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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Dake asked everyone to continue to pray for Council member Ann Miller’s nearly six month old granddaughter as she recently had major surgery. Mayor Dake also asked everyone to keep Police Officer Daniel Padgett in their thoughts as he was involved in an accident on Blue Grass Parkway today and was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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

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

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

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

**Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

Woodford County School Board Chair Adam Brickler introduced recently hired Superintendent Dr. Lori Jones to the council. Dr. Jones stated that she is excited to serve Woodford County Public Schools and mentioned several partnerships with the City including the Fire Science Program and partnering with the Versailles Police Department to ensure safety and meet traffic needs around school drop off and pick up. Dr. Jones noted that she is very thankful to be here in this community.

Nathan Lauderdale, Post Commander of American Legion Post 67, was present to recognize Cemetery Superintendent David Brinegar. Mr. Lauderdale stated that he Mr. Brinegar had gone above and beyond to repair veterans markers in the cemetery. Mr. Lauderdale and Post Adjunct Howard White presented Mr. Brinegar with a certificate of appreciation and a challenge coin.

Mr. Brinegar thanked them for the recognition and stated that he is proud to work for the City of Versailles.

At the request of Council member Siegelman, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2025-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 97.03 of the Versailles Code of Ordinances to Specifically Include the Responsibility for Managing Trees, Shrubs, and Other Vegetation with the Responsibilities of the Owner or Occupant of Property Next to Any Street or Alley.

Mayor Dake stated that some issues had recently occurred that showed that we needed to clarify the ordinances, specifically regarding who maintains the trees. Council member Miller suggested that the ordinance should say owner and not occupant, as a tenant would not be responsible. She also suggested changing the section of the ordinance that references “to the middle of the street” noting that property owners are only expected to maintain to the edge. Ms. Miller also noted a few other minor changes.

The Council, Mayor Dake, and City Attorney Bill Moore discussed the changes and agreed to make the changes as noted and present for first reading again at the next meeting.

Public Works Director Bart Miller presented the following quote for Huntertown Water Tank Mural Painting:

Eric Henn	\$85,000 full repaint
	\$65,000 partial restoration

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Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Henn was the original artist that painted the horse mural on the water tank in 2003. Mr. Miller noted that since it is an artistic work, it is a sole source quote. In addition to the labor and paint, the City is responsible for providing tan 80 foot articulated boom lift and lodging for the artist for the duration of the work which is expected to take 30-35 days.

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ACCPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY ERIC HENN FOR THE HUNTERTOWN WATER TANK MURAL PAINTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 FOR LABOR, PAINT, AND CLEARCOAT, IN ADDITION TO THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING AN 80' ARTICULATED BOOM LIFT, AND THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING LODGING FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT.**

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

Mayor Dake presented a Neighborhood Grant Application for Merewood Subvision in the amount of \$2,500 for trees and landscaping the main entrance.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION FOR MEREWOOD SUBDIVISION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FOR TREES AND LANDSCAPTING FOR THE MAIN ENTRANCE.**

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

City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds stated that at the previous council meeting a utility adjustment for 181 Gleneagles Way was inadvertently presented for the wrong amount. The total amount should have been \$323.49 but only an adjustment of \$210.20 was approved. She asked the council to approve the additional adjustment of \$113.29.

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE UTILITY ADJUSTMENT FOR 181 GLENEAGLES WAY IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$113.29.**

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

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

Mayor Dake stated that Market Days will be held at The District on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 12:00pm. She noted that there would be a breakfast food truck there and \$10 vouchers will be given out to children to use at any of the Market Days vendors.

She also stated that the Splash of Summer will be held on Saturday at The District and Big Spring Park in partnership with the Versailles Parks & Recreation Department. There will be bounce houses, crafts, water events, and food trucks. The event will be 12:00pm – 7:00pm and is for kids of all ages.

Mayor Dake congratulated Council member Lisa Johnson on achieving her Level III Master of City Governance through the Kentucky League of Cities.

She distributed Executive Order 2025-03 dated July 24, 2025, creating a Walkability Committee.

**Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports**

Council member Johnson, as the Executive Director of Mentors and Meals, invited everyone to participate in the 2025 Team Trivia Night fundraiser. She stated that the City has a complimentary table for the event, which will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, if any of the council members would like to attend.

**Department Directors**

Mr. Miller stated that the Twilight Festival will be held September 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 9:00pm.

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He also stated that the City of Versailles is searching for a Christmas tree for downtown. He asked that anyone that has a tree that they would like to donate, to contact Assistant Public Works Director Dan Knight.

He noted that work is continuing on the Kroger Way extension and stated that the traffic pattern will change temporarily on Marsailles Road beginning August 18<sup>th</sup> for approximately 4-5 weeks.

Fire Chief Rankin expressed sympathy in the recent passing of David Sutherland, former Assistant Chief of Woodford County Fire Department.

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**