

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Venz, Cook, Gray and Wehner; Absent – Tinnin. Mayor Mike Cage presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Cpl. Agee, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Finance Director Pat Parsons, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Parks Supt. Larry Crites and City Attorney Brian Malone.

Council, staff, etc. then said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 13, 2019 council meeting were presented for approval. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. On a call by the chair, minutes of the council meeting were then approved.**

Warrants

Mayor Cage reported warrants in the amount of \$127,758.56. **Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Underwood, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Boyer, Gray, and Cook; Nays – none.**

Visitors - none

Correspondence - none

Bids

Fire Department – Turnout Gear

Fire Chief Cremer stated three bids were received as follows: Sentinel Emergency Solutions \$24,733.69; Schuhmacher Fire Equipment \$25,128.00; and Banner Fire Equipment \$28,176.00. After review of all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Sentinel. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the bid from Sentinel Emergency Solutions for \$24,733.69, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Underwood and Cook; Nays – none.**

Public Works Department – HVAC for Stone Building

Matt Clemens stated three bids were received as follows: Bone Heating and Cooling \$5,619.40; Townsend Heating and Cooling \$6,336.00; and Crystal Heating and Cooling \$6,700.00. After review of all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Bone. **Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the bid from Bone Heating and Cooling for \$5,619.40, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Underwood and Cook; Nays – none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4499 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving a Petition to establish Festus Commons Community Improvement District; establishing the District as a political subdivision of the State of Missouri; and making the findings and authorizing actions relating to the establishment of the District. Councilman Underwood made a motion to read Bill No. 4499 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Mayor Cage called for discussion. **Bill No. 4499 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Councilmembers Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Gray and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Cage declared Ordinance No. 4499 passed.**

Resolution No. 4499 ½ - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; supporting pedestrian improvements to Old A Highway; incorporating the same in the City's Major Streets Plan; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4499 ½. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4499 ½, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Resolution No. 4499 ½ was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Councilmembers Boyer, Underwood, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Gray and Cook; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Resolution No. 4499 ½ passed.**

Bill No. 4500 – An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Festus, Missouri to issue its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Festus Hospitality LLC Project), Series 2019, in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of acquiring and constructing a facility for an Industrial Development Project in the City; Approving a Plan for the Project; and Authorizing the City to enter into certain agreements and take certain other actions in connection with the issuance of the bonds. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4500 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Jason Terry of Gilmore and Bell also addressed the Council.

Councilman Venz made a motion to read Bill No. 4500 for a second time, motion was seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4500 for the second time. Bill No. 4500 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Council members Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Gray and Cook; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Ordinance No. 4500 passed.

Bill No. 4501 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO,; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an Agreement with R&D Computer Systems, LLC for a Laserfiche Documents Management System; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4501 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4501 for a second time, motion was seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4501 for the second time. Bill No. 4501 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Council members Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Gray and Cook; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Ordinance No. 4501 passed.**

New Business

Clerk Patek stated she had received a request for a liquor license for 5% beer and wine for the new Saigon Restaurant which will open in the old Taytro's location at 343 N. Creek Drive. Clerk Patek stated application met all requirements and Chief Lewis had a background check performed and approved the application. **Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the liquor license, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business

Mayor Cage asked Council if they would like to revisit at a work session a "Council Code of Conduct" that they had previously discussed. Greg Camp stated he would gather information regarding a proposed policy.

Reports

City Administrator provided a written report which included the items listed below.

- Update on Fifth Street Project
- Met with Robinson Outdoor regarding electronic message boards
- Met with representatives of Ridgeview Subdivision regarding possible annexation, however, they are not compact and contiguous
- Met with Editor of 573 Magazine about City's current ad and updates
- Had monthly quad city administrator's meeting on KJFF
- Met with Jason Eisenbeis and Stifel about restructuring current debt on wastewater treatment plant
- Met with Matt Clemens and Jacobs to finalize details to advertise WWTF project
- Met with Matt Clemens, Larry Goodwin and Cochran Engineering about status of Mr. Goodwin's development
- Met with Transwestern (Smoothie King project) about additional development opportunities in the Festus area

Councilman Boyer – Stated he attended the Black History Luncheon and what a nice event it was and in the program he noticed Crystal City and others were listed as sponsors of the event, but not Festus, and he asked if they could look into that for next year. Stated there was some new construction going on in Ward I and that he was happy to see that.

Councilman Wilkey – Thanked the Cultural Diversity Committee for the Black History luncheon event.

Councilman Venz – Stated he was glad to see the City have a full table at the Black History luncheon. Asked what the City's plan were to deal with traffic congestion in the Gannon Dr. area when Starbucks and Smoothie King are opened. Greg Camp addressed the traffic congestion concerns and stated the Council will be working on this situation in the near future.

Councilman Wehner – Stated he would like to get feedback from the Gannon Drive business owners and that he knows we have received some public comment, but that he would like to hear from those directly impacted.

Councilman Venz – Asked Police Cpl. Agee what the department was doing about all the red lights being run on A Hwy. Cpl. Agee stated they have set up traffic details at certain locations, but the department is running short staffed currently.

Councilman Cook – Stated he would like to discuss the City’s cell phone plan at the next work session. Stated he was not comfortable having the City be a landlord and suggested selling the property attached to the Library. Mayor Cage stated that if the City would do that then the City would have no control over what businesses located next to the Library. Stated that as he reflects on the parking lot deal with Comtrea that he wished he would have voted no for it at the time – that the City has agreed to maintain a privately owned parking lot that mainly Comtrea vehicles are parking on. Stated that he would like to see fencing along the bridge on W. Main St. at the 55 overpass. Greg Camp stated he would contact Judy Wagner of MoDOT regarding that.

Councilman Underwood – Thanked everyone who attended the Black History luncheon.

Councilman Wehner – Stated that the Black History luncheon was a great event and thanked the Cultural Diversity Committee and Giving Something Back to the Community and that this was an event for everyone. Stated that there would be a joint Council meeting with Crystal City on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Festus Library.

Councilman Gray – Asked Brian Malone if he had drafted a legal opinion yet on his Tourism Tax distribution question. Brian Malone stated that he was working on it and would have a response before the next Council meeting.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Updated Council on public works projects. Stated that the West City Force Main project would be going out for bid in March. Matt stated there would be some alternatives included in the overlay project.

Park Supt. Larry Crites – Informed Council that a playground structure in Sunset Park Byrd Sanctuary had been lost when a large tree fell on it during last weeks storm. Larry thanked Clerk Patek for setting up a claim with MIRMA quickly and that they have okayed the structure being replaced. Security cameras will be bid on April 11, 2019.

City Clerk Kerry Patek – Stated there was a new retail business at 509 W. Main St. called The Bug Store, which is part of Robert’s Pest Control. Clerk Patek informed Council that the City received a 97% on its annual MIRMA evaluation and thanked all department heads for their participation.

Mayor Cage – Stated he would like to have a work session on the Mill and Second Street parking lot.

Adjournment

Councilman Cook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Underwood. On a call by the chair the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.