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

DEPT. HEADS: MITZI DELIUS, MARLENA JACOBS, T.A. RANKIN, AND ROB YOUNG WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Mayor Dake presented Resolution 2025-1 honoring former Police Chief Mike Murray who retired on December 31, 2024. She praised his diligent work and leadership skills throughout his career with the Versailles Police Department.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-1 HONORING FORMER POLICE CHIEF MIKE MURRAY.

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

Mayor Dake presented Chief Murray with a framed picture featuring the old police station, which is now Vallozzi's Restaurant, and the new police station along with a gift card to Vallozzi's on behalf of the City of Versailles. Chief Murray thanked everyone for the kind words, gifts, and for their support throughout his time with the Versailles Police Department.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ROB YOUNG TO THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF.

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

City Attorney Moore referenced the agenda item "Zoning Map Amendment-Dale and Macey, LLC-104 Dale Ave-0.490 Acres-R-2 (Two Family Residential) to R-3 (Medium Density Residential)" which has come to the Council from the Planning Commission. He noted that the Council has 90 days to review the record and determine how they want to proceed - either accept the Planning Commission's record or holding their own public hearing. If the Council accepts the record, they would then determine if they want to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the parcel from R-2 to R-3.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT-DALE AND MACEY, LLC-104 DALE AVE-0.490 ACRES-R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).

The motion died due to lack of a second.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ACCEPT THE RECORD AS PRESENTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT-DALE AND MACEY, LLC-104 DALE AVE-0.490 ACRES-R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).

Steve Hunter, Planning Director, stated that the owners had requested the zoning map amendment because the four-plex structure on the property is currently non-conforming.

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

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At the request of Council member Johnson, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-1 An Ordinance Establishing the Minimum Regulations Governing the Conditions and Maintenance of all Property, Buildings and Structures Within the City, By Providing the Standards for Supplied Utilities and Facilities and Other Physical Things and Conditions Essential to Ensure that Structures are Safe, Sanitary and Fit for Occupation and Use; and the Condemnation of Buildings and Structures Unfit for Human Occupancy and Use and the Demolition of Such Structures; Known as the Property Maintenance Code.

Council member Johnson presented a final report of the efforts and accomplishments of the Building Standards and Downtown Development Ad Hoc Committee. She noted that the committee was established by Municipal Order 2021-21 in October, 2021. The committee met regularly with their last meeting being January 31, 2024. She stated that the committee had accomplished most of its objectives including reviewing the landscape and land use buffers ordinance, preparing a comprehensive list of vacant and underutilized property, conducting two walk audits, recommending and accomplishing the purchase of nineteen additional trash cans for downtown Versailles, holding a Downtown Stakeholders Summit which was attended by fifty-one people, and a City funded traffic study. Ms. Johnson stated that the committee had made great accomplishments in the last couple of years and it is time to dissolve the committee.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-6 DISSOLVING THE BUILDING STANDARDS AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE.

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

Utilities Manager Mitzi Delius presented the following bids for Complete Filter Rehab of the Water Treatment plant:

S4 Water	\$32,500.00
Layne	\$40,672.00

Ms. Delius stated that this is something they do for one, of ten, filters each year. She recommended the low bid as presented by S4 Water.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE BID FOR COMPLETE FILTER REHAB AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS PRESENTED BY S4 WATER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,500.00.

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

Mayor Dake presented a Settlement Agreement between Metronet and the City of Versailles. She stated that Metronet will no longer be offering cable services to residents of Versailles on March 11, 2025, but will continue to provide communication services. She noted that because of this change, they are providing written notice to all cable customers and will provide a free fire stick to any customers upon request. Metronet will also pay the City of Versailles \$10,000 for their legal fees incurred as a result of this agreement. Mayor Dake noted that there are currently 24 total customers in Versailles receiving cable service from Metronet.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-2 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CMN-RUS, LLC F/K/A CMN-RUS, INC. ("METRONET") AND THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY ("VERSAILLES").

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake presented Municipal Order 2025-7 to extend the collection of debris from the snow storm for an additional three weeks.

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MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-7 EXTENDING THE SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE 93.05 IN RELATION TO THE COLLECTION OF DEBRIS CAUSED BY THE SNOW STORM.

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

She announced the 3rd Annual Elected Officials Food Drive will be Saturday 12:00pm – 5:00pm.

Mayor Dake provided Code Enforcement Officer JJ Martin’s cell phone number to the council and the public.

She stated that the Chamber will be holding their Annual Awards Luncheon on January 31st and invited the council to attend as the City has sponsored a table.

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Jones stated that the Water and Sewer Committee met today and is recommending one adjustment due to a broken pipe underground.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 205 LEXINGTON STREET in the amount of \$2,433.52.

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

Council member Bingham thanked the leaders who came together to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. She stated that she would like to join other committees and agencies that had things as well.

Council member Johnson presented two sets of Water and Sewer Committee minutes from 2024 for approval.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2024 WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2024 WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

Department Directors

Utilities Manager Delius presented the following quotes for Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) Program at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. She stated that a CMOM program is a requirement of the KPDES Permit at the WWTP and will help to proactively prevent or minimize the potential for the release of pollutants.

Kentucky Engineering Group	\$25,000
GRW Engineering	\$36,000

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE FOR A CAPACITY, MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS PRESENTED BY KENTUCKY ENGINEERING GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00.

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

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Fire Chief T.A. Rankin honored Richard Jones, Former Captain of Versailles Fire Department, who passed away last week. Chief Rankin noted that Captain Jones had previously retired from the VFD with 34 years of service. He noted that a memorial service is being held January 28th 3:30pm-5:30pm.

Chief Rankin noted the report of a natural gas leak on High Street. He stated that they had met with Columbia Gas and the leak has been determined to not be emergent. Any complaints should be directed to Columbia Gas and the Versailles Fire Department will continue to monitor the area. He stated that the first call was made to Columbia Gas on Saturday, January 18th and Columbia Gas has 12-15 days to resolve the issue.

Police Chief Rob Young thanked the council for the opportunity to serve as Chief.

Council member Johnson stated that a citizen complaint had been brought to her attention and the person may not feel comfortable speaking publicly. She asked about the process regarding a nuisance complaint from a city resident such as an inappropriate residence in a business and noise issues.

Chief Young stated that a loud noise complain is typically handled by the police department and the complaint can be submitted by calling the non-emergency number of 859-873-3126. He stated that a nuisance complaint such as high grass or shrubbery should be reported to Code Enforcement Officer Martin. Chief Young noted that if someone is unsure of where to report a nuisance, they can call the non-emergency number and dispatch will route it to either Code Enforcement Officer Martin or to a police officer.

Mayor Dake stated that the exact issue that was reported to Ms. Johnson was discussed at this morning's Code Enforcement meeting and it is being handled. A resident in attendance at the council meeting stated that they were the complainant and that they appreciated the police officer that had responded.

Council member Siegelman expressed his sympathy to the family of Richard Jones noting that both Mr. Jones and his wife had worked for him in the past.

Mayor Dake adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK