

**AUGUST 13, 2024
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MINUTES OF COUNCIL WORK SESSION
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM, MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

DEPT. HEADS: MIKE MURRAY AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

PLANNING DIRECTOR STEVE HUNTER WAS ALSO PRESENT.

Recovery Residences

Assistant Police Chief Rob Young and David Harris, Director of Government Affairs for Isaiah House, were also present to provide input on this topic.

Mr. Harris provided information on Isaiah House, which is a faith based drug and alcohol recovery center. He stated that they provide in-patient treatment at their center in Woodford County and then they have several residential homes where clients can live as they are transitioning to live on their own. He stated that they allow two people per bedroom and they typically provide treatment services in the morning and then the clients are able to be a part of the workforce. Isaiah House provides transportation to clients for many reasons including court, jobs, outpatient clinics, and family visits.

Mr. Harris expressed two concerns with the draft Ordinance that he received – the definition of recovery residences and the requirement in the draft to provide the physical address of each recovery residence. Mayor Traugott noted that the definition had been corrected in the most recent draft. He agreed with Mr. Harris that there could be issues with allowing the addresses of the recovery residences to be public record.

Mayor Traugott stated that recovery residences cannot be treated differently than regular residences. Mr. Hunter agreed, stating that the definition of single family is up to five unrelated people.

Mr. Hunter stated that the zoning ordinance needs to be fixed because it defines “sober living” homes but does not allow them in any zone.

Council member Dake noted that there are two separate issues – the zoning issue and then the draft ordinance which is related to certifying recovery residences.

The Council discussed waiting to see how the state enforces their recent legislation of recovery residences.

Council member Johnson noted that she would rather be proactive in passing an Ordinance rather than being reactive to how the state enforces.

Assistant Police Chief Rob Young encouraged the Mayor and Council to do something. He stated that he has had a lot of interaction with some of these residences and some of them are very uncooperative with law enforcement. He noted that one was recently closed down here in downtown because the operator was arrested in Lexington for guns and drug trafficking.

The Council further discussed it and agreed to move forward with passing an Ordinance relating to recovery residences prior to January 2025.

Enterprise to General Loan Agreement

Mayor Traugott distributed a Promissory Note regarding a loan from Enterprise Fund to General Fund. The original loan took place in 2022 and the loan agreement was set to expire June 30, 2024. The council approved a 30 day extension, which has now expired. The loan agreement presented would move the Edgewood water and sewer expenditures and grant reimbursement to Enterprise Fund. The General Fund would then pay 50% of those expenditures toward the loan (the other 50% is reimbursed by the grant).

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The Council agreed to move forward with the proposed Promissory Note at the next council meeting.

Food Pantry Memorandum of Agreement

Council member Bingham opened the discussion by stating that the council had no intention of not approving the MOA, they just wanted more information. She noted that it is a \$75,000 Executive Director position (including salary and benefits) and they pantry has previously only been open two half-days each week.

Council member Johnson asked who would be the final authority over the position – the Food Pantry Board or the government agencies?

Bill Phelps, Food Pantry Board member, stated that nothing at the food pantry will change. The Executive Director position will report to the Fiscal Court and the Board and they will be a County employee. He noted that they will be amending the by-laws after the MOA is approved by all agencies. He stated that the Board modeled the MOA after the Jack Juett House and that the MOA does not affect their 501(c)(3) status.

Council member Miller asked why each agency can't just give their contribution directly to the food pantry? Mr. Phelps responded that the Board does not have the ability to do payroll, withholdings, etc. He noted that Sharon Hardin has worked as Executive Director in a completely volunteer capacity for the last 20+ years, working 40-50 hours per week. He noted that the Board has been considering options for the last two years and they felt this to be the cleanest process. He stated that the MOA was approved unanimously by the Board and it was approved by Woodford County Fiscal Court.

Council member Miller stated that there is not another food pantry in the 50 county radius of God's Food Pantry that a government entity is running.

Mayor Traugott stated that there will be an agenda item of "Old Business" on the August 20th agenda and it is up to the Council to vote to take it off the table before it can be discussed.

Mayor Traugott noted that due to the time, the agenda item of Downtown TIF will be put off until possibly the council meeting agenda.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUOGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK