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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 MARY BRADLEY, GARY JONES, LISA JOHNSON, 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.**

**Public Comment**

**No public comment was received.**

**Mayor Dake stated that there is a council vacancy for her council seat for the term of January, 2025 through December, 2026.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPOINT CHANTEL BINGHAM TO FILL THE VACANT COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION.**

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

**City Attorney Moore swore Mrs. Bingham in as council member.**

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

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

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BILL MOORE TO THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY.**

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

**Mayor Dake presented Municipal Order 2025-1 which adds language prohibiting the use of medicinal cannabis by any city employee.**

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-1 AMENDING THE CITY'S PERSONNEL POLICIES ADOPTED IN MUNICIPAL ORDER 2019-4, AS AMENDED.**

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

**Fire Chief Rankin presented Municipal Order 2025-2 which adds the basic responsibilities of firefighting to the Battalion Chief/Training Officer position.**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-2 AMENDING THE BATTALION CHIEF/TRAINING OFFICER POSITION FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

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

**Mayor Dake presented Municipal Order 2025-3 creating the position of Communications and Events Coordinator and repealing the position of Special Projects Coordinator.**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-3 CREATING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS COORDINATOR AND REPEALING MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-16.**

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

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**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-4 DESIGNATING COUNCIL MEMBER MARY BRADLEY TO PRESIDE AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR.**

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

Mayor Dake stated that the agenda item for Roof Line Lights (Phase 2) will be held off until a future meeting. They are working with Tourism to determine funding for the project.

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

Mayor Dake announced the recent hire of JJ Martin as Code Enforcement Officer, noting that he started work today and will be meeting with Code Enforcement Chair Cathy Weil tomorrow.

She thanked Public Works and the Public Safety departments for their work during this snow storm.

Mayor Dake stated that the City still has seven tickets available for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

She distributed the Standing Committee assignments for 2025-2026 as follows:

**ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL**

Fred Siegelman, Chair  
Chantel Bingham  
Mary Bradley

**BUDGET/FINANCE**

Lisa Johnson, Chair  
Gary Jones  
Fred Siegelman

**DOWNTOWN/TOURISM/COMMUNICATIONS**

Ann Miller, Chair  
Mary Bradley  
Gary Jones

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mary Bradley, Chair  
Ann Miller  
Fred Siegelman

**STREETS, STORMWATER AND CEMETERY**

Chantel Bingham, Chair  
Lisa Johnson  
Ann Miller

**WATER & SEWER**

Gary Jones, Chair  
Chantel Bingham  
Lisa Johnson

Mayor Dake noted that the January-February 2025 Newsletter is out and can be read on our website or Facebook page.

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

Council member Siegelman stated that he is excited to be back serving on the Council.

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**Department Directors**

**Public Works Director Miller presented Municipal Order 2025-5 which suspends the enforcement of Ordinance 93.05 relating to the collection of limbs/debris caused by the snow storm.**

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-5 SUSPENDING 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.**

**Mr. Miller stated that pursuant to the Kentucky Model Procurement Code language for emergency purchases, the Versailles Public Works Department is informing the Versailles City Council of emergency work recently performed on its water system. He stated that while attempting to valve off existing water lines to complete some of the tie-ins for our Low Pressure System Improvement Project, four of the water system's existing valves began leaking and were not repairable. He stated that they determined this situation to be an emergency because we had to put our customers under Boil Water Advisories due to low pressure, and the existing valves were leaking, causing flooding and damage to Frankfort Street. He noted that had we not installed the valves as quickly as we did, more road damage would have occurred resulting in danger to motorists.**

**Mr. Miller stated that four water valves were installed as an emergency on October 22, October 26, and November 2, 2024. The following valves were inserted:**

- 4": At the corner of Camden and Frankfort St.**
- 6": At the corner of Camden and Elm Streets**
- 6": At the corner of Yellow Jacket Dr. and Frankfort St.**
- 6": On Frankfort Street near Elm St Tank and**

**He noted that Workman's Water Services performed the work for \$35,200.00. Workman's has done work for the City before, and Utilities Manager Mitzi Delius determined the price to be fair, especially considering that two of the three days of the work done was on Saturdays. Mr. Miller stated that since the valve insertions were directly related to the project, we are submitting this work for reimbursement through our Low Pressure System Improvements Project grant. While optimistic, we are not assured that it will be reimbursed.**

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY WATER VALVE INSTALLATIONS ON OCTOBER 22, OCTOBER 26, AND NOVEMBER 2, 2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$35,200.00 PAID TO WORKMAN'S WATER SERVICES.**

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

**Mr. Miller stated that he is aware that during the recent snow storm, the plowing of the roads resulted in snow blocking some driveways. He noted that this is the most snow we have gotten at one time in several years and that they are doing their best to clear the roads without impacting driveways.**

**Police Chief Young thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve as Chief and stated that he is looking forward to 2025.**

**Chief Young noted that during the recent snow storm, they had 326 calls for service including sixty motorist assists and thirteen welfare checks.**

**Council member Johnson asked about whether there would be a Work Session next week. After a short discussion, the council determined that it would be cancelled.**

**Scott White, Managing Editor of the Woodford Sun, thanked Emergency Management for keeping everyone informed and providing information for the Woodford Sun to post on social media to help get the word out during the snow storm.**

**Mr. White also noted that there would be no postal service on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> due to the funeral for President Jimmy Carter.**

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**Russ Crabtree, Emergency Management, stated that during the worst of the snow storm, Woodford County had 3,000 customers without power. He stated that two warming stations have been open to the public – the Courthouse which did not have any one attend – and The Station which had two regulars attend. Mr. Crabtree commended the department heads and elected officials for working together so well.**

**Council member Bingham thanked the council for appointing her to serve the next two years.**

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

**APPROVED:**

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**LAURA DAKE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**