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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 GARY JONES, LISA JOHNSON, ANN MILLER, AND FRED SIEGELMAN. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT. COUNCIL MEMBER MARY BRADLEY WAS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER CHANTEL BINGHAM ARRIVED AT 5:33 P.M.

DEPT. HEADS: DAN KNIGHT, T.A. RANKIN, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, AND ROB YOUNG WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Melynda Jamison, Executive Director of CASA of Lexington which serves a seven county region. She provided an update on CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and the work they do in Woodford County. She stated that CASA volunteers work as advocates for children and volunteers are assigned to children that have cases of dependency, neglect, or abuse in the family court system. She noted that there were 19 CASA volunteers in Woodford County last year and each volunteer was assigned to one child (or possibly a set of siblings). Ms. Jamison stated that the CASA volunteer provides recommendations to the court as to what they believe would be best for the child. She shared information on a local Woodford County case as an example. Ms. Jamison introduced Family Court Judge William J. Fooks who praised the benefits of CASA to family court.

Ms. Jamison stated that CASA of Lexington has two major fundraisers each year – the Superhero Run which is a family event and Bourbon & The Bayou which is an adults only Mardi Gras themed fundraiser. She noted that the annual budget for CASA is approximately \$1.3 million.

Director Jamison honored the following Woodford County citizens for receiving the Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award for completing more than 100 volunteer hours: Judith Papania, Paige Slover, Peggy Entrekin, Sally Schneider, and Ruth Walker.

Woodford County Magistrate Kelly Carl and EMS Director Freeman Bailey addressed the council regarding the Net Recovery Device. Magistrate Carl stated that the device is an alternative to medicine when battling opioid addiction. She noted that it was recently FDA approved and has an 85% success rate. They presented a video of recovering addict Teddy Edenstrom providing his testimony to Scott County Fiscal Court. Mr. Edenstrom credits the Net Recovery Device with allowing him to be on a successful path of recovery without having to rely on medication. Mr. Bailey and Magistrate Carl asked the council to consider using a portion of the Opioid Settlement Funds that the City has received to jointly fund a Net Recovery Device Pilot Project. They stated that that pilot project would provide the device for four individuals, likely through the Woodford County Detention Center, noting that Jailer Michele Rankin has expressed her support. Mr. Bailey stated that Net Recovery would administer the program including the administration of the device, monitoring, and counseling at a cost of \$5,500 per person. They asked the council to consider funding 50% of the cost for four individuals and they would also be asking the Woodford County Fiscal Court to fund 50%.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE SPENDING \$11,000 OF THE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS TOWARD THE NET RECOVERY DEVICE PILOT PROJECT TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR FOUR INDIVIDUALS.

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

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Amanda Wainscott, Communication and Events Coordinator, provided the council with an update after her first month working for the City of Versailles. Ms. Wainscott shared information about her social media marketing plan, her work with Kentucky League of Cities to redesign the website, meetings with numerous partners for the Versailles Market and Entertainment District, and a tentative calendar for upcoming events.

At the request of Council member Siegelman, City Attorney Bill Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2025-2 An Ordinance Rezoning 0.490 Acres Located at 104 Dale Avenue from the R-2 (Two Family Residential) Zone to the R-2 (Medium Density) Zone Designation, as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.490 ACRES LOCATED AT 104 DALE AVENUE FROM THE R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE TO THE R-3 (MEDIUM DENSITY) ZONE DESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2025, the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to the Versailles City Council that the 0.490 acres located at 104 Dale Avenue that is presently zoned R-2 (Two Family Residential) be rezoned to the R-3 (Medium Density) zone designation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has elected to adopt the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of the Planning Commission regarding said zone change,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY as follows:

Section 1. The property subject to this zone change consists of 0.490 acres designated as 104 Dale Avenue, Versailles, Kentucky (PVA Parcel # 30-8003-005-00) also known as Lots 1 and 2 of the McDavid Subdivision as shown on the plat of record in Plat Cabinet C at Slide 272 in the Woodford County Court Clerk's Office. The property subject to this zone change is shown on the survey of CAM Surveying for Dave & Macey LLC prepared by Gary Roland, LPS, included as Exhibit B in the records of the proceedings before the Planning and Zoning Commission;

Section 2. The zone designation for the property described above is hereby changed from the R-2 (Two Family Residential) be rezoned to the R-3 (Medium Density) zone designation.

Section 3. The Zoning Map of the City of Versailles shall be amended to reflect the zoning changes contained in this ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective after the date of its passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced and given first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Versailles, Kentucky, held on the 4th day of February, 2025, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 18th day of February, 2025.

CITY OF VERSAILLES

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2025-2 AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.490 ACRES LOCATED AT 104 DALE AVENUE FROM THE R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE TO THE R-3 (MEDIUM DENSITY) ZONE DESIGNATION.

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

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City Attorney Moore presented Municipal Order 2025-8 which allows the Versailles Police Department to require a Training Reimbursement Contract for a lateral police hire. He stated that this is something they have done for a few years for untrained officers to cover the cost of training.

Mayor Dake stated that the Order references “he/his” and asked that it be changed to “they/them”. Mr. Moore agreed, noting that this is not a substantive change that needs to be referenced.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-8 A MUNICIPAL ORDER AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY TO ADD POLICE OFFICER TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS FOR LATER POLICE HIRES.

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

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-4 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE WILSON AVENUE SIDEWALKS PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT AND ALL CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS,

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

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-5 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR A TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY TO CMN-RUS, LLC.

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

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Knight presented the following quotes for downtown flowers and watering:

Bi-Water Farm	\$18,075.00
MacDougals	declined to quote
Daynabrook	no response

Mr. Knight stated that the City has used Bi-Water Farm for the last several years. The total price includes 37 hanging baskets at \$65.00 each, 25 barrel planters at \$65.00 each, and daily watering including fertilization from May – September for \$2,800.00 per month. He noted that they have contacted several other vendors and they are not interested in watering.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BI-WATER FARM FOR THE DOWNTOWN FLOWERS AND WATERING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$18,075.00.

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

Fire Chief T.A. Rankin presented a Change Order for the Versailles Fire Department Station 1 Renovations in the credit amount of \$83,596.00 which would reduce the total contract amount for Mefford Contracting to \$1,254,188.88.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE CHANGE ORDER AS PRESENTED FOR VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1 RENOVATIONS IN THE CREDIT AMOUNT OF \$83,596.00 TO REDUCE THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR MEFFORD CONTRACTING TO \$1,254,188.88.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake expressed her sympathy and prayers for Council member Mary Bradley who recently lost her son and is also dealing with illness.

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She thanked the six Versailles Fire Department firefighters for traveling throughout Eastern Kentucky with a swift water rescue team to provide assistance during the recent floods.

Department Directors

City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds stated that she is scheduling a day for council members and department directors to have headshots taken by photographer Brittany Ehrlich Kite. She also noted that Mrs. Kite will be reaching out to Chief Rankin and Chief Young to discuss providing free portraits of first responders in their dress uniforms.

Chief Rankin stated that this past week the Versailles Fire Department was requested to respond to the flooding emergencies along with Scott County Fire and Winchester Fire departments. He stated that they responded to communities throughout Kentucky, including London, Hazard, Pike County, and Martin County. He noted that they performed three rescues.

Deputy Brian Clark, Emergency Management, reminded everyone to be weather aware. He also thanked the firefighters for their work and stated that he is glad they are home safe.

Mayor Dake adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK