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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 and Police Chief Young asked everyone to keep Kentucky State Trooper Jude Remilien in their thoughts and prayers. Trooper Remilien was recently injured in the line of duty near Bluegrass Airport on a call that originated in Versailles. Chief Young noted that Trooper Remilien was previously an officer with the Versailles Police Department and is still a part of the local law enforcement family. Mayor Dake also expressed sympathy for the families of those who lost their lives in the related incident at a Lexington church.

- 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:** BRANDON BROWN, DAN KNIGHT, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, AND ROB YOUNG WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 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.

Police Chief Young presented the following quote for a one year subscription to a digital forensics software. He noted that Cellebrite is a sole source provider of the software used to exploit digital media and devices, which is necessary during investigations.

Cellebrite	\$8,850.00
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MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY CELLEBRITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,850.00 FOR A ONE YEAR DIGITAL FORENSICS SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION.

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

Chief Young presented the following quotes for two 2025 Chevrolet Traverse detective vehicles:

Bachman Chevrolet (state contract pricing)	\$82,990 (\$41,495 per vehicle)
Sutherland Chevrolet	\$88,984 (\$44,492 per vehicle)
Rod Hatfield Chevrolet	\$92,620 (\$46,310 per vehicle)

He noted that the vehicles will replace 2012 Tahoes that are high mileage and starting to have significant part breakdown. He stated that while a personal vehicle breaking down is an inconvenience, a law enforcement vehicle breaking down can be critical.

Council member Siegelman asked if Jack Kain Ford had been considered. Chief Young responded that while they have purchased from them in the past, the Chevrolet Traverse provides what they need at a significant cost savings.

Council member Johnson asked if we would be surplus the replaced vehicles. Chief Young stated that they would inventory the fleet, move some vehicles around, and then surplus the ones that are no longer needed or useful.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BACHMAN CHEVROLET FOR TWO 2025 TRAVERSE VEHICLES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$82,990.00 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

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Chief Young presented the following quote for three Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab patrol vehicles:

Bachman Chevrolet (state contract pricing)	\$152,814 (\$50,938 per vehicle)
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He noted that the Silverado truck is a cheaper option than the Tahoe and still provides everything that they need for patrolling.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BACHMAN CHEVROLET FOR THREE 2025 SILVERADO 1500 CREW CAB TRUCKS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$152,814.00 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

Chief Young also presented the following state contract pricing quote for equipment for the three Silverado trucks:

L&W Emergency Equipment	\$62,711.10 (\$20,903.70 per vehicle)
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MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY L&W EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THREE SILVERADO TRUCKS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$62,711.10 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Knight presented the following quotes for a F-650 Flatbed Truck.

Akins Ford	\$73,983 (new 2024 F-650)
Crossroads Ford	\$87,495 (new 2025 F-650)

Mr. Knight noted that these are current in-stock vehicles and there is no guarantee that will still be available but they are hoping to get the new 2024 F-650 from Akins Ford at a significant cost savings. He stated that this truck will replace the current truck used with the chipper that runs on a daily basis. The current chipper truck would then replace the leaf truck that is run on a seasonal basis.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY AKINS FORD FOR A 2024 F-650 FLATBED TRUCK IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$73,983.00 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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

Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Brown presented the following state contract pricing quote for a lights and siren package for their recently purchased Ford F-250:

L&W Emergency Equipment **\$13,417.51**

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY L&W EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR A LIGHT AND SIREN PACKAGE FOR A FORD F-250 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13,417.51 FOR THE VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. Knight stated that the cemetery house HVAC went out last week and it was determined that it needed to be replaced. The current unit is over thirty years old.

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He presented the following quotes for replacement:

Barnes HVAC	\$7,600
Hype Heating & Air	\$7,750

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BARNES HVAC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HVAC AT THE CEMETERY HOUSE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,600.00.

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

Mr. Knight presented the following quotes for preparation of site and lagoon cleanout at the Water Treatment Plant:

	Site Prep	Lagoon Cleanout	Total
C.C. Moore Co, Inc.	\$12,450	\$21,200	\$33,650
Kendall Contracting	\$13,500	\$23,400	\$44,600

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY C.C. MOORE CO., INC FOR SITE PREPARATION AND LAGOON CLEANOUT AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,650.00.

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

Mr. Knight presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Road Fund Projects as follows:

Street	Asphalt Paving	Milling	TOTAL
Arbor Meadow Way	\$44,965.00	\$7,625.00	\$52,590.00
Beasley Road	97,290.00	0.00	97,290.00
Commerce Drive	10,005.00	1,585.00	11,590.00
East Green Street	30,705.00	5,400.00	36,105.00
Flint Ridge Road	76,245.00	12,925.00	89,170.00
Helms Deep	39,675.00	4,310.00	43,985.00
Park Street	18,285.00	0.00	18,285.00
Thomas Lane	14,950.00	0.00	14,950.00
Stourbridge Road	92,115.00	0.00	92,115.00
TOTAL	\$424,235.00	\$31,845.00	\$456,080.00
Patches			\$5,940.00
Liquid Road			\$25,000.00
Crack Sealing			\$10,000.00
TOTAL ROAD PROJECTS			\$497,020.00

Mr. Knight stated that due to the significant increases in paving costs they are looking at preservation techniques, including Liquid Road and crack sealing, to extend the life of paving. He noted that he and Street Supervisor Brandon Walton had visited Jasper, Indiana, to look at their roads and talk to them about Liquid Road, which they have been using for approximately fifteen years.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ROAD FUND PROJECT LIST AS PRESENTED, FOR A TOTAL EXPENSE OF \$497,020.00.

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

Mr. Knight presented the following road improvements to be paid out of the Sugartree Unit 2 Development Bond, which the council approved cashing in on May 6, 2025.

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Sugartree Lane	Paving	\$16,905.00
Sugartree Lane	Paving	9,430.00
Sugartree Park	Paving	13,685.00
Sugartree	Base Failures	28,000.00
TOTAL		\$68,020.00

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR SUGARTREE, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE CASHED IN SUGARTREE UNIT 2 DEVELOPMENT BOND, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$68,020.00.

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

Council member Bingham stated that the council had received a draft of Cemetery Rules and Regulations revisions in their packets. She asked them to review the proposed changes and let the committee know any suggestions or questions. She stated that the committee will meet again to finalize the revisions and present to the council for approval.

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Dake distributed a Social Media Audience Analysis that was prepared by Communications and Event Coordinator Amanda Wainscott. She noted the large increase in social media presence thanks to the work of Ms. Wainscott.

Mayor Dake stated that the July 4th celebrations were well attended, with cell phone data showing approximately 3,500 people total.

She noted that the Woodford County High School Block Party will be held Friday, 6:30pm – 9:30pm at The District. She stated that there will be several things there geared toward teenagers including games, a D.J., and food trucks.

She announced the Friendship Fest will be held at The District on Saturday, 2:00pm – 5:00pm and they will be distributing school supplies.

Mayor Dake stated that data analysis shows that over 7,900 unique visitors to The District this year. Only those who stayed over ten minutes were included in the count, so people just parking or passing through were not part of the total. She noted that this is a 54.3% increase from 2024.

She announced that she will creating two new committees by Executive Order – a Walkability Committee and a Sustainability Committee. She asked if any is interested in joining these committees to reach out to her.

Council Miscellaneous/Committee Reports

Council member Jones noted that the Water and Sewer Committee had recommended adjustments last meeting for 181 Gleneagles Way due to a water leak at the meter that is the city’s responsibility. At that meeting he had stated that he would bring back adjustments tonight for the January-March bills. He presented the total adjustment calculated for the three months as \$210.20.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE ADJUSTMENT REQUEST FOR 181 GLENEAGLES WAY, DUE TO A LEAK ON THE CITY SIDE OF THE METER, FOR THE JANUARY THROUGH MARCH UTILITY BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$210.20.

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

Council member Johnson praised Amanda Wainscott for the social media improvements. She encouraged everyone to share the City’s posts on social media.

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Council member Siegelman asked to set the record straight regarding a recent attack on him at a City of Midway council meeting regarding Midway's portion of the merged police budget. He stated that he had simply expressed his opinion regarding doing what is best for the taxpayers of Versailles as an elected official for the City of Versailles. Mr. Siegelman noted that he had never threatened fellow council members and he also stated that Midway recently had first reading on increasing their insurance premium tax, which was something he himself had recommended. Mr. Siegelman also addressed the "cheap shot" that was taken referencing his time working for a restaurant in Midway. He stated that as General Manager, he did bus tables, wash dishes, and anything else that needed to be done to help that restaurant succeed.

Mayor Dake stated that she was uncomfortable with some of the comments made as well.

Department Directors

Deputy Brian Clark, Emergency Management, stated that the FEMA Help Center, which was set up here in Versailles since the April flooding, closed last Friday. He stated that residents affected by the flooding have until July 25th to apply. He thanked the Woodford County Senior Citizens Center for providing the space for the Help Center and allowing it to impact their day-to-day operations.

Chief Young referenced the recent police incident involving State Trooper Remilien and the rumors and connections to Versailles. He stated that yes, the Versailles Police Department (VPD) and Flock system were involved. Chief Young noted that the VPD Special Response Team executed search warrants and the Lexington Police Department, VPD, and ATF all did operations in Woodford County related to that investigation. He praised Trooper Remilien and his actions.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(b) TO DELIBERATE ON THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Mayor Dake stated that they would be inviting Economic Development Consultant Lucas Witt to join the Executive Session.

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

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

Mayor Dake adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

LAURA DAKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK