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

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. 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.**

City Clerk Reynolds stated that Council member Johnson was previously appointed by Municipal Order 2023-1 to preside at City Council meetings in the absence of the Mayor. Mrs. Reynolds noted that Ms. Johnson could not be at tonight's meeting due to a family emergency, so the first order of business is to appoint a Council member to preside over the meetings in absence of both the Mayor and Ms. Johnson.

**MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2024-14 DESIGNATING COUNCIL MEMBER MARY BRADLEY TO PRESIDE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON.**

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

Mrs. Reynolds stated that the draft minutes inadvertently did not include reference to the AARP Smart Growth America Safe Streets For All video which Council member Dake presented at the October 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting. She noted that a short paragraph would be added to state that the video was presented.

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS AMENDED.**

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

**Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

Fire Chief T.A. Rankin presented Municipal Order 2024-12 which creates the Battalion Chief/Training Officer position. He stated that there had previously been a Training Officer position but it had not been filled in recent years. Chief Rankin noted that they changed the rank of the position to Battalion Chief which is the only substantive change.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2024-12 CREATING THE BATTALION CHIEF/TRAINING OFFICER POSITION FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

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

City Attorney Bill Moore presented Municipal Order 2024-13 to fill two vacancies on the Public Properties Corporation as a result of the resignations of Owen Roberts and Mayor Brian Traugott. He stated that the Public Properties Corporation Board of Directors has asked that the vacancies be filled by having a standing position for whoever is Mayor and Mary Beth Robson, who acts as our engineer and her expertise would be beneficial in relation to the Versailles Standardbred facility.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2024-13 FILLING THE VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF THE VERSAILLES PUBLIC PROPERTIES CORPORATION.**

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

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**City Attorney Moore presented Resolution 2024-12 which was previously adopted by the council. He stated that it needs to be adopted again because the previous date of adoption was prior to the date of the grant award and the state requires that it be after.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES ACCEPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT, APPROVING THE GRANT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT [OR THE GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT], AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES' ANNUAL BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

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

**Chief Rankin presented the following quotes for lockers and wardrobes for Versailles Fire Department Station 1 Renovations:**

<b>Global Industrial</b>	<b>\$9,098.44</b>
<b>Kentucky Correctional Industries</b>	<b>\$12,490.04</b>

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,098.44 FOR LOCKERS AND WARDROBES FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 1 RENOVATIONS.**

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

**Chief Rankin presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Woodford County Public Schools (WCPS) and the City of Versailles to provide instructors for a Fire Science Career Pathway. He noted that the instructor would be the Battalion Chief/Training Officer position that was previously approved. When this person is not actively involved with the Fire Science Program, he or she would be over training for the Versailles Fire Department. Chief Rankin stated that this program would improve recruitment and retention, as well as a way to get students involved. He noted that if approved, it will then go to the School Board for approval.**

**Ryan Asher, Chief Academic Officer of WCPS, was present to answer any questions on behalf of the school system. He noted their excitement for the collaboration with the Versailles Fire Department and the ability to offer more opportunities for the students of Woodford County. Mr. Asher stated that they would be providing the space for the program, which would be in an area of the old high school.**

**Chief Rankin stated that the model used for the reimbursement is similar to the agreement which provides School Resource Officers in the middle and high schools. The instructor would be a full time City employee and WCPS would pay a set amount annually toward the salary and benefits.**

**Council member Miller stated that the Public Safety Committee had met and discussed the program and the opportunities this program will present to the community and the students. She noted that this program could help keep students involved, focused, in class and away from troublemaking.**

**Chief Rankin also mentioned the Junior Fire Program that the Versailles Fire Department offers to allow students 15-18 years of age to come and train and learn so that when they turn 18 they are able to take state and national testing and be hireable in Fire/EMS in the state of Kentucky.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FIRE SCIENCE CAREER PATHWAY BETWEEN THE WOODFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE CITY OF VERSAILLES.**

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

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**Council member Dake presented a Change Order for the Versailles Market and Entertainment District in the amount of \$19,257.33 for the relocation of a final overhead line. She stated that all of the overhead lines were buried during the construction, except for one which is a Kentucky Wired line that was missed and the original cost to take down was approximately \$54,000. Due to their error in not catching this earlier in the construction, the contractor has agreed to pay for a portion of the cost.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE VERSAILLES MARKET AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,257.33 FOR THE RELOCATION OF A FINAL OVERHEAD LINE.**

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

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2024 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING.**

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

**Department Directors**

**Public Works Director Miller stated that city offices will be closed Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Veteran's Day.**

**Mr. Miller stated he had worked with Council member Dake and they applied for the KU tree planting grant that was discussed at the previous council meeting. He noted that application included 25 trees on the connector road and 10 trees in the Clifton Road area. He noted that they should expect to hear something in about two months.**

**Chief Rankin stated that as of today, they raised the full amount of funds needed to install the Safe Haven Baby Box at Station 1. He thanked the community and everyone that donated.**

**Council member Dake praised the fun of the recent Boo Bash/Woodford Spooktacular.**

**Mr. Miller announced the Downtown Open House is next Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Council member Miller praised the roofline lights that have been installed downtown.**

**Council member Bradley adjourned the meeting without objections.**

**APPROVED:**

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**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**