

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
CITY OF VERSAILLES BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY HALL

September 10, 2024

6:00 P.M.

City Hall – 104 N. Fisher, Versailles

& via Zoom

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Versailles met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in person, via Zoom and via Facetime with the following officials and department heads present: Mayor Morrow, Alderpersons Brian Bias, Kriston Bentch and Dina Dunklee via Facetime. Clerk Webb, Financial Officer Garber, Financial Officer Stone, Police Chief Hartman, City Attorney Andrew Hardwick, Superintendent of Public Works Charles Hibdon, and Lonnie Madole, Verlon Persinger and Tim Geraghty of Alliance Water Resources.

Others present were Laura and Tony Coons, Chris Cooper, Dan Owsley, Nick Weber of Cochran Engineering and others who did not sign in.

Mayor Morrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderperson Dunklee seconded by Alderperson Bentch to approve the regular minutes of August 13, 2024 and closed session minutes of August 13, 2024 and Special Session August 15, 2024 as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Motion was made to approve the attached accounts and in addition a bill from Carpenter-Guenther in the amount of \$720.00, a bill from Hawkins in the amount of \$705.15 and a bill from Garber Motors totaling \$78.93 by Alderperson Bias, seconded by Alderperson Bias. Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

Nick Weber of Cochran Engineering

School lift station is up and running. There was a change order submitted that will raise the end contracted amount \$11,215.25 taking the total to \$366,161.75.

Motion was made by Alderperson Bentch, seconded by Alderperson Dunklee to approve Mayor Morrow to sign the Cochran change order for the school lift station project taking the full amount to \$366,161.75. Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

Bid opening for remaining ARPA projects will be October 1, 2024.

REPORTS

Mayor Morrow

1. Signed a proclamation presented by Rock Island DAR promoting Constitution Week Sept. 17-23.
2. Have CIT meeting Thursday
3. Participating in a mobility summit pertaining to transportation

4. New employees are fitting in well
5. No dangerous building hearing due to the switch in City Attorneys
6. Need a vote to approve having a topographical survey done on the old MFA lot prior to beginning the hotel project. Motion made by Alderperson Bentch, seconded by Alderperson Bias to allow the lessee of the Old MFA lot have a topographical survey done on the property prior to the beginning of the hotel project. Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

Bobbie Garber – Financial Officer

1. Getting ready for budget time, will get budget packets out to department heads next week. If there needs to be any updated additions or subtractions to the line items Bobbie will be glad to update those.

Duane Miller – Fire Chief

2. Spoke with Morgan County Commissioner Tony Stephens and if the Fire Department is not awarded the FEMA grant Morgan County will discuss giving some ARPA funds to the Fire Department for radios.

Charles Hibdon – Superintendent of Public Works

1. Starting meter replacement end of August.
2. August 13 meeting two people were hired and one of them declined the job offer.
3. Started the water meter installation project and it is going more slowly than anticipated.
4. Getting ready for Apple Fest, citizens please clean yards up and don't stack brush up until after Apple Fest. Planning on doing the monthly chipping the week of October 7th.
5. Alderperson Dunklee stated that the school will have students to help with getting the town ready for Apple Festival the Friday before just like last year.

Lonnie Madole – Alliance Water Resources

1. Still painting at the sewer plant, all the prep work is done.
2. Things are running smoothly.

Chad Hartman – Police Chief and Erik Hellstrom – Assistant Chief

1. Working on inspections and permits
2. Apple Festival Table Top meeting to prepare EMS and other involved will be Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Airport

1. Bought more fuel
2. Having a fly-in during Apple Fest

Unfinished Business

LAGERS Initial Valuation

Motion made by Alderperson Bias seconded by Alderperson Dunklee to have LAGERS do the initial valuation for all full time employees to see if it would be a feasible change in retirement plans. The initial valuation will cost around \$955.00. Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

Ordinance – Bulk Water Prices

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New Business

Andrew Hardwick – City Attorney Resignation

City Attorney Andrew Hardwick was elected Circuit Judge of the 26th circuit, division 1. His resignation as Versailles City Attorney and Prosecutor takes place at 11:59 p.m. September 10.

Purchasing of Street Signs

Several street signs are missing and the city does not currently have many replacements in stock. Morgan County 911 used to make them but has since stopped. Supt. of Public Works Charles Hibdon addressed the council asking them if they would like to pursue the purchase of new street signs. MVE does make them or City of Versailles could look into supplies to make our own. Need to do some price checking.

Scheduling Budget Meetings

November 5, 2024 at 4 p.m. will be Aldermen with department head one on one meetings and November 26 at 6 p.m. will be the public budget meeting tentatively. If there are any local sporting event conflicts, the November 26th meeting will be moved to another date.

Total H2O Solutions Letters

Letters will be mailed to all water customers from Total H2O Solutions that will ask important questions about their water hookups to aid in the Lead Service Line Inventory. It is not solicitation or junk mail.

Retaining Highway Access from City Streets Along Hwy. 5/52

Motion was made by Alderperson Dunklee, seconded by Alderperson Bias to give Mayor Morrow permission to write a letter to the MoDOT stating that the City of Versailles will not relinquish any undeveloped streets or drives that are access points to the Highway 5 or Highway 52 corridors in city limits. Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

Combining Two Parcels on Monroe St. Owned by Chris Clark

Motion was made by Alderperson Bias, seconded by Alderperson Bentch to approve the combination of part of lots 37, 38, 39, part of lots 26 & 27 and lots 40 & 41 in the Scottens Addition to the City of Versailles into one parcel. Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

Carpenter – Guenther and Quality Industries Property Boundary Change

Quality Industries has a pavilion built on a small piece of property behind their building that is owned by Carpenter-Guenther Lumber Company. Carpenter-Guenther had the triangular shaped piece surveyed off and is selling it to Quality Industries. The property is not in a subdivision but is located near the Rock Island Trail and N. Hunter behind Quality Industries building. It is zoned commercial and adds .24 acres to the Quality Industries property.

Motion was made by Alderperson Bias, seconded by Alderperson Bentch to approve the purchase of .24 acres by Quality Industries from Carpenter-Guenther changing the boundary of both parcels.

Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

Trail Use License Agreement

Need to sign the agreement between City of Versailles and the State of Missouri before work can begin on the trail that runs in the city limits. Motion was made by Alderperson Dunklee seconded by Alderperson Bentch to allow the mayor to sign the trail use license agreement. Motion carried by the following vote: Bentch, yea; Dunklee, yea; Bias, yea (vacancy).

Alderperson Bias mentioned he was worried about the maintenance and repair of the trail. Mayor Morrow stated that there are certain native plants that can be planted along the trail that can help cut down on mowing. If there are majorly washed-out places in the trail after rain the state will repair because it is a state park.

Motion was made by Alderperson Bentch, seconded by Alderperson Dunklee to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) pertaining to hiring, firing, discipline and pay of employees.

Closed Session After returning to open session it was announced that The Law Offices of Saab & Associates, Inc. was hired as The City of Versailles Attorney for \$1300.00 per month and Doug Kinde was hired as The City of Versailles prosecutor for \$800.00 per month.

Motion by Alderperson Bentch seconded by Alderperson Bias to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Jamie Morrow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Webb, City Clerk