ROLL CALL: MARY BRADLEY, CARL ELLIS, KEN KERKHOFF AND ANN MILLER WERE PRESENT. COUNCIL MEMBERS GARY JONES AND OWEN ROBERTS WERE ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR BRIAN TRAUGOTT AND CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE.

DEPT. HEADS: JAMES FUGATE, BART MILLER, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS AND BRIAN WAINSCOTT WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY ELLIS TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Ellis, Kerkhoff and Miller voting aye.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore gave second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-24 An Ordinance Amending Sections 712.3 and 712.8 of the Versailles Zoning Ordinance to Permit Residential Uses on the Upper Floors in the Professional Zone as follows:

CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-24

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 712 OF THE VERSAILLES ZONING REGULATIONS TO PERMIT RESIDENTIAL USES OF UPPER FLOORS IN THE PROFESSIONAL ZONE

WHEREAS, the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission has, after public hearings, and otherwise according to the law recommended that Article VII, Section 712 of the Versailles Zoning Ordinance be amended;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VERSAILLES CITY COUNCIL, that the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Zoning Ordinance – Article VII, Section 712 be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 712.3 of the regulations regarding Accessory Structures in the Professional zone is hereby amended to add subpart B as follows:

B. Residential (2nd Story and above) – See special provisions below.

SECTION 2. There is hereby added to Section 712 of the Zoning Ordinance a new Section 712.8 which provides as follows:


A. Lot, Yard and Height Requirements for Residential shall be as required by R-4 (See 710.6).

SECTION 3. These amendments shall become effective after passage and publication as required by law.
Introduced and given first reading at a meeting of the Versailles City Council, Versailles, Kentucky, sitting at Versailles, Kentucky held on the 1st day of November, 2016 and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said City Council held on the 15th day of November, 2016.

APPROVED:

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BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALLISON B. WHITE, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2016-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 712.3 AND 712.8 OF THE VERSAILLES ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT RESIDENTIAL USES ON THE UPPER FLOORS IN THE PROFESSIONAL ZONE.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Ellis, Kerkhoff and Miller voting aye.

Mayor Traugott addressed the Council regarding the Economic Development Authority. The Mayor stated that retaining Craig McAnnelly (at a cost of $42,000 annually) of the Bluegrass Area Development District had been a great decision for the City of Versailles and had paid great dividends. He also stated that it had been the plan, when the City retained John Soper (at a total cost of $63,600 annually) as an Economic Development Consultant, to phase out the contract with Mr. McAnnelly. The Council discussed the work Mr. Soper has done on behalf of the City, as well as the Economic Development Authority. Mayor Traugott presented to the Council a proposed restructuring of EDA and their financial support as provided by the Woodford County Fiscal Court, the City of Midway, and the City of Versailles. Mayor Traugott recommended that the Council vote on ceasing to fund Bluegrass ADD’s portion of the Economic Development Authority.

MOTION BY KERKHOFF, SECONDED BY MILLER TO STOP FUNDING CRAIG MCANNELLY’S PORTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 WITH A WRITTEN EXPLANATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, WOODFORD COUNTY FISCAL COURT, AND CITY OF MIDWAY.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Ellis, Kerkhoff and Miller voting aye.

Mayor Traugott also discussed with the Council issues regarding voting in this year’s election. He stated that residents of the Versailles Housing Authority had contacted him because their voting location is on Big Sink Pike. For residents that do not have access to transportation, it was nearly impossible to walk to the voting precinct. Mayor Traugott expressed that socioeconomic concerns need to be taken into consideration when voting precincts are established. He also recognized that precinct districting is a work in progress that is very time consuming for those involved. Council member Ellis spoke in favor of early voting and encouraged all legislative bodies to advocate for early voting in the State of Kentucky. Mr. Ellis stated that voting should always be made easier for the citizens, not harder. The Council asked Mayor Traugott to write a letter to the Woodford County Clerk expressing the concerns of the City with regards to voting.

Public Works Director Bart Miller requested permission to donate a surplus 1995 Chevrolet Pick-Up Truck to the Woodford County Parks and Recreation Department. He stated that budgeted new trucks had been purchased and his department no longer needed this pick-up truck. Mr. Miller stated that the Parks and Recreation Department intended to put a small salt spreader on the truck.

MOTION BY ELLIS, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO DONATE A 1995 CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO THE WOODFORD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Ellis, Kerkhoff and Miller voting aye.
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Mayor Traugott reminded the Council that the tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse and a Community Unity Service is scheduled for the same night at 7:00 p.m. at Versailles Baptist Church. The City of Versailles Christmas Parade will be held downtown on Saturday, December 3rd.

Assistant City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds and Public Works Director Bart Miller explained to the Council that the previous week there had been issues at City Hall which resulted in discovering a termite infestation. Due to the emergency nature of the issue, Elite Pest Control was hired to treat the building for termites and Bill Bailey Construction was hired to repair damages throughout the building as a result of the termites.

Fire Chief Wainscott announced that Assistant Fire Chief James Odom is retiring effective November 30, 2016 and he would be in attendance at the first council meeting in December. Chief Wainscott also stated that he was submitting a grant application for a new fire truck. The grant pays 90% of the cost with the City paying 10% and would be a great benefit to the City.

Public Works Director Bart Miller stated that he had been in contact with Magistrate Mary Ann Gill and things are moving forward with the sidewalk projects at Huntertown Road and Old Dry Ridge Road.

Council member Ellis stated that prior to the City Council meeting, the Administrative and Legal Committee had met regarding creating a Code Enforcement Board. He requested that a draft of the proposed ordinance establishing the Board be included in packets for the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Council member Kerkhoff stated that he would like to form a Financial Outlook Committee to research and review upcoming capital projects.

Council member Miller stated that the Police and Fire Committee had met on Monday, November 14 to discuss neighborhood meetings. She said the committee had agreed that they would like for the police and fire departments to be a part of monthly meetings to be held in different areas throughout Versailles. She stated that she would have something to present to the Council at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Ms. Miller also reported to the Council that there is an opportunity for the City to apply for a grant for hardware and equipment to get wireless internet downtown Versailles. She stated that leadership from both the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System were willing to help with the project. She requested a meeting of the Administrative and Legal Committee be held on December 6th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the grant application process.

MOTION BY ELLIS, SECONDED BY MILLER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 81.810(1)(b) RELATING TO THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Ellis, Kerkhoff and Miller voting aye.

MOTION BY ELLIS, SECONDED BY KERKHOFF TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERSAILLES CITY COUNCIL, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Ellis, Kerkhoff and Miller voting aye.

MOTION BY ELLIS, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE GENERAL LEDGER DISTRIBUTION LIST (BILLS) DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2016 AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN PROPERLY REVIEWED BY THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEAD, MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Ellis, Kerkhoff and Miller voting aye.
NOVEMBER 15, 2016

MOTION BY ELLIS, SECONDED BY BRADLEY THAT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ADJOURN.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Ellis, Kerkhoff and Miller voting aye.

APPROVED:

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BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALLISON B. WHITE, CITY CLERK