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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

VERSAILLES POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM/9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUOGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM, MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, AND GARY JONES. COUNCIL MEMBER ANN MILLER ARRIVED AT 2:15 P.M.

DEPT. HEADS: BART MILLER , MIKE MURRAY, T.A. RANKIN, AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Traugott opened the meeting with an icebreaker and presented his goals for the upcoming year.

The following department directors and agency heads gave an informational overview of their respective responsibilities, duties, and goals:

- 1. Elizabeth Reynolds, City Clerk/Treasurer**
- 2. T.A. Rankin, Fire Chief**
- 3. Lucas Witt, Economic Development**
- 4. Mike Murray, Police Chief**
- 5. Bart Miller, Public Works Director**
- 6. Rich Pictor, Executive Director of Parks & Recreation**
- 7. Drew Chandler, Director of Emergency Management**
- 8. Judge Executive James Kay**

Open Discussion/Visioning

Mayor Traugott stated that he has a meeting on Thursday with Judge Kay, Mayor Thurman from the City of Midway, and Planning Director Steve Hunter regarding the update to the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that he would like to figure out how to best approach the Comp Plan discussion. The Council discussed the need for affordable/starter homes but the difficulty trying to legislate to force those.

Mayor Traugott also brought up the possibility of changing from a Net Profits Tax to a Gross Receipts Tax and noted that it is typically more stable but can be less revenue. Council member Jones expressed his concern, as both a council member and a small business owner, that Gross Receipts Tax kills small business.

Mayor Traugott took the opportunity to address speed bumps which are often requested from residents. He stated that his position against them has not changed and that the streets are owned by taxpayers as a whole and speed bumps are a hindrance to public safety (first responders, road salting, etc).

MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(b) TO DELIBERATE ON THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(c) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION AGAINST OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES.

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.

MOTION BY BINGHAM, SECONDED BY MILLER TO RETURN TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.

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Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAU GOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK