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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, LAURA DAKE, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. COUNCIL MEMBER BRADLEY WAS ABSENT. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.**

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

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

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

**Public Comment**

**No public comment was received.**

**Mayor Dake referenced the agenda item “Council Vacancy”, noting that it relates to the remainder of her council term which expires at the end of December. She stated that the first agenda of January will have the same agenda item for the term of January 2025 through December 2026. There was no council discussion regarding the current vacancy.**

**Cathy Weil, Chair of the Code Enforcement Board, presented the proposed 2025 Abandoned and Blighted Property List as follows:**

**111 Bell Court  
145 Bell Avenue  
157 Bell Avenue (also listed as 162 Bell Avenue)  
320 Bryanwood  
140 Macey Ave  
112 MLK Blvd  
176 Ridgewood (vacant lot)  
214 Lexington St  
311 Macey Blvd  
115 Montgomery  
133 Macey Ave  
108 MLK Blvd**

**City Attorney Moore noted that all properties classified as Abandoned or Blighted have a substantially increased tax rate for ad valorem taxes.**

**Mrs. Weil stated that the board had been working several years and she listed several properties that have been renovated and cleaned up or demolished. She noted that the board is excited to for a new Code Enforcement Officer to be hired and that they cannot do their job as a board without them. Mayor Dake thanked Mrs. Weil for all of the work she, and the board, does.**

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE 2025 ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES LIST AS PRESENTED BY THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD.**

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

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.937 PER POUND OF CHLORINE GAS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

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**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.1679 PER POUND OF LIQUID CAUSTIC SODA FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY MILLER TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY UNIVAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.28 PER POUND OF HYDROFLUOSILICIC ACID FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.3990 PER POUND OF AQUA AMMONIA FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.27 PER POUND OF ACTIVATED CARBON FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY USALCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.36 PER POUND OF POLYALUMINUM CHOLORIDE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MILLER TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY CITCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.70 PER GALLON OF LIQUID ODOR CONTROL FOR THE LIFT STATIONS.**

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

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY CITCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24.00 PER GALLON OF LIQUID DEGREASER FOR THE LIFT STATIONS.**

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

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID AS SUBMITTED BY CITCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.91 PER GALLON OF LIQUID DEODORIZER FOR THE LIFT STATIONS.**

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

**Fire Chief Rankin presented Change Order #0017 for the Versailles Fire Department Station #1 Renovation project in the total amount of \$7,647.50 and adding an additional 28 days to the contract. He noted that he had worked with the contractor to negotiate the total cost of the additional work down from the original estimate of \$40,000.**

**MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #0017 AS PRESENTED BY MEFFORD CONTRACTING FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1 RENOVATION PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,647.50.**

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

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**Mayor Miscellaneous**

Mayor Dake thanked City Hall staff for being so kind and helpful in her first few days since being appointed as Mayor by Governor Andy Beshear. She also thanked City Attorney Moore for his guidance.

Ms. Dake announced the following upcoming City events:

- Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Versailles Tree Lighting at 5:30pm
- Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> –
  - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 8:00am – 11:00am
  - Santa Shuffle 5K & Kids Dash 2:00pm
  - Christmas Parade 5:00pm
- Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – City Employee Christmas Luncheon 11:30am – 1:00pm
- Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas at The District 12:00pm – 5:00pm, followed by Christmas Caroling downtown

Mayor Dake expressed sympathy for the family of John Long, a long time City employee who passed away on November 24<sup>th</sup> after retiring in April, 2024. She stated that the visitation is Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Clark Legacy Center.

She announced the ribbon cutting for the new Woodford County High School will be December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

Ms. Dake invited everyone to attend a “Meet the Mayor” Open House that she will be hosting, and funding privately, on December 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 4:00pm at City Hall.

She announced an upcoming Kentucky League of Cities City Officials Orientation to be held at Embassy Suites on December 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm – 8:30pm. She noted that this is a free event geared toward new city officials, but all elected officials are welcome to attend.

She also mentioned the upcoming City Officials Academy to be held at Embassy Suites in Lexington January 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. If any elected officials are interested in attending, they can register on the KLC website or contact City Clerk Reynolds.

Mayor Dake invited everyone to attend the Menorah Lighting at City Hall on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

She announced that the recently hired Food Pantry Director, Ashley Jackson, started yesterday.

Ms. Dake distributed information on medicinal cannabis as it relates to employee policy and asked the council to review it and that Michael Simon, with Kentucky League of Cities, would be at the December 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting to discuss and answer questions.

Mayor Dake discussed the scheduling of the Council Swearing-In Ceremony with those in attendance and it was decided for the ceremony to be held on December 30<sup>th</sup> at City Hall at 5:00pm.

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

Council member Bingham congratulated Mayor Dake on being appointed and expressed her full support.

Mrs. Bingham thanked everyone who participated in the Stocking Stuffer Project for the local warming center.

Council member Johnson invited everyone to participate in the Good Giving Challenge Week which has eight Woodford County Non-Profits participating. She stated that donations could be made at [bggives.org](http://bggives.org).

Council member Miller noted that tomorrow, Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, is Woodford Wednesday as part of the Good Giving Challenge.

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**Ms. Miller congratulated Mayor Dake on her appointment.**

**Ms. Miller also asked for a Street and Stormwater Committee to be scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to discuss the retention area in front of Daisy Hill.**

**Mayor Dake noted that the Proclamation for Woodford Wednesday would be signed tomorrow morning at 9:30am at the Courthouse.**

**Department Directors**

**Public Works Director Miller stated that recycling will continue to be picked up for city residents while the recycling center in Lexington is closed. Rumpke will be transporting the recycling to Cincinnati.**

**Mr. Miller noted that City Hall will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Christmas as well as December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> in recognition of New Year's.**

**Fire Chief Rankin mentioned Cops for Kids and the Fraternal Order of Firefighters as two local non-profits that are always accepting donations.**

**Police Chief Murray presented two police cruisers that they would like to surplus and donate two of them to the City of Allen, a Kentucky city of only 172 residents that are trying to get a police department established:**

<b>54</b>	<b>2015 Ford Taurus</b>	<b>1FAHP2MK9FG196645</b>	<b>130,199</b>	<b>Donate</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>2015 Ford Taurus</b>	<b>1FAHP2MK8FG142409</b>	<b>147,221</b>	<b>Donate</b>

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS AND DONATE TO THE CITY OF ALLEN, TWO POLICE CRUISERS AS PRESENTED.**

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

**Chief Murray also requested to surplus and advertise for sell on govdeals.com the following six vehicles:**

<b>40</b>	<b>2015 Ford Taurus</b>	<b>1FAHP2MKXFG122795</b>	<b>156,030</b>	<b>Govdeals</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>2015 Ford Taurus</b>	<b>1FAHP2MK1FG122796</b>	<b>117,293</b>	<b>Govdeals</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>2015 Ford Taurus</b>	<b>1FAHP2MK8FG122794</b>	<b>106,594</b>	<b>Govdeals</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>2015 Ford Taurus</b>	<b>1FAHP2MK0FG196646</b>	<b>116,513</b>	<b>Govdeals</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>2015 Ford Taurus</b>	<b>1FAHP2MK2FG196647</b>	<b>95,918</b>	<b>Govdeals</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>2008 Toyota Camry</b>	<b>4T4BE46K98R026189</b>	<b>144,208</b>	<b>Govdeals</b>

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS AND ADVERTISE FOR SALE ON GOVDEALS.COM, THE SIX POLICE VEHICLES AS PRESENTED.**

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

**Chief Murray announced that he will be retiring December 31<sup>st</sup> as Police Chief after a combined twenty-six years with the Versailles Police Department. He noted the recent birth of his first grandchild and his wife retiring from her job earlier this year and stated that they are looking forward to spending time together and traveling. He thanked everyone for their support and thanked former Mayor Traugott for appointing him as Chief over six years ago.**

**Mayor Dake thanked Chief Murray for his service.**

**Emergency Management Deputy Johnny Mills stated that they are waiting to hear on several grants that they have applied for and are hopefully approved. Mr. Mills also congratulated Chief Murray on his retirement.**

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**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**