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VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUOGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, KEN KERKHOFF, FRED SIEGELMAN AND AARON SMITHER. COUNCIL MEMBER LISA JOHNSON WAS ABSENT. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

DEPT. HEADS: MITZI DELIUS, MIKE MURRAY, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, AND JOSH SLOANE WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

Council member Siegelman arrived at 5:37pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Pictor, Executive Director of Parks & Recreation, thanked the Mayor, Council, and many others for their 20 years of support of Falling Springs. He distributed t-shirts which celebrated the anniversary and noted that shirts would also be disbursed to the 100+ charter members that continue to support Falling Springs with their memberships.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake and Smither voting aye. Council member Kerkhoff abstained.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY SMITHER TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2022 WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake and Smither voting aye. Council member Kerkhoff abstained.

Lucas Witt, Economic Development Consultant, and John Bevington, Director of Business and Economic Development at Kentucky Utilities, were present to discuss the Edgewood site development. Mr. Bevington stated that KU had recently contracted a GIS study of marketable sites for industries looking to expand or relocate. The study found the five best sites in the KU customer region and he noted that the Edgewood site in Versailles is one of those. KU is investing in the Opportunity Kentucky Grant which provides grants for eligible site development costs. They have awarded the City of Versailles \$250,000 for the Edgewood site. Council member Dake asked what the grant money can be used for and if it has to be electricity related? Mr. Bevington responded that it can be used toward anything related to site development including grading or excavating. The grant is not for power related costs. Council member Siegelman ask if there is someone the City of Versailles can contact for emergencies or constituent complaints. Mr. Bevington stated that he will get that information of a local representative. Mr. Witt wrapped up the discussion by noting that the phase one work has been completed on Edgewood and Thoroughbred Engineering is working on additional work which the council approved at their last meeting. He will be working with the City to apply for other funding opportunities through KAED.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2022-9 Annexing a Total of 0.273 Acres Located at 906 Troy Pike into the Current City Boundaries, as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-9**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A TOTAL OF 0.273 ACRES LOCATED AT 906 TROY PIKE INTO THE CURRENT CITY BOUNDARIES

Whereas, the City of Versailles has received the written consent of the owner of the four parcels described herein for annexation of those parcels into the City limits; and

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Whereas, the City finds that it is desirable to annex the properties described herein because they are contiguous to City boundaries, and are either being utilized or planned to be utilized for urban purposes requiring provision of City services, and they are urban in character; and

Whereas, no part of the property to be annexed is included within the geographic limits of any other City.

Based upon the foregoing, the City of Versailles has determined it is appropriate to proceed with annexation of such property.

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

Section 1. The City of Versailles hereby annexes the 0.09 acre parcel of property located at 906 Troy Pike described as Annexation Parcel # 1 on the attached Exhibit 1 into the City boundaries of the City of Versailles.

Section 2. The City of Versailles hereby annexes the 0.10 acre parcel of property located at 906 Troy Pike described as Annexation Parcel # 2 on the attached Exhibit 2 into the City boundaries of the City of Versailles.

Section 3. The City of Versailles hereby annexes the 0.08 acre parcel of property located at 906 Troy Pike described as Annexation Parcel # 3 on the attached Exhibit 3 into the City boundaries of the City of Versailles.

Section 4. The City of Versailles hereby annexes the 0.003 acre parcel of property located at 906 Troy Pike described as Annexation Parcel # 6 on the attached Exhibit 4 into the City boundaries of the City of Versailles.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective after passage, and upon 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 3rd day of May, 2022, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 17th day of May, 2022.

CITY OF VERSAILLES

BRIAN TRAUOGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2022-9 ANNEXING A TOTAL OF 0.273 ACRES LOCATED AT 906 TROY PIKE INTO THE CURRENT CITY BOUNDARIES.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2022-10 Requiring Jointly Created Agencies to Adopt Policies Concerning Complaints of Harassment and Appeals from Agency Decisions.

MOTION BY SMITHER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO REAPPOINT KELLY RABINOWITZ TO THE TOURISM COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO REAPPOINT BETTY HOWARD TO THE VERSAILLES HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

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Mayor Traugott stated that a Bid Opening was held on Friday, May 13, 2022 for Nuisance Mowing. He noted that no qualified bids were received. City Clerk Reynolds added that she had contacted several local mowing companies with no response or they were not interested in bidding. She also stated that the company that had been awarded the bid for the past several years stated that they weren't particularly interested. Mrs. Reynolds said that the insurance and taxing requirements, as well as the extreme wear and tear on the mowing equipment, deters interest. The council discussed their different options with Mayor Traugott and City Attorney Moore. Mr. Moore stated that City employees could mow the nuisance lots and then a lien placed on the property. Mayor Traugott expressed concern regarding the actual cost of employees completing the mowing is much lower and therefore may not be much of a deterrent. Mr. Moore stated that a set amount could be determined and passed by ordinance as a fee. Council member Siegelman supported the City employees taking that on. Council member Kerkhoff stated that he would like to see the fee be at least two times what we are currently paying for mowing. Mr. Moore stated that we could negotiate with a mowing company at higher rates than we were paying last year. Mayor Traugott and Mrs. Reynolds expressed their preference to move forward with negotiating with a mowing company.

Utilities Manager Mitzi Delius presented the following quotes for a replacement dumpster pad at the Waste Water Treatment Plant:

Daugherty Contracting, Inc.	\$13,802.40
Little Feet Concrete, Inc.	\$15,387.00
Herrick Company	\$22,850.00

She noted that the quotes from Daugherty Contracting and Herrick Company included the dumpster pad and metal plates for the sludge dumpster. The quote from Little Feet Concrete does not include the metal plates and they have not gotten back with her to adjust their quote to include the plates.

Council member Kerkhoff questioned if the need for a replacement dumpster pad was due to a design flaw. Ms. Delius stated that larger metal plates should have been used and that neither the City nor the construction company realized that at the time.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY DAUGHERTY CONTRACTING, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,802.40 FOR THE DUMPSTER PAD INCLUDING METAL PLATES AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

Ms. Delius presented quotes for fence installation at the Dan Drive sewer lift station as follows:

Myers Fencing	\$5,785.00
Herb Geddes Fence	\$6,367.00

She noted that the lift station had recently been moved from the original location on a sidewalk to an empty lot.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY SMITHER TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY MYERS FENCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,785.00 FOR FENCING AT THE DAN DRIVE LIFT STATION.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

MOTION BY SMITHER, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO SURPLUS A 1991 CHEVROLET CAB & CHASSIS DUMP TRUCK WITH A SNOW PLOW AND SELL ON GOVDEALS.COM.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

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City Clerk Reynolds presented the Audit Proposal for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 from RFH CPAs & Consultants.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY DAKE TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AS PRESENTED BY RFH CPAs.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

Mayor Traugott stated that the City had received three Neighborhood Grant applications. Edmonds Cross has requested the maximum grant amount of \$7,500.00 to landscape approximately one acre of green space. The total cost of the project was presented at \$8,541.22. Council member Dake noted that the total includes sales tax and asked if the HOA could go through the City to be sales tax exempt. City Clerk Reynolds responded that the City could be named on the invoice and they could pay the \$7,500 directly to the vendor. This would save the HOA \$483.47 in sales tax.

MOTION BY SMITHER, SECONDED BY KERKHOFF TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION FROM EDMONDS CROSS FOR A TOTAL GRANT AWARD OF \$7,500.00.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

Mayor Traugott noted that Rose Ridge neighborhood had submitted a grant application but there were some things to work through regarding their application and he has been in contact with the primary coordinator and hopes to have it on the agenda at the next council meeting.

The Shire at Helmsley II has requested the maximum grant amount of \$7,500.00 for the installation of street lights on Rumsey Circle. The total project cost presented is \$22,250.00.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY SMITHER TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE SHIRE AT HELMSLEY II FOR A TOTAL GRANT AWARD OF \$7,500.00.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott congratulated Eric Reed, trainer of the Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike, who is a resident of Versailles.

He stated that Community Action assisted 11 households for the recent two week period, totaling \$4,103.38.

He announced a Memorial Day ceremony as well as a June 23rd Birthday Celebration honoring Versailles' 230th Birthday.

Mayor Traugott presented Resolution 2022-7 naming May, 2022 as Community Action Month.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-7 DECLARING MAY, 2022 AS COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF VERSAILLES.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Dake, Kerkhoff, Siegelman, and Smither voting aye.

Mayor Traugott stated that he had received a request to close and/or abandon an alley between Maiden Lane and Macey Blvd. He noted that while the City technically owns it, it has been privately maintained for at least 40-50 years. The City does not use the alley and has not completed any type of maintenance. There are nine adjacent property owners. According to Kentucky law, if all nine adjacent property owners agree, then the City can forfeit the alley and each property owner's plat would be replatted to reflect their ownership of their portion. The council agreed for Mayor Traugott to begin contacting the property owners.

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Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Kerkhoff thanked the Council for their support in appointing him to fulfill the vacant council seat.

Council member Siegelman welcomed Mr. Kerkhoff back and noted that today was Election Day and hoped everyone exercised their right to vote today.

Department Directors

Mayor Traugott praised and acknowledged the Versailles Fire Department and Captain Josh Slone for their response to the structure fire on Saturday, May 14th. He stated that the occupants of the home were able to walk away and the fire was contained to the one house.

Captain Slone thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support including hiring, training, and purchasing equipment.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK