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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 MARY BRADLEY, MIKE COLEMAN, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, FRED SIEGELMAN, AND AARON SMITHER. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

DEPT. HEADS: MIKE MURRAY AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Coleman, Dake, Johnson, Siegelman and Smither voting aye.

Mayor Miscellaneous

Mayor Traugott provided an update on the Individual Assistance program through Community Action stating that they had assisted eleven applicants in the last two weeks totaling \$7,265.

He praised the recent work of the Versailles Fire Department and Captain Josh Slone in the swift water rescue of a Versailles resident.

Mayor Traugott mentioned a recent Paul Prather column which focused on the efforts of his daughter-in-law, Cassie Prather, Director of the Woodford County Health Department. Mayor Traugott noted that the pandemic has not been easy and Ms. Prather has led Woodford County extremely well.

Mayor Traugott, on behalf of Public Works Director Bart Miller, presented a request to surplus a 1991 Chevrolet Dump Truck (VIN # 2016) on govdeals.com.

MOTION BY COLEMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO SURPLUS AND SELL ON GOVDEALS A 1991 CHEVROLET DUMP TRUCK (VIN# 2016).

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Coleman, Dake, Johnson, Siegelman and Smither voting aye.

Mayor Traugott brought up the issue of the parking lot at Woodford Plaza. He noted that it has been a hot topic on social media because the parking lot has dangerously large potholes, lines are faded, and it is in overall disrepair. He asked City Attorney Bill Moore if there is anything the City can do since the shopping center, including the parking lot, is privately owned. Attorney Moore stated that it may fall under Code Enforcement as a nuisance violation. Council member Dake mentioned the lack of concrete islands results in a free for all for vehicles coming and going. Council member Smither stated that it was alleged that the parking lot will be repaired upon the completion of the new Community Trust Bank building. Mayor Traugott stated that he would have Code Enforcement Officer Rock Vance make contact with the property owner.

Mayor Traugott mentioned creating a Sustainability Committee which would be a joint committee with Woodford County and Midway. The committee would focus on sustainability, energy usage in government buildings and fleet, the carbon footprints of government operations, minimizing water loss, etc and devise policies that would promote energy efficiency. The council agreed with moving forward on creating the committee.

Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports

Council member Smither offered condolences to the family of Jalen Workman, he was a local eighteen year old that recently passed away.

Council member Siegelman congratulated Versailles Fire, Woodford County Fire, and EMS on the recent swift water rescue.

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Council member Dake stated that a Water & Sewer Committee meeting was held today and the committee is recommending a sewer adjustment for 459 Barroway Lane in the amount of \$1,621.44.

MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY COLEMAN TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 459 BARROWAY LANE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,621.44.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Coleman, Dake, Johnson, Siegelman and Smither voting aye.

Council member Dake also noted that the Main Street Clean Sweep has been scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd 9:00am – 12:00pm. Anyone interested in volunteering can meet outside the Courthouse.

Council member Siegelman brought up the idea of a city-wide Clean-up Day. Mayor Traugott noted that due to the City no longer owning garbage trucks, it most likely isn't feasible. He will have Mr. Miller discuss the possibility at the next council meeting.

Department Directors

Police Chief Mike Murray stated that as spring is approaching, he will once again be sending emails every Friday detailing the events for the weekend. This weekend there is the Lucky Leprechaun race on Saturday 8:00am – noon to benefit the Woodford Humane Society.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY COLEMAN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(B) TO DELIBERATE ON THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND KRS 61.810(1)(C) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION AGAINST OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES AND KRS 61.810(G) DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN A PUBLIC AGENCY AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF A BUSINESS ENTITY AND DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL, IF OPEN DISCUSSIONS WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE SITING, RETENTION, EXPANSION, OR UPGRADING OF THE BUSINESS.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Coleman, Dake, Johnson, Siegelman and Smither voting aye.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY COLEMAN TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Coleman, Dake, Johnson, Siegelman and Smither voting aye.

MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY COLEMAN TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 525 MARSAILLES ROAD (FORMERLY KROGER) FROM AMERICO REAL ESTATE.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Coleman, Dake, Johnson, Siegelman and Smither voting aye.

Storm Curtis, a local resident, was present for the council meeting and asked Mayor Traugott for further details on what the City will do with the building. Mayor Traugott stated that the City recently solicited for proposals for a family entertainment center and that this building would be related to that. Mr. Curtis voiced his support for that type of project.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK