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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, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON AND FRED SIEGELMAN. COUNCIL MEMBERS KEN KERKHOFF AND AARON SMITHER WERE ABSENT. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.**

**DEPT. HEADS: MITZI DELIUS, MIKE MURRAY, T.A. RANKIN, AND ARIEL O'REEL WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No public comment was received.**

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

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

**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.**

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

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 JOINT MEETING.**

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

**Mayor Traugott presented Resolution 2022-16 which honors the service of Winfrey Adkins with the Versailles Fire Department. Mayor Traugott stated that Mr. Adkins has served with the Versailles Fire Department for sixty years and two months and worked with Mayor Traugott's grandfather. He noted that Mr. Adkins is a family man, a good friend and the fire station is in such good shape due to his service to the department. Chief T.A. Rankin stated that he has never seen such a level of commitment from anyone in all of his years of service. Chief Rankin did note that Mr. Adkins was in his twenty-third year of service the year he was born. Winfrey Adkins wished to thank the Council for all of their support throughout the years. He stated that his son Jim was making fire runs with him when he was as young as five. He noted that Jim followed in his footsteps becoming a firefighter, which he joked that he didn't have a chance because he has always had firefighting in his blood. Mr. Adkins stated that he has served under seven different fire chiefs and he has always loved the opportunity to serve and he greatly appreciates the honor of being recognized.**

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-16 HONORING THE SERVICE OF WINFREY ADKINS.**

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

**City of Midway Council member Stacy Thurman was present with Dr. Alison Davis, Executive Director of the Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK) to discuss housing assessment results for the City of Versailles. Ms. Thurman stated that Midway Mayor Grayson Vandegrift put together a housing assessment committee for the City of Midway and then realized it would be greatly beneficial if it were for the entire county. Dr. Davis started her presentation by acknowledging that Woodford County alone is not an isolation and many counties have been affected by the housing crisis nationwide. Dr. Davis stated that after 2009 'starter homes' that are between 1,000 and 1,200 square feet are no longer being built but much larger homes are and the median size for a home now is 2,584 square feet with a sales price of \$327,100.00. She stated that the nation is missing middle housing homes as homes are being built for higher and lower income but not for the middle income households. Dr. Davis did a Woodford County housing demand study report in September 2022 and presented the City of Versailles takeaways. She noted that there was a consensus that there is not enough adequate housing in Versailles especially based on income.**

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Many of the individuals responded that they live outside of Woodford County and stated that they would live in Woodford County if they could but housing was not adequate or affordable. Overall, Dr. Davis stated that there are households who cannot afford housing in the city. Mayor Traugott pointed out that the market is saying that higher income is working because homes that are of higher prices are selling. Dr. Davis responded that the market is driving it and that is why lower and middle income classes are not living here in Versailles. She noted that the private market will not address the housing crisis as it is profitable towards them which is why this is happening across the country in urban and rural areas. Council member Johnson asked if this study looked at rental versus home ownership. Ms. Johnson claimed that the goal is to get individuals to home ownership. Dr. Davis asked how to create communities for the younger generation. She stated that this is a generational preference as younger individuals do not want to take on a giant mortgage as they would prefer to be debt free. She claimed that this is a significant shift in housing preference for ages thirty and younger. Dr. Davis ended the presentation by asking how we create a community to meet all needs.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2022-36 Exempting the Property Located at 120 U.S. 60 Bypass from City Ad Valorem Taxes for a Period of Five Years with Certain Conditions.

At the request of Council member Bradley, City Attorney Bill Moore provided first reading of Ordinance 2022-37 Amending Section 75.08 of the City's Code of Ordinances to Provide for Appeals from the Granting of an Event Permit by the Chief of Police.

Mayor Traugott presented a municipal order regarding the city repair of city sidewalks and the creation of a cost sharing program between the city and city residents.

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2022-10 REGARDING REPAIR OF CITY SIDEWALKS AND CREATING A COST SHARING PROGRAM FOR CITY RESIDENTS.**

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

Council member Dake stated in the municipal order on the second page on number four there needs to be an s added after the word dispose to make it disposes.

Council member Johnson wanted to clarify that the city is trying to fix sidewalks that are in need of repair and listed in the D grade.

Mayor Traugott assured Ms. Johnson that is the intent and the city will try to make that clear to the public.

Chief Mike Murray presented a resolution which is a grant application through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for ammunition and firearms which shoot simunitions. Chief Murray explained that the total project is \$14,724.18 of which only \$4,000.00 was budgeted so he is asking the Council to approve \$10,724.18.

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-13 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR DUTY WEAPONS/FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.**

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

Chief Mike Murray presented a resolution which is a grant application through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for replacing all of the officers' Tasers and software needed for function. Chief Murray stated that the total project is \$86,070.70 of which only \$20,000.00 was budgeted so he is asking the Council to approve \$66,070.70.

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**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-14 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR DUTY WEAPONS/TASERS AND ACCESSORIES.**

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

Drew Chandler, Director of Emergency Management for Woodford County presented a resolution to adopt a new regional hazardous mitigation plan. Director Chandler stated that Bluegrass Area Development District worked alongside Woodford County Emergency Management to go through the previous five year hazard mitigation plan to improve and update a current one. Director Chandler claimed that the next step is to adopt the new plan that way it helps build a stronger application when pursuing hazard mitigation grants. Council member Johnson asked what the biggest risk would be to the city of Versailles. Director Chandler responded that flooding is definitely the biggest risk, especially flash flooding followed by regular severe weather. Council member Dake stated that she has heard that heat related deaths are the most common type of weather death. Ms. Dake asked if anything about heat or drought related to climate change is mentioned in the report. Director Chandler responded that drought is identified in the report as a low risk but he does not think that heat is directly mentioned in the report.

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-15 REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN.**

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

Utilities Manager Mitzi Delius presented quotes for a used backhoe to be used at the waste water treatment plant.

Clark Heavy Equipment	\$35,000.00
H Richardson & Sons	\$33,000.00
Craigmyle Farm Equipment	\$24,800.00

Ms. Delius requested that the Council approve the quote presented by Craigmyle Farm Equipment for a 1996 John Deere 310D backhoe in the amount of \$24,800.00.

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE QUOTE AS SUBMITTED BY CRAIGMYLE FARM EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,800.00 TO PURCHASE A 1996 JOHN DEERE 310D BACKHOE.**

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

Mayor Traugott stated that he previously attended a presentation given by Southern Communications in regards to a radio project for Woodford County. Mayor Traugott claimed that it is inarguably a necessary project that benefits all public safety agencies in Woodford County. Mayor Traugott stated that Police Chief Murray will be asking the Council to commit to the city's portion of the project. Chief Murray claimed that radio communications are less than desirable in certain parts of the county. Chief Murray stated that their current radio communication system is obsolete as parts are not available for replacement. Chief Murray disclosed that Travis Shelton with Southern Communications put a package together for this project. Chief Murray asked the Council to earmark funds for this radio project. Council member Siegelman asked Chief Murray what portion of the project the city would be responsible for. Chief Murray responded that the project was quoted in July at \$1,166,404.00 and Versailles portion would be 45% of the total cost and it would be about a six month project. City Attorney Bill Moore asked why we did not bid the project out. Chief Murray explained that they did bid the project out but there were no bids received which led to negotiations with Southern Communications.

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO EARMARK UP TO 45% OF \$1,166,404.00 FOR THE RADIO PROJECT.**

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

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**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBIN STONE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY REPLACING BETTY HOWARD FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 4, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026.**

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

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

Mayor Traugott congratulated Emily Downey, the Woodford County Chamber of Commerce and everyone involved for hosting a wonderful Twilight Festival.

Mayor Traugott reminded everyone that the Versailles Merchants Association is hosting an Oktoberfest this Saturday from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Mayor Traugott informed the council that at the next work session, Morgain Patterson with KLC will be doing a presentation on the council's role in zoning.

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

Council member Siegelman congratulated Winfrey Adkins on his long acting service to the Versailles Fire Department.

Council member Dake stated that she spoke with Donna Kelly who helps run a backpack program for students. She stated that 457 elementary students are currently being served but food prices have increased and it is getting expensive to fill the backpacks. Ms. Dake asked if the city could provide any funds to this backpack program. Ms. Dake also stated that Woodford Wheels recently delivered 225 rides.

Council member Johnson stated that the Building Standards & Downtown Development Ad-Hoc Committee recently added Kim Estes as a member to the committee and they recently received an application from Alex Mason to become a member of the committee.

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ALEX MASON TO THE BUILDING STANDARDS & DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE.**

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

Council member Johnson provided table notes from the recent Downtown Stakeholder Summit which they will be discussing at their next Building Standards & Downtown Development Ad-Hoc Committee on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Council member Johnson also thanked the Mayor for his service as being the Kentucky League of Cities president.

Mayor Traugott presented Resolution 2022-17 which would allow the Planning Commission to repeal planned unit developments since there is confusion about allowing them in planning ordinance. He stated that the council would pass this request back on to Planning & Zoning.

**MOTION RESCINDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-17 REPEAL OF PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.**

**Department Directors**

Police Chief Murray stated that the police department has been receiving numerous speeding complaints. He claimed that the department will soon be receiving a speeding trailer. He stated that it will be moved weekly based on a generated list of areas with high speeding complaints.

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**Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.**

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**