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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: MAX DAVIS, MITZI DELIUS, BART MILLER, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS

AND ROB YOUNG WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR

RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Council member Johnson noted an error on page two of the minutes. She stated that under Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports it states that "Jailer Michele Rankin presented on three individuals that have been helped..." and Ms. Johnson clarified that only one of the three individuals helped was from the detention center and that Ms. Rankin provided information on that individual.

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

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Rich Pictor, Executive Director of Parks & Recreation, provided an update on recent projects. He distributed pictures of the completed outdoor basketball courts, noting that they are located beside the community stadium and they are free to the public. He stated that the playground equipment for Russelltown arrived today and will be installed in the next two weeks. Mr. Pictor noted that they are finalizing the bids for the turf and lighting projects and hope to start on the multipurpose field as soon as youth football is finished – around the end of November.

At the request of Council member Bingham, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-17 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Versailles, Kentucky.

At the request of Council member Bingham, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-18 An Ordinance Approving the Test Amendment to Articles VIII of the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Director Steve Hunter was present to answer any questions relating to Ordinance 2025-18 or to a proposed text amendment to Article X which has not been put into City of Versailles ordinance format yet.

Council member Johnson asked for a brief overview of the proposed text amendments.

Mr. Hunter stated that the amendments to Article VIII include splitting nonconforming demolitions into two categories – involuntary demolition or voluntary demolition. He noted that changes to Article X are more housekeeping in nature and include changes recommended by Mary Beth Robson, as Floodplain Manager, to match FEMA verbiage.

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Mayor Dake presented Resolution 2025-11 which repeals Resolution 2025-9 establishing a moratorium on the issuance of building permits, etc. She stated that Resolution 2025-9 was passed in response to the developers of Legends not completing the connections as shown in their approved development plan. Mayor Dake noted that the Planning Commission changed the regulations on September 11th to require connectivity either be completed early in the construction phase or be bonded and that the moratorium is no longer needed.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-11 A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION 2025-9 THAT ESTABLISHED A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS, WATER TAPS AND SEWER TAPS FOR ANY SUBDIVISION CONSISTING OF MORE THAN FOUR LOTS LOCATED ON A STREET IN A SUBDIVISION WHERE THE APPROVED PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHOWS CONNECTIVITY WITH EXISTING STREETS IN ADJOINING NEIGHBORHOODS AND SUCH CONNECTIONS HAVE NOT YET OCCURRED OR BEEN BONDED.

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

Police Chief Rob Young presented the following quote for the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Traverse. He noted that the vehicle is being paid for using insurance funds received from a recently totaled cruiser. Chief Young noted that the total received from insurance was \$46,660.56 and the cost of the Traverse and equipment total \$43,096.65. He stated that this will be a detective vehicle because the total cost of a patrol rated vehicle (Chevrolet 1500 Silverado or Tahoe) and equipment would be significantly higher.

Bachman Chevrolet (state contract vendor)

\$39,068.00

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY 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 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

Chief Young also presented the following quote for emergency equipment for the 2026 Traverse:

L&W Emergency Equipment (state contract vendor)

\$4,028.65

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM 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 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

Public Works Director Bart Miller presented Change Order No. 3 for the Kroger Way Extension Project. He stated that this is the final change order and the project is complete.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE KROGER WAY EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$22,289.31.

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

Utilities Director Mitzi Delius requested permission to surplus a 2007 International Pumper/Flush Truck (VIN 9526). She stated that they had received the new truck last Tuesday and are excited to begin using it.

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MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS A 2007 INTERNATIONAL PUMPER/FLUSH TRUCK WITH VIN 9526.

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

Mayor Dake asked the council for permission to bid out a downtown sound system and public wifi project. She stated that Communications and Event Coordinator Amanda Wainscott had gotten a quote for a sound system throughout Main Street and the total was significant. Mayor Dake stated that the salesperson mentioned the possibility of a grant up to \$50,000 which could help pay for the project. She also noted that she would be asking if the county may be willing to pay for a portion. The project would include installing speakers up and down Main Street so that music could be played consistently during certain times or events. It would also allow them to broadcast the announcers at events like the Christmas parade.

Council member Johnson asked about the businesses on Main Street, such as a yoga studio, that prefer a quiet area. Mayor Dake stated that the volume could be adjusted and it should not be loud enough to be heard inside of businesses.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A DOWNTOWN SOUND SYSTEM AND PUBLIC WIFI PROJECT.

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

Mayor Dake announced that the 2025 Versailles Trick or Treat times would be 6:00pm – 8:00pm on October 31st.

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake stated that she, Council member Johnson, and Council member Miller, had recently attended the Kentucky League of Cities Conference on Owensboro. She noted that Council members Bingham, Johnson, Miller, and Siegelman each received training awards.

She announced a Pink Sisters event on October 10th beginning with a Breast Cancer Honor Walk starting at The District at 6:30pm followed by a vendor event at The District 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Mayor Dake stated that there is an Oktoberfest event at Highbramble Park on October 10th and 11th, 4:00pm – 10:00pm each day. The event will include food from Opa's Icehouse.

She stated that she attended Frontier Nursing today to present a Proclamation in recognition of Midwifery Week.

Department Directors

Deputy Russ Crabtree, Emergency Management, invited the council to attend a LEPC meeting on October 16th at noon. He also noted that they are working on a property buyout program using grant funds in response to the recent flood disaster.

Deputy Crabtree stated that a new weather device has been installed on top of the courthouse and was donated by KCTCS. Anyone can go to woodford.weatherstem.com to see the information that is gathered from the device.

Battalion Fire Chief Max Davis announced the Fraternal Order of Firefighters Golf Scramble that is being held this weekend at the Woodford Club.

Public Works Director Miller stated that leaf pickup throughout the city limits will begin next week. He also noted that the chipper truck has been down for nearly a week and is still being repaired. They have rented a chipper truck and will begin using it tomorrow.

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Mr. Miller stated that a Christmas tree is still needed for downtown Versailles for the upcoming season. If anyone is interested in donating, they can see the requirements on the City's Facebook page or contact Assistant Public Works Director Dan Knight.

Council member Miller asked about the possibility of planting Christmas trees on the City's farm for future use. Mr. Miller responded that they are discussing that and it would take most trees about 6-8 years to get to the size needed.

Mr. Miller presented a map showing the proposed Beasley Drive Multi-Use Path which would connect to the current path on Falling Springs Blvd. He noted that they had received responses to an RFQ for the project and that City Engineer Mary Beth Robson had been working with Banks Engineering to get a proposal for design services. He asked for approval for Banks Engineering for design services for a cost up to \$15,000.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED BY BANKS ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE BEASLEY DRIVE MULTI-USE PATH FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00.

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

Mr. Miller stated that milling and paving work had started in the city limits this week.

Council member Siegelman asked about the road between McDonalds and Jimmy Johns. Mr. Miller stated that it is a private street but he could reach out to the owner regarding the potholes needing repaired.

Council member Bradley asked about the holes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Court and Mr. Miller stated that he would have someone review and repair as needed.

Council member Bingham noted the dangerous dips in front of the Fire Department on Big Sink and Mr. Miller stated that he would also review those.

Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports

Council member Jones stated that the Water and Sewer Committee had met prior to tonight's meeting and they are recommending two sewer adjustments.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 504 BEECH STREET IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$199.64.

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

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 612 TURRET COURT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$500.00.

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

Council member Bingham asked to hold a Streets/Stormwater/Cemetery Committee meeting on Monday, October 27th at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Council member Johnson stated that the recent non-profit roundtable regarding food insecurity had thirty people in attendance representing at least 23 organizations. She stated that because of the large turnout, they were only able to get started on discussions, so a Part 2 will be held on Friday, October 10th at 9:00am at the Woodford County Library.

Council member Siegelman asked if biking events can be posted on social media so that residents can be aware and use caution. He stated that he had been contacted by someone who did not know about an event this past weekend and they almost hit some bike riders on a hilly two-lane road.

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Mayor Dake stated that yes, we would be happy to post that on Facebook and she also stated that the City of Versailles Facebook page recently hit 10,000 followers!

Council member Miller announced an upcoming meeting of the Downtown/Tourism/Communications Committee to be held on Monday, October 13th, at the Versailles Police Department Community Room at 5:30pm.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM 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 JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MILLER 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	