December 12, 2023

On December 12, 2023, the Versailles town council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members and attorney Lynn Fledderman were in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Ben Sieverding presented the monthly Fire Department report. The department has responded to 598 calls so far in 2023 including 62 in November.

Department reports were received prior to the meeting and were read and reviewed by council. Items on the consent agenda were accepted.

Greg Goodnight with Gardner Insurance was present to discuss the renewal of the town's insurance policies. Council unanimously agreed to updates and approved the renewal.

Jeff and Sue French were present to discuss their opposition to the Ripley County Annex installing a parking lot on the residential side of the building. Jeff stated that the building was designed with the greenspace and no parking as a residential buffer and a parking lot would have adverse effects on the residential street.

Kendall Hankins was present to request that council consider granting the county permission to install the parking lot behind the annex. He states that this will improve parking at the courthouse and annex. This matter was taken under advisement and will be discussed at a special meeting.

Holly will be submitting READI grant requests to the state this month.

Salary Ordinance 2024-1 was passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-8 establishing rules for use of the Kevin Hensley Memorial Park facilities was unanimously adopted after the 2nd reading.

Modification of the utility disconnect policy were discussed. Options will be presented at the next meeting in January with the intent of reducing the number of shut offs each month.

Lynn suggested a utility rate study. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Sarah Bauman, Clerk-Treasurer

Roxanne Meyer, Council President

Mike Daugherty, Council member

Josh Combs, Council member