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

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

DEPT. HEADS: BART MILLER, MIKE MURRAY, JAMES ODOM, AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Traugott recognized Allison White, who recently retired with nearly thirty years of service to the City of Versailles. Mrs. White spent most of that time in the position of City Clerk which she excelled in. He thanked her for not only her dedication to the City, but also her personal friendship through the years. Council member Fred Siegelman also spoke about his deep appreciation for Allison in his years serving as Mayor as well as on the Council and stated that she was both his “right and left arms”. Council members Bradley, Coleman, and Kerkhoff also expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mrs. White and her unwavering loyalty to the City of Versailles and her willingness to always help them to understand everything at City Hall. Mrs. White then read a speech she had prepared thanking the Mayor, past and present Council members, and all of the staff that had worked for her through the years. It was noted that her experience will be missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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

Rich Pictor, Executive Director of Woodford County Parks and Recreation, addressed the Council regarding an issue that was mentioned at the September 17, 2019 City Council Meeting. He stated that a letter was sent to several members of the Council regarding an alleged incident that occurred at Falling Springs in which a same sex couple’s daughter was rejected for a membership. The letter was signed by Mary Nehring, Chair of the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Human Rights Commission. Mr. Pictor was appalled at the allegation stated in the letter and he said that it is the policy of Falling Springs to allow anyone living in the same household to share a couple or family membership. He also stated that it is their policy to not ask questions related to the nature of anyone’s relationship when they apply for membership. He investigated the alleged incident and also met with Ms. Nehring, along with former Chair, Dan Brown on October 3, 2019. They informed him that the incident allegedly occurred sometime 5-6 years ago and there was no formal complaint and no names or investigation. Mr. Pictor’s investigation did not find any truth to the incident. He also asked that any complaints related to Parks and Recreation that are submitted to the Human Rights Commission should be shared with him. Council member Dake commended Falling Springs for having such an open and welcoming policy since they opened their doors in 2002. Council member Siegelman expressed his concern that Ms. Nehring sent the letter without knowing any facts relating to the alleged incident and that it could have ruined the reputation of both Mr. Pictor and Falling Springs. He stated that in his opinion, Ms. Nehring should submit a resignation from the Human Rights Commission. Mayor Traugott agreed and said that he would be formally requesting her resignation. He also stated that people in positions of responsibility, such as that of Ms. Nehring, should not act recklessly. Council member Kerkhoff agreed that Ms. Nehring should be held accountable.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Moore gave second 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, as follows:

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**CITY OF VERSAILLES
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-37**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 91.21 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO SPECIFY THAT CHARGES RELATED TO THE CITY-OPERATED CEMETERIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY MUNICIPAL ORDER. .

Whereas, the City has determined it is appropriate to establish charges arising from the City's cemeteries to be established by municipal order instead of by ordinance, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED IN THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY as follows:**

Section 1. Section 91.21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Versailles is hereby amended as follows:

The price for each grave space in a city cemetery and for services related to burial for the burial of cremation remains shall be three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$325.00); an adult person shall be six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00) and an infant shall be without charge shall be established by municipal order.

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 1st day of October, 2019, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 15th day of October, 2019.

CITY OF VERSAILLES

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 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.

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

At the request of Council member Coleman, City Attorney Moore gave second reading of Ordinance 2019-38 Repealing Section 91.22 of the City's Code of Ordinances, as follows:

**CITY OF VERSAILLES
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-38**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 91.22 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Whereas, the City intends to establish the charges for services relating to burials by municipal order instead of by ordinance;

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

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Section 1. Section 91.22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Versailles is hereby repealed.

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 1st day of October, 2019, and fully adopted after the second reading at a meeting of said council held on the 15th day of October, 2019.

CITY OF VERSAILLES

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK

MOTION BY COLEMAN, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2019-38 REPEALING SECTION 91.22 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY COLEMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2019-10 ESTABLISHING RULES OF ORDER AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF VERSAILLES CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY COLEMAN TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #17-7 AS SUBMITTED BY RISING SUN DEVELOPING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,132.30 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY.

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

MOTION BY COLEMAN, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1-16 AS SUBMITTED BY CODELL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148.76 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY.

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

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #16-6 AS SUBMITTED BY BROADWAY ELECTRIC SERVICE CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$628.00 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY.

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

MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY COLEMAN TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1-17 AS SUBMITTED BY CODELL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22.60 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY.

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

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #16-7 AS SUBMITTED BY BROADWAY ELECTRIC SERVICE CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT \$2,631.00 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY.

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

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MOTION BY COLEMAN, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1-18 AS SUBMITTED BY CODELL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94.71 FOR THE VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Traugott stated that he had recently received complaints regarding the taste and/or smell of the water. He contacted Ross Harrell, Water Plant Supervisor, and Mr. Harrell informed him that the lack of rain during the month of September had caused the Kentucky River to go down and as a result had affected the taste and smell of the water. The quality of the water was not affected.

Mayor Traugott also informed everyone that the Woodford County Homecoming Parade would be downtown this Thursday at 6:00pm. He also stated that next Friday there would be a movie night downtown showing two Halloween movies.

Elisha Holt, Event Coordinator, stated that the last block party of the year will be this Friday, October 18th and Vanguard will be performing. She also announced that the 2nd Annual Boo Bash will be held on Thursday, October 31st at the Versailles Municipal Building.

Council member Coleman stated that the Bourbon Chase would be this weekend and would pass through Versailles on Saturday morning.

Mayor Traugott reported that a Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony was held at the new Versailles Police Department Facility this past Sunday.

Council member Bradley stated that the Admin/Legal Committee had met on Friday regarding Code Enforcement. The meeting was led by Morgain Patterson, an attorney with the Kentucky League of Cities specializing in Code Enforcement.

Council member Kerkhoff shared a power point presentation about the downtown pavilion/amphitheater project. He stated that the Pavilion Committee is working on developing a marketing plan to try and raise private funding and/or grants for the amphitheater portion of the project. He also stated that they would like for the City to commit \$250,000-\$300,000 for the pole barn portion of the project which will be the community pavilion.

Council member Dake stated that she had attended a On the Table Grant Reveal and that the Woodford Community Fund will be having another round of grants. Each grant award will be \$1,000 - \$2,500.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK