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

ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUOGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY, LISA JOHNSON, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM AND LAURA DAKE WERE ABSENT. 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.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

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

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 WORK SESSION.

The vote was as follows: Jones and Miller voting aye. Council members Bradley and Johnson abstained.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Rich Pictor, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update, including pictures, of the Big Spring Park Project and the Pickleball Courts Project. He noted that the park project would not be what it is without Mayor Traugott’s support. He stated that the committee had made a decision to consolidate the playground footprint in order to spend less on the rubber ground cover and more on the actual equipment from Miracle Playgrounds. The equipment selected includes a large “mega” structure that is approximately thirty feet tall and has several slides and other offerings, musical playground equipment, a smaller structure geared toward children age two to five years old, and a wheelchair accessible glider and merry go round. Mr. Pictor noted that there will be six benches throughout and shade structures will be added in the months after the playground is opened so they can determine the best locations. He stated that they will finish the second layer of asphalt tomorrow for the pickleball courts. Mr. Pictor said that the company has installed the water lines for the water fountains and the concrete posts for the shade structures, then they will turn it over to the Tennis Technologies to complete the project, putting the final coatings on, the net, etc. He stated that they are about a month from completion on that project, as long as the weather holds out.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2024-22 An Ordinance Authorizing all Cannabis Business Operations.

Public Works Director Bart Miller presented the following quotes for a salt spreader:

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| Paris Supply | \$7,874.00 |
| Dukes A&W Enterprises, Inc. | \$8,122.00 |
| Central Equipment | \$8,640.00 |

He recommended the low quote as presented by Paris Supply.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY PARIS SUPPLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SALT SPREADER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,874.00.

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

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Mr. Miller also presented the following quotes for a snow plow:

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| Dukes A&W Enterprises | \$6,608.00 |
| Paris Supply | \$7,389.00 |
| Central Equipment | \$8,820.00 |

Mr. Miller recommended the low quote as submitted by Dukes A&W Enterprises.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY DUKES A&W ENTERPRISES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SNOW PLOW FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,608.00.

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

Mr. Miller presented the following quotes for tree removal and pruning at 260 Amsden Avenue. He stated that normally the trees are on residential property and it is the responsibility of the homeowner. However, this tree has been determined to be on City property.

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| Dave Leonard Tree Service | \$22,800.00 |
| Bailey & Sons | \$30,000.00 |

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY DAVE LEONARD TREE SPECIALISTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,800.00 FOR THE TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING AT 260 AMSDEN AVENUE.

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

Mr. Miller presented the following quote for the Downtown Roofline Light Project:

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| Christian Electric | \$25,946.00 |
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He noted that they had asked a second company to quote the project, but they chose not to submit a quote. The quote includes any necessary electric work and the purchase of the lights.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY CHRISTIAN ELECTRIC FOR THE DOWNTOWN ROOFLINE LIGHT PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,946.00.

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

Fire Chief T.A. Rankin presented the following quotes for the Versailles Fire Department Station #1 Exhaust System:

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| Magnegrip | \$11,662.00 |
| Hastings Air Energy Control, Inc. | \$14,881.06 |

Chief Rankin recommended the low quote as presented.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY MAGNEGRIP FOR A DIESEL EXHAUST SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,662.00.

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

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Chief Rankin presented the following quotes for the Versailles Fire Department Station #1 Remodel Concrete Coating:

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| Karsare Systems | \$17,040.00 |
| Taylormade Decorative Concrete & Epoxy | \$17,128.00 |
| Armourflo | \$17,926.00 |
| Kentucky Concrete Coatings, LLC | \$19,176.00 |

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY KARSARE SYSTEMS FOR CONCRETE COATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,040.00.

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

Public Works Director Miller presented a change order for the School House Road/Chinoe Road Paving in the amount of \$32,274.00. He noted that it includes removing and repositioning curb and gutter as well as additional marking and striping. He stated that Lexington Quarry Company is state price contract and development bond funds will be used toward this project.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER AS PRESENTED BY LEXINGTON QUARRY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,274.00 FOR THE SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD/CHINOE ROAD PAVING PROJECT.

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

Fire Chief Rankin presented Change Order #0011 in the amount of \$14,889.00 for additional concrete and paving in the Station #1 Renovation Project.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #0011 AS PRESENTED BY MEFFORD CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,889.00 FOR CONCRETE AND PAVING ADDITIONS FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1 RENOVATION PROJECT.

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

Public Works Director Miller requested permission to surplus the following trucks and advertise for sale on Govdeals:

**2003 Chevrolet C-2500 4WD Pickup
2010 Ford F-150 4WD Pickup
2012 Chevrolet C-1500 4WD Extended Cab Pickup**

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS THE THREE TRUCKS LISTED AND TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE ON GOVDEALS.COM.

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

Mr. Miller also requested approval to surplus and donate a 2000 Chevrolet C-2500 4WD Pickup to the Parks & Recreation Department.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS AND DONATE TO PARKS & RECREATION A 2000 CHEVROLET C-2500 4WD PICKUP TRUCK.

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

Discussion – Recovery Residences

Mayor Traugott included a draft of Ordinance 2024-14 in the packets. He noted that the council had previously discussed whether to post addresses after a spokesperson from Isaiah House attended a council meeting and expressed concern for the residents of the recovery houses if their addresses were published on the website. Mayor Traugott stated that Elizabethtown does publish the addresses at this time. He also stated that the council had previously discussed questions they had about enforcement.

Council member Johnson stated that enacting some form of the proposed ordinance would be proactive rather than reactive.

At the request of Council member Johnson, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2024-14 An Ordinance Promoting Public Health in the Requirement of Certification of Recovery Residences Providing Treatment for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.

Discussion – Event Space Rules

Mayor Traugott provided the council with a copy of Executive Order 2024-4 which establishes rules governing the use of the Downtown Market and Entertainment District. He stated that he thought this Order at least provided some rules for the district until the council adopts a more detailed Municipal Order.

Council member Johnson asked about posting community events and an event calendar on the website.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Executive Order leaves some things too vague including the timeframe in “5e” and the timeframe for notice in “9”.

The council agreed to further discuss the rules for the use of the Downtown Market and Entertainment District at the next council work session.

Public Works Director Miller presented a request to release the development bond for Legends Unit 3. He stated that all work has been completed. The total amount of the bond is \$64,897.00 plus accrued interest.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO RELEASE THE DEVELOPMENT BOND FOR LEGENDS UNIT 3 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$64,897.00 PLUS ACCRUED INTEREST.

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

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott presented a Work Order from Thoroughbred Engineering for engineering services on-site. He stated that the funds are not paid by the City of Versailles, they are simply a pass through. He noted that both the architect and construction manager are recommending this contract.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE WORK ORDER FOR ON-SITE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STORM SHELTER PROJECT AS PRESENTED BY THOROUGHbred ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,300.00.

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

He recognized Willam Sanders, Woodford County NAACP, in the audience and stated that they had received an invitation to the First Annual Woodford County NAACP Banquet Gala featuring guest speaker Tennessee State Representative Justin J. Pearson. Mayor Traugott noted that the City is a gold sponsor and the public can purchase tickets to attend.

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Mayor Traugott recognized tonight as his last council meeting as Mayor, with his resignation being effective prior to the council meeting on October 1st. He read a speech he had prepared that recognized the accomplishments he had been a part of and noting how extremely gratifying it has been to serve as Mayor. He spoke about the many things he is proud of during his eleven years including how proud he is of the way the City of Versailles handled the pandemic and pushed funding out for small businesses. He praised each council member, magistrate, County Judge Executive, and Midway Mayor that he has worked with throughout his time. He stated that there is no greater asset than the people that live here – noting that that the world is so divided and we have unity here in Versailles.

Mayor Traugott touched on his next chapter at Kentucky League of Cities and provided unsolicited advice to whomever may be appointed as the next Mayor.

Lastly, he spoke on the personal side of his eleven years as Mayor. He talked about celebrating both his ten and twenty year anniversaries with his wife, Laini, while serving as Mayor, their thirty days spent in the NICU immediately following the birth of their son, and the finalization of their adoption of Liam which took place by virtual court hearing here at City Hall. He also noted how he went through the loss of his father soon after being elected as Mayor and praised the endless support he has received from his mom, Donna. He touched on the many friendships he has built during his time as Mayor and how much he will miss so many people. He finished by saying that he and his family will continue to be Versailles residents.

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council members Bradley, Johnson, Jones, and Miller each praised Mayor Traugott and their time they have served with him.

Department Directors

City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds reflected on her friendship with Mayor Traugott and his wife, noting how much she is going to miss seeing Liam regularly in City Hall.

Public Works Director Miller announced that they had an emergency valve replacement over the weekend that caused low water pressure for areas around Huntertown Road. He stated that they had contracted with OES Underground for the emergency repair because they were able to be on-site quickly. The total cost was \$47,500.00. The replacement was completed Sunday morning and water pressures were back to normal by Sunday afternoon.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY WATER VALVE REPLACEMENT BY OES UNDERGROUND IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$47,500.00.

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

Mr. Miller praised Mayor Traugott for always valuing teamwork and for making department directors and employees always feel heard and their opinions valued.

Brian Clark, Emergency Management, thanking Mayor Traugott for his continuous support throughout his time in office.

Fire Chief Rankin recognized the Knights of Columbus for their donation of \$5,100 toward the Safe Haven baby box.

Chief Rankin acknowledged Laini for being married to someone in public service and the sacrifices that she has had to make throughout Mayor Traugott's career. He thanked the Mayor for hiring him as Fire Chief three and a half years ago. He quoted Ross Perot, "lead and inspire people, don't manage and manipulate them," noting that is how Mayor Traugott has led throughout his time with the City.

Police Chief Mike Murray thanked Mayor Traugott for appointing him as Police Chief six years ago and having confidence in his abilities. He stated that public safety was always Mayor Traugott's priority and he is thankful for the many ways he invested in the police and fire departments.

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City Attorney Bill Moore said that he was thankful Mayor Traugott served Versailles for as long as he has, noting that someone with his abilities could have been snatched up long before now. He stated that the City of Versailles has really been able to benefit from having Mayor Traugott here and that we all really appreciate it.

City resident Lillie Cox praised Mayor Traugott noting that she knows he loves God, loves his family, and has done a good job for the people of Versailles. She said his love for Woodford County always comes through.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

MARY E. BRADLEY, COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK