municipal Utilities to participate in this project.

Emergency Management Deputy Russ Crabtree stated that the recent snowstorm will meet the threshold to file a disaster claim with FEMA and that agencies should be tracking any expenses outside of normal day to day operations.

Fire Chief Rankin stated that the Versailles Fire Department sent a team of four, with the Bluegrass Emergency Response Team trailer, to Monroe County for forty-eight hours to work through the winter storm devastation there and to help restore transportation accessibility.

Chief Rankin stated that the cold temperatures had caused failures in the sprinkler system in the old Kroger building on Marsailles Road, which is owned by the City. He presented the following quote for repairs, which includes replacing approximately sixteen sprinkler heads and damaged hard piping:

Central Kentucky Sprinkler	\$5,400.00
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Ms. Delius stated that they are working to make necessary valve replacements.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY CENTRAL KENTUCKY SPRINKLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,400.00 FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEM REPAIR AT THE MARSAILLES ROAD BUILDING.

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

Police Chief Rob Young praised the efforts of the police officers and detectives in the arrest of a suspect in the recent bank robbery. He noted that the arrest happened within three days of the incident and the suspect is from out of state but does have ties to the area. He also thanked partnering agencies – ATF, FBI, and Lexington Police Department.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(b) TO DELIBERATE ON THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

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

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

Mayor Dake adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK