

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Venz, Tinnin, Cook and Wehner; Absent – none; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Dennis. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Police Captain Doug Wendel, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Building Official Mark Harris, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis and City Attorney Brian Malone.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$265,870.91. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of February 13, 2023 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Dennis, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors – none

Bids

Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh requested permission to purchase ten (10) radio pagers. This expenditure was budgeted this year for up to \$10,000.00. The request is for ten pagers at a cost of \$6,885.00; ten chargers at a cost of \$860.00; and five nylon cases at a cost of \$195.00 for a total cost of \$7,940.00 from Wireless USA who is the authorized Motorola dealer for Jefferson County. Councilmembers requested that Chief Broombaugh be allowed to purchase up to the \$10,000 which was budgeted.

Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the requested purchase and allow for additional purchases up to \$10,000 for pagers, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4715 - An Ordinance of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Title II: Public Health, Safety and Welfare; Chapter 210: Offenses; Sections 210.1810, 210.1820, 210.1840 and 210.1880 and enacting new Code Sections 210.1920 and 210.1920, and Amending Title III: Traffic Code; Chapter 342: Alcohol-Related Traffic Offenses; Sections 342.010 and 342.050, to address changes to the Missouri Constitution concerning Possession of Recreational Marijuana and Restricting Public Smoking and Consumption of Marijuana; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4715 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Attorney Brian Malone gave a staff report. **Councilman Collier made a motion to read Bill No. 4715 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4715 for the second time. Bill No. 4715 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Wehner, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4715 passed.**

New Business

2023 Roadblock Schedule

January	Not Allowed
February	Not Allowed
March	Twin City Amvets Post 171 (March 18 th or rain March 25 th)
April	VFW Buddy Poppy
May	Shop with a Cop (May 20 th or rain May 27 th)
June	Our Cancer Hero
July	Shop with a Cop
August	Festus Fire Department (Aug. 19 th or rain 26 th)
September	Mapaville State School PTO
October	Knights of Columbus (Oct. 7 or rain Oct. 14 th)
November	Not Allowed
December	Not Allowed

Clerk Patek stated applications had been received for the annual roadblocks and needed to be approved by Council as presented. **Councilman Collier made a motion to approve the roadblocks for 2023, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business - none

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Stated he had taken the CPR training through JPAD and encouraged everyone to do so. Stated he had gone on a ride-along with the police department and encouraged the other Council members to do so also.

Councilman Wehner – Mentioned the flyer for volunteers for the Ozark Food Pantry on the City's website and commended Barb Lowry on updating the City's social media accounts and getting information out to the public.

Councilman Dennis – Thanked Councilman Wehner for making the effort to encourage volunteers for the food pantry and other activities for the benefit of our community.

Councilman Cook – Asked about any plans for a dog park. Greg Camp stated there are plans for a dog park, however, they are still in the planning phase and looking for the right location. Stated that a young girl, Charlotte Pippin, wanted to address the Council with suggestions for activities for kids in our community. Asked Matt Unrein about the metal shelving at the library, Matt stated he would look into it.

Councilman Collier – Thanked Stephanie Cunningham for the budget report and keeping the Council up to date. Asked about the traffic problem on Brothers and Mueller and school buses not being able to navigate very well in that area. Asked Mark Harris about the trash, etc. behind Enterprise Leasing. Mark Harris stated the process for cleaning up that area has already been started.

Councilwoman Templeton – Thanked Stephanie Cunningham for the budget report and keeping Council up to date and thanked Barb Lowry for the City's social media presence.

Councilman Venz – Commended Stephanie Cunningham on her budget report. Asked about the railroad height clearance signs at the new trestle. Greg Camp gave an update on the signs. Matt Unrein stated he will correct the sign there currently.

Mayor Sam Richards – Stated he was proud of how things were going in the City and proud of the City workforce.

Adjournment

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