

**JANUARY 20, 2026
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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, LISA JOHNSON, AND ANN MILLER. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT. COUNCIL MEMBERS GARY JONES AND FRED SIEGELMAN WERE ABSENT.

DEPT. HEADS: MITZI DELIUS, BART MILLER, T.A. RANKIN, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, AND ROB YOUNG WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2026 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

The fifth grade class from St. Leo School, along with teachers Mrs. Ariel O'Reel and Mrs. Laura Castro, presented to the council on their recent project – Building Bridges Between Cultures. They provided information on the Nigerian, Haitian, Ukrainian, and Mexican cultures and gave insights on ways to build friendly positive relationships between different cultures.

Mayor Dake read Resolution 2026-01 honoring Rev. Tony Wilson and his nearly 18 years of service on the Housing Authority of Versailles Board of Commissioners.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-01 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING REV. TONY WILSON'S SERVICE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF VERSAILLES.

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

Mr. Wilson thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and stated that he is turning his attention more fully to ministry.

Public Works Director Miller recommended releasing the development bonds for Versailles Center Unit 1 and Unit 2. He noted that the required final work has been completed, which included final surface of the private road between McDonald's and Jimmy Johns.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO RELEASE THE DEVELOPMENT BOND (CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT) FOR VERSAILLES CENTER UNIT 1 IN THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF \$14,749.43 PLUS ANY ACCRUED INTEREST.

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

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO RELEASE THE DEVELOPMENT BOND (CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT) FOR VERSAILLES CENTER UNIT 2 IN THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF \$35,380.24 PLUS ANY ACCRUED INTEREST.

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

Mayor Dake stated that due to the deadline, City Engineer Mary Beth Robson recently submitted an application for a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant for the Tyrone Pike Sidewalk.

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She asked the council to approve the application as submitted or if the council does not approve, then they can withdraw their application. The project would include sidewalks from The Village to Estepp's and then to the Falling Springs Blvd intersection.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE TAP GRANT FOR THE TYRONE PIKE SIDEWALKS PROJECT AS SUBMITTED.

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

Mayor Dake stated that Maria Bohanan's term on the Economic Development Authority expired on June 30, 2025. She noted that she inadvertently forgot to bring her reappointment to the council, but that Ms. Bohanan has continued to serve. She asked the council to approve the reappointment, dating back to July 1, 2025.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARIA BOHANAN TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake stated her thoughts and prayers are with the gentleman who lost his life in the apartment fire early this morning as well as the several other residents who were displaced. She asked Chief Rankin to provide further update.

Chief Rankin stated that on Friday, January 16th, there was a house fire at the home of Versailles Firefighter Bryan Arnett. He noted that Firefighter Arnett was working for Georgetown Fire at the time of the fire, but that his dog, Cowboy, was rescued from the home and was treated at a veterinary hospital for smoke inhalation. He thanked the public for their prayers and support.

Chief Rankin noted that at 2:10am this morning Versailles Fire Department responded to a fully engulfed three-story structure on Macey Avenue. He stated that they had one fatality and the identity of that person has not been released. However, the victim's family has released the name on social media. Chief Rankin stated that the fire is still under investigation and that it was a devastating event for our community. He praised the multi agency response including Versailles Police, Woodford County Fire, and Versailles Public Works. He stated that Woodford County Foundation and City National Bank are accepting donations for the people displaced.

Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports

Council member Bingham stated that the Street/Stormwater/Cemetery Committee met on January 14th and they one of their agenda items was a request from Versailles Church of God of Prophecy for a crosswalk on Laval Heights between the church and their parking area on A.P. Indy Lane. She stated that the committee discussed and they are recommending signage rather than a crosswalk.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE STREET/STORMWATER/CEMETERY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS ON LAVAL HEIGHTS AT A.P. INDY LANE.

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

Mrs. Bingham stated that the committee also discussed cemetery markers for Versailles and Rose Crest Cemeteries and she passed around a copy of the design that the committee selected. She stated that Assistant Public Works Director Dan Knight is working with Ruggles Sign to get a quote to bring before the council.

Mrs. Bingham also noted that the committee discussed complaints regarding traffic and speeding on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. She said that the police department is going to set up a radar trailer to get more information for the area. She noted that the residents have requested speed humps.

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Council member Johnson stated that the Budget/Finance Committee also met on January 14th to discuss the turf replacement project at the Community Stadium which is owned by the Woodford County Fiscal Court. She noted that at the time of the committee meeting, the committee unanimously agreed to recommend paying \$75,000 toward the project as opposed to the breakdown proposed by the County which included the Fiscal Court, City, and Woodford County Public Schools each paying \$152,932.39 and the Woodford County Youth Football and Soccer Associations each paying \$50,000. She stated that at the time of the meeting, the committee understood that any amount the City committed to the project would need to be paid in one payment out of the current budget.

Council member Johnson said that after the Budget/Finance Committee meeting, Mayor Dake received a proposed contract from Fiscal Court for the project which included the option for the City to pay their portion over time. Council member Johnson noted that the other two committee members are not here at the meeting tonight to voice their opinion.

City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds stated that because it is a small project, she would prefer it not be rolled into a bond which is typically paid over twenty or more years. She noted that the turf is expected to last fifteen years. Mrs. Reynolds recommended that if the council wants to pay the full amount toward the project, then they should authorize the Mayor to continue to negotiate the contract.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY MILLER TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT WITH THE WOODFORD FISCAL COURT WHICH INCLUDES THE CITY PAYING \$152,932.39 TOWARD THE TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE COMMUNITY STADIUM.

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

Council member Johnson stated that the Water and Sewer Committee met prior to tonight’s meeting and they are recommending a sewer adjustment of \$125.58 for 414 Duell Drive because a water hose was left running from November 14th through December 6th.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 414 DUELL DRIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125.58.

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

Ms. Johnson praised the recently held Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, noting that it was very uplifting.

Department Directors
No reports were received.

Mayor Dake adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK