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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

A Versailles resident spoke briefly to ask about the “24 hour surveillance” signs at the cemeteries and asked if that was referring to cameras. Public Works Director Bart Miller responded that there are no cameras and that the Versailles Police Department routinely patrols each cemetery.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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

Rich Pictor, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation and Brad Boaz, Landscape Architect with CMW, were present to discuss the proposed renovations for Big Spring Park. Mr. Boaz presented a rendering of a conceptual site master plan that includes a redesigned entrance with decorative road pavers, an elevated crosswalk, a gathering plaza, a vendor promenade, and steps to the lawn. It also includes a 12,500 square foot playground, new restrooms, and a large open lawn area. Mr. Boaz noted that this is the first phase of the design and that changes could be discussed and implemented as they move forward. Mr. Pictor also stated that the Parks and Recreation Board are discussing requesting the City to convert Park Street to a one-way street going toward Rose Hill to limit heavy traffic around the park.

Jeremy Dotson, President of Woodford County Farm Bureau, stated that the Kentucky Farm Bureau Rodeo is scheduled to be held at the Woodford County Fairgrounds in August 18-19, 2023. He noted that this is a large event and they are expecting between 4,000 and 8,000 attendees. Woodford County Farm Bureau is working to raise funds to install permanent bleachers around the rodeo area and pull track that can be used for all future events held. He stated that the cost for ten sets of aluminum bleachers – each set is 10 rows high and 30 feet long with safety rails – is \$225,000 with additional cost for the concrete. To save on installation, several volunteers along with Woodford County Detention Center inmates will be assembling the bleachers and installing them. He noted that they currently have commitments for funding from Woodford County Fiscal Court, state agriculture funds, soil conservation funds, and Farm Bureau. Mr. Dotson asked the council to consider committing funding and noted that he was not asking for a commitment tonight, he was simply here to provide information for them to consider. He noted that they would like to move forward on the project soon because there is a 8-12 week turnaround on receiving the bleachers and then approximately four weeks to get them assembled and installed.

City Attorney Bill Moore provided an update on the agenda item “Zoning Map Amendment and Preliminary Development Plan/Preliminary Subdivision Plan – Springs of Versailles LLC (Estate of Josephine Barrows) – 581 Falling Springs Blvd – 95.210 acres – A-1 to R-1B District”. He stated that he had received a request from Mr. Graddy today asking that the item be postponed to the City’s next regular council meeting. Mr. Moore stated that the law requires the City to make a decision 90 days from the Planning Commission date and noted that Thursday, February 9th will be the 91st day.

MOTION BY JOHNSON TO DENY THE ZONE CHANGE FOR SPRINGS OF VERSAILLES, LLC BASED ON MR. GRADDY’S FINDING OF FACT.

The motion died for lack of a second.

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At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2023-1 Annexation of 2.615 Acres Located on Paynes Mill Road, Versailles, Kentucky, Woodford County, as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A TOTAL OF 2.615 ACRES OWNED BY EDGEWOOD FARM, LLC AND ADJOINING PAYNES MILL ROAD.

Whereas, the City of Versailles has received the written consent of the owner of the 2.615 acre tract adjoining Paynes Mill Road that is included within the parcel designated as Parcel No. 30-0000-044-00 by the Woodford County Property Valuation Administrator's Office for purposes of local ad valorem taxation, which property is more fully described herein, and

Whereas, the City has determined that:

- A. The property to be annexed is contiguous to the current City boundaries;**
 - B. The property to be annexed is suitable for development for urban purposes without unreasonable delay;**
 - C. No part of the area to be annexed lies within the boundary of another incorporated city;**
 - D. No part of the area to be annexed lies within an agricultural district; and**
 - E. No part of the area to be annexed lies within another county; and**
- The City of Versailles desires to proceed with annexation of such property.**

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

Section 1. The City of Versailles hereby annexes into the City boundaries the 2.615 acre tract of real property adjoining Paynes Mill Road which is described in the metes and bounds legal description prepared by Douglas G. Gooch, Professional Land Surveyor, dated March 14, 2012, attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

Section 2. It is desirable to annex the property described in Section 1 above because it is contiguous to City boundaries, and it is either being utilized or planned to be utilized for urban purposes requiring provision of City services and it is urban in character.

Section 3. 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 17th day of January, 2023, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 7th day of February, 2023.

CITY OF VERSAILLES

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2023-1 ANNEXATION OF 2.615 ACRES LOCATED ON PAYNES MILL ROAD, VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY, WOODFORD COUNTY.

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

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At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore provided second reading of Ordinance 2023-2 Amending Section 30.04 of the City's Code of Ordinances to Change the Time of the Regular Monthly Work Session of the Council, as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30.04 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE TIME OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

Whereas, the City desires to amend Section 30.04 of the City's Code of Ordinances to establish a regular monthly work session meeting of the City Council;

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

Section 1. Section 30.04 of the Versailles Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

§ 30.04 TIME OF MEETINGS.

(A) The City Council shall hold its regular meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in City Hall. In the event that the first or third Tuesday of the month falls on a holiday that causes the Versailles Municipal Building to be closed, the regular meeting of the City Council shall be on the following Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

(B) Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or upon written request of a majority of the Council. In the call, the Mayor or Council shall designate the purpose, time and place of the special meeting with sufficient notice for the attendance of Councilmembers.

(C) The agenda for the regular meetings shall be posted on the official website of the City of Versailles, Kentucky not later than close of business on the Friday before the meeting, with the inclusion of language indicating that the agenda is "Subject to Revision."

(D) The City Council shall hold a work session at 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in City Hall. The workshops are for the purpose of discussion and deliberation on future actions of the City Council.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective after passage and 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 17th day of January, 2023, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 7th day of February, 2023.

CITY OF VERSAILLES

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2023-2 AMENDING SECTION 30.04 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE TIME OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

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

Mayor Traugott presented Resolution 2023-1 Expressing Opposition to Senate Bill 50 and House Bill 50. He noted that these bills would require all city elections to be conducted in a partisan manner and he stressed that local elections should be remain an opportunity for people to vote for the person and not the party.

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MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-1 EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 50 AND HOUSE BILL 50.

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

Public Works Director Miller presented the following quotes for the 2023 downtown flowers (hanging baskets and barrels) as well as five months of watering:

Bi Water Farm	\$16,749.00
Wilson Nurseries	no response
MacDougals	not interested

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY BI WATER FARM FOR THE 2023 DOWNTOWN FLOWERS INCLUDING FIVE MONTHS OF WATERING.

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

Mr. Miller also presented bids, as follows, for the complete filter rehab at the Water Treatment Plant:

Techcoat, Inc.	\$26,000.00
S4 Water Sales & Service	\$38,788.00
Layne Water Resources	\$41,648.00
National Water Services, LLC	\$49,494.00

He noted that the bid from Techcoat was much lower than anticipated, and upon verification received several glowing references. He also noted that Techcoat is currently working in Lexington and they would do this job on their downtime from there, which is why they were able to bid much lower than normal.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE BID AS PRESENTED BY TECHCOAT, INC. FOR THE COMPLETE FILTER REHAB AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000.00.

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

Mr. Miller presented the following quotes for a new pump at the Adena Woods lift station:

Straeffler Pump & Supply, Inc.	\$6,540.00
Clark Electric	\$7,679.00

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PRESENTED BY STRAEFFER PUMP AND SUPPLY, INC. FOR A NEW PUMP AT THE ADENA WOODS LIFT STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,540.00.

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

Mayor Traugott presented a Neighborhood Grant application for Adena Trace Subdivision in the amount of \$7,490.09 for new a new sign at the entrance to the neighborhood. He noted that residents would be providing private funding for landscaping and gravel around the sign, as well as committing to maintaining the landscaping.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY ADENA TRACE SUBDIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,490.09.

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

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Mayor Traugott stated that he had solicited quotes for Christmas lights to line the roof tops of all of the businesses on Main Street up to Depot Street and North Street and including the buildings on Court Street. He noted that it is the same company, H&N Holiday Lights, which provided the lights at the Courthouse. The total quote was for \$22,815.00 and included every business including churches. The annual maintenance is \$2,780.00 and changing bulbs, checking electrical and safety, and securing or replacing sockets as necessary. He noted that the nominal electric would be paid by the business owners. The Council discussed how much they wanted to commit to the project and Mayor Traugott noted that Tourism paid approximately \$10,000 toward the same project in Midway. The Council unanimously agreed that the lights should be on all year and not just at Christmas.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE PAYING FOR UP TO \$11,500 (HALF OF THE TOTAL PROJECT PRICE) TO H&N HOLIDAY LIGHTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN ROOF-LINE LIGHT PROJECT AND PAYING HALF OF THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AT \$1,390.00 PER YEAR.

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

Mayor Traugott stated that the agenda item "Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments - Appointment of Larry Britton" would be postponed until the next regular council meeting.

Council member Johnson asked if the City posts on social media or on our website when Board or Committee appointments are available. Mayor Traugott stated that he does not currently post availabilities but he would love to hear from the public.

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott congratulated Isaiah Screetch, the head chef at Spark Community Café, on his recent James Beard Foundation Best Chef in the Southeast Region Award.

He also congratulated Coach Dennis Johnson on being named 2023 Woodford County Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Traugott praised the African American Heritage banners that are downtown Versailles for the month of February.

He discussed the upcoming scheduled Work Session for February 14th asking if they wanted to still have the Work Session noting that it is Valentine's Day. Council member Dake stated that she would like to discuss the Comp Plan at some point. Planning Director Steve Hunter was in attendance and he stated that he would be happy to present at the Work Session but he may have more information at the March meeting. He referenced the limited scope contract they are entering into with KLC. Mayor Traugott stated that he also would like to consider moving from the BOCA property code to the International Property Maintenance Code.

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Dake praised the successful Elected Officials Food Drive that was held last weekend, noting that they had collected a significant amount of food for the Woodford County Food Pantry.

Council member Johnson stated that the Water and Sewer Committee had met prior to tonight's meeting and they are recommending three sewer adjustments.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,143.83 FOR 115 CROSSFIELD DRIVE.

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

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE A SECOND SEWER ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,790.96 FOR 115 CROSSFIELD DRIVE.

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

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MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330.13 FOR 172 RIDGE VIEW ROAD.

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

Department Directors

Public Works Director Bart Miller stated that they had started a slow rollout of new water meter installation.

Drew Chandler, Emergency Management Director, noted that the City had been approved for Phase 1 design for two different Hazard Mitigation grants. The Tornado Shelter project on Clifton Road has been approved \$301,438 for Phase 1. He noted that this project will have zero cost to the City. The Backup Generator Project for the Water Intake on Shyrock Ferry and the Water Plant on Tyrone Pike has been approved for \$218,650.00. This project will cost the City \$11,600.00.

Chief Rankin requested the Council's permission to apply for a FEMA AFG grant for a new fire apparatus up to \$1 million. He noted the City's cost would be 5%, with a maximum cost of \$50,000.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A FEMA AFG GRANT UP TO \$1 MILLION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE APPARATUS.

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

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK