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MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VERSAILLES CITY HALL/5:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUOGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, GARY JONES, KEN KERKHOFF, AND FRED SIEGELMAN. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

DEPT. HEADS: MIKE MURRAY, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, PAUL SIMMONS, AND BRIAN WAINSCOTT WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Traugott stated that Allison White had retired from the City of Versailles as City Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Administrator effective October 1, 2019. He commended Mrs. White for her diligence in training Elizabeth Reynolds, Assistant City Clerk, in preparation for a smooth transition. Mr. Traugott recommended Ms. Reynolds to be confirmed by the Council as City Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Administrator.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH REYNOLDS AS CITY CLERK/TREASURER/TAX ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore gave second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-36 Repealing Chapter 99 of the Versailles Code of Ordinances and Adopting a New Chapter Prohibiting Discrimination in the City of Versailles with Respect to Housing, Public Accommodations, and Employment; Establishing Exemptions from the Ordinance; Establishing a Process to Enforce the Ordinance; Establishing Penalties for the Violation of the Ordinance; Establishing a Right to Appeal Decisions of the Human Rights Commission to the City Council; and Prohibiting Retaliation Against Persons Asserting Violations of the Ordinance as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-36**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 99 OF THE VERSAILLES CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE CITY OF VERSAILLES WITH RESPECT TO HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, AND EMPLOYMENT; ESTABLISHING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO APPEAL DECISIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO THE CITY COUNCIL; AND PROHIBITING RETALIATION AGAINST PERSONS ASSERTING VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

Whereas, the City of Versailles has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a comprehensive ordinance addressing discrimination within the City.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 99 of the Versailles Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. POLICY AND PURPOSE.

The City desires to implement a policy that treats individuals within the city equally and free from discrimination in the context of housing, employment and public accommodation on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. These definitions will be superseded by KRS 344.010(4) and KRS 344.030(1) and applicable federal and state law that may be in effect at the time of a violation.

AGE. A person 40 years and older.

BONA FIDE OFFER. A written offer to purchase, exchange, rent, or lease any housing accommodation that is made in good faith without fraud or deceit.

DISABILITY. An individual who: (a) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual; (b) has record of such an impairment; or (c) is regarded as having such an impairment. The term does not include persons with current or past controlled substance or alcohol abuse problems and persons excluded from coverage by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

DISCRIMINATION. An act or practice of exclusion, restriction, segregation, limitation, refusal, denial, differentiation or preference in the treatment of a person or persons prohibited under this chapter.

DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE. An act unlawful under this chapter.

DWELLING. A building, structure or portion thereof which is occupied as or intended for occupancy as a residence by two or more families, and any vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of any building, structure or portion thereof.

EMPLOYEE. An individual employed by an employer, but excluding an individual employed by his or her parents, spouse, child, relatives, or an individual employed to render services as an advisor, counselor or confidant, or as a nurse, domestic or personal companion in the home of the employer.

EMPLOYER. Any person who has employees within the city in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year and an agent of such a person. Except for purposes of determining discrimination based on disability, an employer means a person engaged in an industry affecting commerce who has at least one employee for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, and any agent of that person, excluding the United States, the Commonwealth of Kentucky or one of its agencies or corporations.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY. Any person regularly undertaking, either with or without compensation, to procure employees for an employer or to procure for employees opportunities to work for an employer including any agent of such person.

FAMILIAL STATUS. Any individual under the age of 18 years and who is domiciled with a parent or another person having legal custody of such individual or individuals; or the designee of such parent or other person having custody, with the written permission of such parent or other persons. The protection afforded against discrimination on the basis of familial status applies to any person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of any individual under the age of 18 years.

FAMILY. Includes an individual, spouse, and child(ren), whether related by blood, legal guardianship, marriage or adoption.

GENDER IDENTITY. Manifesting a gender identity not traditionally associated with one's biological or psychological maleness or femaleness.

PERSON. An individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, labor organization, legal representative, mutual company, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, trustee, trustee in bankruptcy, receivers and fiduciaries.

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PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, RESORT OR AMUSEMENT. A place, building, facility, store or other establishment, whether licensed or unlicensed, from which goods or services are furnished to the general public or from which patronage or trade is solicited of the general public or which is directly supported by government funds; provided, however, that a private club or organization is not a place of public accommodation, resort or amusement if its policies are determined by its members and its facilities or services are available only to its members and its members' guests. This definition does not include a dwelling, rooming or boarding house containing fewer than three (3) rooms for rent or hire and which is within a building occupied by the proprietor as his or her residence. The exemptions afforded to a place of public accommodation, resort or amusement include also those contained in KRS 344.130.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION. An individual's actual or imputed hetero-, homo- or bi-sexuality.

SECTION 4. UNLAWFUL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION.

Except as otherwise provided herein, it is a prohibited unlawful practice:

(A) To refuse to sell, purchase, exchange, rent or lease, or otherwise deny or withhold housing accommodation from a person because of his or her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation;

(B) To discriminate against a person because of his or her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation in terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale, purchase, exchange, rental, or lease of housing accommodation or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith;

(C) To refuse to receive or transmit or negotiate a bona fide offer to sell, purchase, exchange, rent, or lease housing accommodation from or to a person because of his or her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation;

(D) To represent to a person that a housing accommodation is unavailable for inspection, sale, purchase, exchange, rental or lease when in fact it is available because of his or her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation;

(E) To deny access to or withhold a housing accommodation from a person because of his or her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation;

(F) For a bank, building and loan association, insurance company or other corporation, association, firm or enterprise whose business is involved in whole or in significant part in the making of residential real estate loans to deny a loan or other financial assistance to a person applying therefor for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, improving, repairing or maintaining a dwelling, to discriminate against him or her in the approval, fixing of the amount, interest rate, duration or other terms or conditions of the loan or other financial assistance because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation of the person or of any person associated with him or her in connection with the loan or other financial assistance or purpose of the loan or other financial assistance, or of the present or prospective owners, lessees, tenants or occupants of the dwelling or dwellings in relation to which the loan or other financial assistance is sought. Nothing in this section will impair the nature, scope or effectiveness of the exemptions contained in Section 5.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTIONS FROM UNLAWFUL HOUSING PRACTICES.

The provisions of this chapter prohibiting discriminatory housing practices, other than the prohibition of discriminatory advertising, do not apply to:

(A) The rental or lease of any housing accommodations in a building which contains or has accommodations for two (2) or fewer families living independently of each other, if the owner or a member of his or her family resides in one (1) of the housing accommodations;

(B) The rental or lease of any rooming units in a housing unit, if the owner or a member of his or her family resides in the housing unit;

(C) The rental or lease of any rooming units in a house in which the owner of the entire house or member of his or her family resides;

(D) Rental or provision of lodging by a private club or organization not open to the general public that, as an incident to its primary purpose or purposes of lodging that it owns, leases or operates for other than a commercial purpose, from limiting the rental or occupancy of the lodging to its members and guests or from giving preference to its members and guests;

(E) A private individual or business disposing of his or her property through private sale without the aid of any real estate broker or real estate salesperson, and without advertising or public display, but nothing in this section prohibits the owner from using attorneys, escrow agents, abstractors, title professionals and other professionals for assistance as necessary to perfect or transfer title;

(F) Housing for older persons with respect to familial status. Housing for older persons means housing:

(1) Provided under any program of a state or federal housing agency that is specifically designed and operated to assist elderly persons (as defined by the state or federal program);

(2) Intended for, and solely occupied by, persons 62 years of age or older; or

(3) Intended and operated for occupancy by at least one (1) person 55 years of age or older per unit. In determining whether housing qualifies as housing for older persons under this chapter, state or federal housing agency regulations must require at least the following factors:

(a) The existence of facilities and services are designed to meet the physical or social needs of older persons or to present housing opportunities for older persons;

(b) That at least 80% of the dwellings are occupied by at least one (1) person 55 years of age or older per unit;

(c) The publication of, and adherence to policies and procedures which demonstrate an intent by the owner or manager to provide housing for persons 55 years of age or older.

(G) Nothing in this chapter requires that a dwelling be made available to an individual whose tenancy would constitute a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals or whose tenancy would result in substantial physical damage to the owner's property or the property of others.

(H) Nothing in this chapter requires an owner of real property to negotiate with any individual who has not shown evidence of financial ability to consummate the purchase or rental of a housing accommodation.

(I) Nothing in this chapter prohibits conduct against a person who has been convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction of the illegal manufacture, use, sale or distribution of a controlled substance.

SECTION 6. UNLAWFUL PRACTICES IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

Except as otherwise provided herein, it is unlawful to deny a person the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation. This section does not apply with regards to sex, sexual orientation and gender identity to the following:

(A) Restrooms, shower rooms, bathhouses, locker rooms, changing areas or similar facilities which are, by their nature, designed or intended for separate sexes;

(B) YMCA, YWCA and similar dormitory-type lodging facilities;

(C) The exemptions contained in the definitions of PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, RESORT, or AMUSEMENT as set forth in Section 3; and

(D) Hospitals, churches, nursing homes, schools, athletic facilities and gyms, childcare facilities, jails, penal or similar facilities with respect to any requirement that men and women not be in the same room.

SECTION 7. UNLAWFUL PRACTICES IN EMPLOYMENT.

(A) It is a prohibited, unlawful practice for an employer or employment agency:

(1) To fail or refuse to hire or to discharge an individual, or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to his or her terms or conditions of employment, because of his or her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation;

(2) To limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his or her status as an employee because of the individual's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation; and

(3) To cause or attempt to cause an employer to discriminate against an individual in violation of this section.

(4) For an employer, controlling apprenticeship or other training or retraining, including on-the-job training programs, to discriminate against an individual because of the individual's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation in admission to or employment in any program established to provide such apprenticeship, training or retraining.

(5) For an employer, labor organization or employment agency to print, publish, or cause to be printed or published any notice, advertisement, classification, or referral for employment imposing any limitation, preference, or specification based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation, except that such notice, advertisement, classification, referral for employment may indicate such a limitation, preference or specification based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation when it is a bona fide occupational qualification for employment.

(B) It is an unlawful practice for a labor organization:

(1) To exclude or to expel from its membership or to otherwise discriminate against a member or applicant for membership because of that individual's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation;

(C) Nothing herein prevents an employer from:

- (1) Enforcing a written employee dress code policy;
- (2) Enforcing a written drug code or policy; or
- (3) Designating appropriate restroom and shower facilities.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTIONS FROM UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it is not unlawful for:

(1) An employer to hire and employ employees; or an employment agency to classify or refer for employment an individual; to classify its membership or to classify or refer for employment an individual; or for an employer, apprenticeship or other training or retraining programs to admit or employ an individual in such program on the basis of his or her religion, national origin or sex as a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the particular business or enterprise; or

(2) A church, school, college, university, or other religiously affiliated or educational institution to hire and employ individuals of a particular religious belief.

(3) An employer to apply different standards of compensation, or different terms, conditions or privileges of employment pursuant to a seniority or merit system, or a system which determines earnings by quantity or quality of production, or customer satisfaction, or to employees who work in different locations, if the differences are not the result of an intention to discriminate because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, age, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation; or

(4) An employer to give and to act upon the results of any professionally developed ability test provided that the test, its administration, or action upon the results is not designed, intended, or used to discriminate because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation.

SECTION 9. GENERAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THIS CHAPTER.

The provisions of this chapter do not apply to faith based social service providers or counselors, to any religious institutions, associations, societies, entities, or to an organization operated for charitable or educational purposes which is owned, operated, controlled by or affiliated with a religious institution, association, society or entity.

SECTION 10. STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS FROM THIS CHAPTER

The City of Versailles is prohibited by KRS 446.350 from substantially burdening a person's freedom of religion. Where a person, by action or inaction, violates the provisions of this Chapter of the City's Code of Ordinances due to a sincerely held religious belief, the individual or entity alleging the violation must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the City has a compelling governmental interest in infringing the specific act or refusal to act and has used the least restrictive means to further that interest to establish the existence of a violation. A burden shall include the indirect burdens such as withholding benefits, assessing penalties, or an exclusion from programs or access to facilities. This section will apply to any proceeding brought to enforce this Chapter whether or not the City is a party to such proceeding.

SECTION 11. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

(A) The responsibility for administering and enforcing this chapter will be borne by the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Human Rights Commission in accordance with existing statutory processes for discrimination claims.

(B) Any claims filed under this chapter regarding race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation must be filed within six (6) months of the offense and will be delegated and referred to the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Human Rights Commission, including functions, duties and powers with respect to investigating, conciliating, hearing, determining, ordering, certifying, reporting or otherwise acting as to any work, business or matter regarding those types of claims.

(C) Enforcement of orders.

(1) Upon finding no violation of this chapter, the Versailles-Midway-Woodford Human Rights Commission will enter an order dismissing the complaint. If a violation of this chapter is found, the Versailles-Midway-Woodford Human Rights Commission may issue one (1) or more of the following orders:

(a) An order directing the person or entity found to have violated this chapter to cease and desist from the discriminating practice;

(b) An order subjecting any person or entity found to have violated this chapter to civil penalties of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.

(2) Upon entry of the order, a copy of it will be sent to all parties by U.S. mail informing them of their right to appeal to the City Council within thirty (30) days along with instructions for doing so.

SECTION 12. OBSTRUCTION AND RETALIATION.

(A) It is a prohibited, unlawful practice for any person:

(1) To retaliate in any manner against a person because he or she has opposed a practice unlawful by this chapter or because he or she has filed a complaint, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in any investigation, proceeding, hearing, or conference before the Versailles-Midway-Woodford Human Rights Commission or City Council under this chapter;

(2) To aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce any person to engage in any of the practices prohibited by this chapter or to obstruct or prevent any person from complying with the provisions of this chapter;

(3) To obstruct or prevent a person from complying with the provisions of this chapter, or any order of the Versailles-Midway-Woodford Human Rights Commission or City Council issued thereunder; or

(4) To resist, prevent, impede, or interfere with the Versailles-Midway-Woodford Human Rights Commission or the City Council or any of its members or representatives in the lawful performance of their duty under this chapter.

(B) This section must not be construed to impose individual or personal liability on owners, supervisors, or employees in the event of an alleged discriminatory act or retaliation.

SECTION 13. FRIVOLOUS CONDUCT.

(A) It is a violation of this chapter for any party to engage in frivolous conduct or to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce another to do so. Frivolous conduct means conduct that serves to harass or maliciously injure another party, such as, but not limited to, filing a false or misleading claim or defense; or in filing or in assisting in the filing of a complaint or asserting a defense that is not warranted under existing law and for which the complaint, claims, charges and defenses cannot be supported by a good faith argument for an extension, modification or reversal of existing law.

(B) Upon a finding by the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Human Rights Commission or court of law that frivolous conduct has occurred, the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Human Rights Commission or court of law may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the City of Versailles and the non-violating party against the party who engaged in such frivolous conduct.

SECTION 14. ANNUAL REPORT.

The Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Human Rights Commission is to submit an annual report by January 30 of each calendar year to the City Council, containing a summary of claims filed under this chapter during the preceding calendar year, how each was resolved, and any costs expended for same.

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SECTION 15. This ordinance will 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 September, 2019, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 1st day of October, 2019.

CITY OF VERSAILLES

BRIAN TRUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

Council member Kerkhoff stated that he has consistently opposed this ordinance because he does not feel it is fair to all people.

Council member Siegelman stated that he felt this ordinance is a solution chasing a problem and that he has not received any complaints of discrimination and he does not feel it is an issue.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2019-36 REPEALING CHAPTER 99 OF THE VERSAILLES CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE CITY OF VERSAILLES WITH RESPECT TO HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, AND EMPLOYMENT; ESTABLISHING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO APPEAL DECISIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO THE CITY COUNCIL; AND PROHIBITING RETALIATION AGAINST PERSONS ASSERTING VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

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

Council member Dake stated that she is thrilled with the passing of the Fairness Ordinance, but she does not agree with the inclusion of Section 10 regarding religious exemptions.

Council member Kerkhoff distributed Resolution 2019-7 Condemning Discrimination in Employment, Housing, and Trading of Goods.

MOTION BY KERKHOFF, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2019-7 CONDEMNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, AND TRADING OF GOODS.

The vote was as follows: Kerkhoff and Siegelman voting aye. Bradley and Jones voting nay. Council member Dake abstained.

Ms. Dake stated that while the resolution is nice, it does not allow enforcement like an ordinance does.

Mr. Jones stated that he was not comfortable voting on something without time to read and study.

Mayor Traugott stated that the motion dies due to lack of majority.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore gave first reading of Ordinance 2019-37 Amending Section 91.21 of the City's Code of Ordinances to Specify for Charges Related to the City Operated Cemeteries will be Established by Municipal Order.

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At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore gave first reading of Ordinance 2019-38 Repealing Section 91.22 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2019-9 ESTABLISHING THE FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR BURIAL PLOTS AND BURIAL-RELATED SERVICES IN THE CITY-OPERATED CEMETERIES TO TAKE EFFECT NOVEMBER 1, 2019.

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

Mayor Traugott stated that he was withdrawing his recommendation from the September 17, 2019 Council meeting regarding indoor storage and U-Haul. Council member Kerkhoff said that it has been nearly two years and there are still no tenants in the old Kroger building. Mayor Traugott agreed, saying that discussions with U-Haul had changed his mindset.

Assistant Public Works Director Paul Simmons requested permission to advertise for bids for Public Works Department Maintenance Garage Improvements.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE GARAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Traugott informed the Council that it would be costly to have streetlights installed at the Lexington Street/Marsailles Road intersection. He stated that the rough estimate is \$8,000.00 and would include 4-6 lights.

Mayor Traugott distributed Municipal Order 2019-10 Establishing Guidelines for the Conduct of Versailles City Council Meetings.

Mr. Traugott invited everyone to attend a Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the new Police Department on October 13, 2019 at 2:00pm.

He also reminded the Council that Trick or Treat was set the previous meeting for October 31, 2019 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Police Chief Mike Murray requested permission to surplus three police cruisers, including a 2012 Dodge Charger, a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, and an older model Nissan Altima.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY KERKHOFF TO SURPLUS THREE POLICE VEHICLES, INCLUDING A 2012 DODGE CHARGER, A 2009 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, AND AN OLDER MODEL NISSAN ALTIMA.

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

Fire Chief Brian Wainscott announced that Versailles is still under a burn ban, city and county-wide. He also stated that October is the month to change your batteries in your smoke detectors.

Elisha Holt, Event Coordinator, announced that the 2nd Annual Boo Bash will be held October 31, 2019 at the Versailles Municipal Building 3:00pm – 5:30pm. All downtown merchants have been invited to participate by handing out candy at their respective locations. She also invited everyone to an additional Versailles Merchants Association Block Party which will be held Friday, October 18th on Court Street with music being provided by VanGuard.

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Council member Siegelman stated that the Public Safety Committee had met and discussed the need for a new fire truck. The current fire trucks are very old and could affect the City's ISO rating. The current estimated cost of a new truck would be approximately \$535,000.00. The Committee also discussed the Fire Department's need for new breathing apparatus' in the next year. Lastly, the committee discussed the 911 shortfall and possible funding sources.

Council member Kerkhoff said that the Pavilion Committee met with different agencies, including Department for Local Government and the Division of Land and Water, regarding the plans for the old police station. He also stated that they are developing a marketing plan regarding financial support and private partnerships.

Council member Jones stated that the Water and Sewer Committee met to discuss two residential utility bills with adjustment requests. The first being 529 Martin Drive – the resident requested a sewer adjustment because they had pressure washed and filled a pond.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO ADJUST THE VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL UTILITY BILL FOR 529 MARTIN DRIVE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$292.45 AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

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

The Water and Sewer Committee also discussed 518 Martin Drive – the resident requested a sewer adjustment because they had an unusually high utility bill. They had paid a plumber to verify that there are no leaks.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO ADJUST THE VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL UTILITY BILL FOR 518 MARTIN DRIVE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$129.42 AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

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

Council member Dake stated that the footers have been poured for the decking for the Big Spring Park Overlook. They are now ready to install the deck.

Council member Siegelman stated that he appreciated the Municipal Order 2019-10 presented by Mayor Traugott regarding conduct during the Council Meetings. He recommended the addition of a rule stating that the Mayor shall be addressed by title.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK