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

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

**DEPT. HEADS: DAN KNIGHT, MIKE MURRAY, T.A. RANKIN AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

**Mayor Traugott presented Resolution 2024-5 recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; noting that the City will encourage, support, and collaborate on initiatives to prevent sexual violence and rally around survivors of sexual assault.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-5 RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Mayor Traugott expressed sympathy for the family of Jack Kain, who passed away on March 26, 2024. He praised Mr. Kain's commitment to his family, business success, and contributions to the community.**

**MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-6 HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK KAIN.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

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

**Public Comment**

**No public comment was received.**

**At the request of Council member Miller, City Attorney Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2024-5 Confirming the Sale and Awarding a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Kentucky Utilities Corporation for a Term of Ten (10) Years for Electric Franchise for the Placement of Facilities for the Transmission, Distribution, and Sale of Electrical Energy Along and Under Public Right-of-Way Within the City of Versailles, Kentucky, in Return for Payment to the City of Versailles of the Sum of Three Percent (3%) of Franchisee's Gross Receipts per Year from the Franchisee's Sale of Electricity to Electric-Consuming Entities Inside the City of Versailles's Corporate Limits and Reserving the Right to Increase Said Franchise Fee to Up to Five Percent (5%) of Franchisee's Gross Receipts per Year from the Franchisee's Sale of Electricity to Electric-Consuming Entities Inside the City of Versailles's Corporate Limits, as follows:**

**ORDINANCE 2024-05**

**ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE SALE AND AWARDING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO KENTUCKY UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR ELECTRIC FRANCHISE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY, IN RETURN FOR PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF VERSAILLES OF THE SUM OF THREE PERCENT (3%) OF FRANCHISEE'S GROSS RECEIPTS PER YEAR FROM THE FRANCHISEE'S SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO ELECTRIC-CONSUMING ENTITIES INSIDE THE CITY OF VERSAILLES'S CORPORATE LIMITS AND RESERVING THE RIGHT TO INCREASE SAID FRANCHISE FEE TO UP TO**

**FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF FRANCHISEE'S GROSS RECEIPTS PER YEAR FROM THE FRANCHISEE'S SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO ELECTRIC-CONSUMING ENTITIES INSIDE THE CITY OF VERSAILLES'S CORPORATE LIMITS**

**WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2024-01, adopted by the Versailles City Council, on February 6, 2024, provided for the creation and sale of a non-exclusive franchise, for a term of ten (10) years, to acquire, lay, maintain, operate, enter upon, construct, install, use and repair, in the public Right-Of-Way of the City a system or works for the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical energy from points either within or without the corporate limits of this City, to this City and the inhabitants thereof, and from and through this City to persons, corporations and municipalities beyond the limits thereof, and for the sale of same for light, heat, power and other purposes; and**

**WHEREAS, said ordinance also established a sealed bid process which includes advertising the invitation for bids, and awarding the franchise to the successful bidder(s); and**

**WHEREAS, after publication of said advertisement on February 15, 2024, the City received a bid from Kentucky Utilities Corporation.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. That an electric franchise created by Ordinance No. 2024-01 be, and it hereby is, awarded to Kentucky Utilities Corporation, for the cost of advertising and sale of an electric franchise, plus three percent (3%) of its annual gross revenues, which shall be payable to the City of Versailles, Kentucky, on a quarterly basis.**

**Section 2. That the City of Versailles, Kentucky, pursuant Ordinance No. 2024-01 shall have the right to increase said franchise fee described above to up to five (5) percent of gross receipts per year from Kentucky Utilities Corporation's sale of electricity to electric-consuming entities inside the City of Versailles's corporate limits on or after the later of ninety (90) days after the date of the written notice or the effective date of the franchise fee specified in the City of Versailles's notice.**

**Section 3. All prior ordinances, municipal orders, or policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith, are to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.**

**Section 4. That the mayor of the City of Versailles is hereby authorized to sign the Franchise Agreement which memorializes the sale by the City Versailles to Kentucky Utilities of said franchise subject to the terms and conditions reflected in Ordinance No. 2024-01 and this Ordinance.**

**Section 5. That the statements set forth in the Preamble to this Ordinance are hereby incorporated in this Ordinance by reference, the same as if set forth at length herein.**

**Section 6. That if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.**

**Section 7. That this Ordinance shall be effective on the date of its passage.**

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2024-5 CONFIRMING THE SALE AND AWARDING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO KENTUCKY UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR ELECTRIC FRANCHISE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY, IN RETURN FOR PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF VERSAILLES OF THE SUM OF THREE PERCENT (3%) OF FRANCHISEE’S GROSS RECEIPTS PER YEAR FROM THE FRANCHISEE’S SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO ELECTRIC-CONSUMING ENTITIES INSIDE THE CITY OF VERSAILLES’ CORPORATE LIMITS AND RESERVING THE RIGHT TO INCREASE SAID FRANCHISE FEE TO UP TO FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF FRANCHISEE’S GROSS RECEIPTS PER YEAR FROM THE FRANCHISEE’S SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO ELECTRIC-CONSUMING ENTITIES INSIDE THE CITY OF VERSAILLES’ CORPORATE LIMITS.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED WITH KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Fire Chief Rankin presented Resolution 2024-4 which would authorize the City to begin the grant application process to apply for structural collapse technician training hours.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-4 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND, UPON APPROVAL, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY (KOHS), TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY KOHS TO FACILITATE AND ADMINISTER THE PROJECT AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT. THIS RESOLUTION ALSO ESTABLISHES PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR ANY KOHS APPROVED PROJECT FOR THE FY2024 APPLICATION CYCLE.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Chief Rankin presented the bids received for the Versailles Fire Station Design-Build Renovation and Addition. He praised the renovation committee, which included Assistant Chief Brown, Captain Ritchey, Captain Burkhardt, Firefighter Pearson, and Firefighter Bunker. He noted that the bid specifications included the base bid and six possible alternates. Chief Rankin is recommending the alternates 3, 4, 5, and 6. He stated that the bids on alternates 1 and 2 were so varied, that they are not going to complete those at this time. He recommended the low bid as presented by Mefford Contracting for the total amount of \$1,397,270 for the base bid and alternates 3, 4, 5, and 6. The bids were received as follows:**

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate No. 1</b>	<b>Alternate No. 2</b>	<b>Alternate No. 3</b>	<b>Alternate No. 4</b>	<b>Alternate No. 5</b>	<b>Alternate No. 6</b>	<b>Total with only Alternates 3, 4, 5, 6</b>
<b>Mefford Contracting</b>	<b>1,224,000.00</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>137,000.00</b>	<b>35,570.00</b>	<b>10,840.00</b>	<b>47,860.00</b>	<b>79,000.00</b>	<b>1,397,270.00</b>
<b>Brett Construction Company</b>	<b>1,429,706.00</b>	<b>72,040.00</b>	<b>31,619.00</b>	<b>30,887.00</b>	<b>11,955.00</b>	<b>71,369.00</b>	<b>81,849.00</b>	<b>1,625,766.00</b>
<b>Pauly Construction LLC</b>	<b>1,664,500.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>194,000.00</b>	<b>26,523.00</b>	<b>24,630.00</b>	<b>65,900.00</b>	<b>88,400.00</b>	<b>1,869,953.00</b>

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**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE BID AS PRESENTED BY MEFFORD CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,397,270.00 FOR THE BASE AND ALTERNATES 3, 4, 5, AND 6 FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE STATION DESIGN-BUILD RENOVATION AND ADDITION.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Assistant Public Works Director Dan Knight presented a request for the city to take over five street lights on Kroger Way and four street lights on Commerce Drive. He noted that the current monthly cost per light is \$25.43.**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ACCEPT THE FIVE STREET LIGHTS ON KROGER WAY AND THE FOUR STREET LIGHTS ON COMMERCE DRIVE INTO THE CITY'S KENTUCKY UTILITIES ACCOUNT.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Mr. Knight presented quotes for a vehicle lift for the new maintenance garage. He recommended the low quote as presented by Worth.**

<b>Worth N A, LLC</b>	<b>\$14,640.00</b>
<b>Mohawk Lifts</b>	<b>\$22,134.14</b>

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY WORTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,640.00 FOR A VEHICLE LIFT FOR THE NEW MAINTENANCE GARAGE.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Mr. Knight also presented the following quote for security and internet for the new maintenance garage. He stated that it was in the best interest of the City to use Allied Communications as a sole source provider as they do the security system for City Hall.**

<b>Allied Communications</b>	<b>\$13,512.25</b>
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**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,512.25 FOR THE SECURITY SYSTEM AND INTERNET FOR THE NEW MAINTENANCE GARAGE.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

**Mayor Traugott praised the recent "Rebirth of Versailles" column that was featured in the Woodford Sun and written by Scott White. Mr. White thanked Mayor Traugott for his recognition.**

**Mayor Traugott discussed the light project that is currently out for quotes. He stated that interested businesses have indicated that it will be extremely expensive to do solar/photocell lights and that electric lighting would be a more cost effective option.**

**He presented owner initiated change orders relating to electrical items for the Downtown Revitalization Project totaling \$24,347.80.**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS 7, 8, 9, 11, AND 12 FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT TOTALING \$24,347.80.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Mayor Traugott recognized Karlee Blanton for her recent ranking of 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 1,502 high school girls in the National Archery Program.**

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**Mayor Traugott praised State Representative Fister and Senator Mays-Bledsoe for the funding committed to Versailles for U.S. 60 (BG Parkway – Pisgah), access management at Woodford Feed intersection, and the Rose Hill/Tyrone Pike/Clifton Road intersection. He also noted their increased funding for police and fire incentives.**

**He expressed sympathy to the family of Susan Jones who recently lost her battle with cancer. He mentioned her love for animals and her dedication to her position as Animal Control Officer.**

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

**Council member Dake invited everyone to attend the Main Street Clean Sweep on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – noon. She noted that there will be a friendly competition between the Fiscal Court and the City Council.**

**She also mentioned that she, along with Council member Johnson, will be presenting the Palmer Traffic Study to the Planning Commission on April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Council member Dake stated that she and Mr. Knight will be participating in a call tomorrow for a Safe Streets Grant.**

**She also expressed appreciation for the replacement fence at Big Spring Park.**

**Council member Johnson stated that the Building Standards and Downtown Development Committee are working to add trash receptacles downtown.**

**Department Directors**

**Fire Chief Rankin thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance with a recent water leak at Station 1.**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(b) TO DELIBERATE ON THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND KRS 61.810 (1)(c) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION AGAINST OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITHOUT ACTION TAKEN.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ENGAGE LARRY BROCK TO CONDUCT A PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION FOR UP TO \$7,500.00.**

**The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.**

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**