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

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

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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

Mayor Traugott provided a storm update regarding the wind storm that hit Versailles and Woodford County on Friday, March 3rd. He noted that there had been significant damage throughout the County and power outages of 11,000 customers at the worst. Kentucky Utilities currently has approximately 2,800 customers without power and Blue Grass Energy has approximately 300 without power.

He noted that Falling Springs is providing a warming center with accessibility to showers and a place to charge phones and other electronic devices between 8:00pm and 8:00am. They are not providing food or beds.

He also stated that on Friday night we had twenty-two police officers out working during the storm and one officer was injured, and his cruiser totaled, when a tree fell on his car when he was driving. He also noted that an ambulance with Woodford County EMS wrecked responding to the accident and the driver suffered a broken leg.

Mayor Traugott praised the Versailles Police, Fire, and Public Works departments for their work throughout the weekend to ensure everyone was safe and streets were cleared. He noted that school was cancelled today and the schools were open serving warm lunches to students and their families as needed. He also stated that the Woodford County Health Department was offering free tetanus shots to anyone that may need one while out working to clear debris.

Mayor Traugott commended the tremendous cooperation between all of the city and county agencies and the open communication throughout the weekend.

He presented Municipal Order 2023-2 which would suspend the enforcement of Ordinance 93.05 relating to the collection of debris.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-2 SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE 93.05 IN RELATION TO THE COLLECTION OF DEBRIS CAUSED BY THE WINDSTORM.

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

Public Works Director Bart Miller presented the bids for the Cemetery Mowing Contract estimating that each cemetery would be mowed approximately twenty times, depending on need. He stated that they had advertised for the bids and received the following three:

Xtreme Property Solutions	\$330.00/mow (Rose Crest)
	\$785.00/mow (Versailles)
D&M Mowing	\$475.00/mow (Rose Crest)
	\$1,425.00/mow (Versailles)
Parks Landscape Group	\$500.00/mow (Rose Crest)
	\$1,500.00/mow (Versailles)

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Mayor Traugott noted that the company presenting the low bid is owned by an employee of the Versailles Police Department and that it is not an issue since the sealed bid process was used.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE BID AS PRESENTED BY XTREME PROPERTY SOLUTIONS FOR 2023 CEMETERY MOWING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330.00 PER MOW OF ROSE CREST CEMETERY AND \$785.00 PER MOW OF VERSAILLES CEMETERY.

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

Mayor Traugott presented a Neighborhood Grant application on behalf of The Arbors at Sugartree Condominium Association for a replacement fence. The total project estimate is \$7,400.00.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION AS PRESENTED BY THE ARBORS AT SUGARTREE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,400.00.

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

Planning Director Steve Hunter was present to discuss the zoning text amendment relating to short term rentals and bed and breakfast establishments. He noted that there are currently 60-65 airbnb sites in Woodford County and only twenty applied for conditional use permits. Mr. Hunter stated that the text amendment allows for each governing body to adopt different options. He noted that the text amendment would require the short term rentals to have the proper insurance, licensing, and inspections and comply with the applicable building codes. Mayor Traugott stated that the text amendment would be further discussed in the Work Session on Tuesday, March 14th.

Mayor Traugott distributed a document prepared by John Soper for the Economic Development Authority relating to workforce housing. Council member Dake noted that we need to be clear what we are talking about as there are several terms used in the housing discussion, including subsidized housing, housing authority, affordable housing, starter homes and housing affordability (typically a house that is priced at three times the household income). Council member Jones stated that he also works as a realtor and there are no homes in Woodford County in the \$175,000 price range. Council member Dake noted that in today's Lexington Herald Leader it was stated that Woodford County is the second highest median home sale price in the state at nearly \$492,000 per house.

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott stated that if the Woodford County High School boys' basketball team wins tonight, then they will play in the Sweet Sixteen on Wednesday, March 15th.

He announced Burger Mania is running March 10th through March 19th throughout Woodford County.

He noted that 37 of the 44 downtown buildings have committed consent to the roofline light project with four additional waiting for their governing bodies to meet to approve consent.

He distributed a draft common area maintenance ordinance for the Council to discuss at next week's work session.

Mayor Traugott stated that he had received a proposed real estate agreement today for the City of Versailles to sell 135 acres of the Edgewood property to Versailles Standardbred Group (Alex Riddle). He noted that the agreement is for property that the City of Versailles does not yet own and would purchase from the Fields family at the same price as listed in the agreement. City Attorney Bill Moore explained the agreement, stating that it is part of the negotiation to settle the pending litigation surrounding the Edgewood property. The real estate agreement requires council approval. He noted that the goal is to vote tonight so that we can move forward with getting the lawsuit settled.

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MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY MILLER TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY OF VERSAILLES AND VERSAILLES STANDARD BRED GROUP FOR 135 ACRES OF EDGEWOOD FARM AT \$20,000 PER ACRE FOR PROPERTY TO BE ZONED A-1 AGRICULTURE.

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, and Miller voting aye. Council member Jones voted nay.

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Dake showed a recent copy of AARP “Discovering and Developing Missing Middle Housing”.

Council member Johnson stated that the Water and Sewer Committee met and is recommending two adjustments.

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$370.74 FOR 161 YELLOW JACKET DRIVE.

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

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$417.83 FOR 721 HUNTERTOWN ROAD.

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

Council member Johnson noted that the committee would also like to recommend changing 50.22 of the City of Versailles ordinances increasing the current limit for sewer adjustments that can be approved by the Public Works Director from \$300 to \$1,000. She asked Attorney Moore to draft an ordinance with the amendment.

She also noted that 10% of the smart meters have been installed.

Department Directors

City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds provided an overview of a new City of Versailles website that is expected to go live by the end of March. She stated that new additions to the website include the City’s Facebook page embedded on the home page, an interactive calendar, and forms that can be completed on the website and submitted. Payment can also be submitted directly on the website with forms, as required. Mrs. Reynolds noted that the website and forms are being designed by KLC and that the City is working with them as their first client in exchange for two years of free website design and maintenance.

Public Works Director Bart Miller commended the cooperation between the different agencies during the recent storm.

Fire Chief T.A. Rankin praised dispatch for their work and remaining calm during the storm.

Chief Rankin also reminded everyone of the burn ordinance requirements, noting that people may be planning to burn limbs and brush that they have accumulated after the storm clean up.

Mayor Traugott asked for the Council’s support to apply for community project funding through Congressman Barr’s office.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY MILLER TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TRAUOGOTT TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING THROUGH CONGRESSMAN BARR’S OFFICE.

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Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUOGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK