

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Boyer, Wehner, Gray, Dennis, Cook, and Tinnin; Absent – Underwood and Wilkey. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Parks Supt. Larry Crites, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham and City Attorney Larry Wadsack. City Clerk Kerry Patek absent.

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

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Richards reported warrants in the amount of \$560,311.90. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Wehner, Boyer, Gray, Cook, Dennis; Nays – none.**

**Visitors**

Mayor Sam Richards presented Bill Reece's 3<sup>rd</sup> Period 7<sup>th</sup> Grade World Geography class a proclamation for their community service project.

Wendy Manasco who lives at 1030 N. Mill Dr. in Festus – addressed the Council on the drainage issues and a property dispute with her neighbor at #1 Cave Dr. in Festus. Both the Mayor and City Administrator said the city will look into it.

Mike Povich – resident of the City – addressed the Council regarding fluoridation in the City water supply. Mr. Povich left an article for Council members to review.

**Bids**

**Street/Park Dept. – 2 Park Lift Stations Grinder Pump**

Matt Clemens stated three bids were received. After review of all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Butler Supply. **Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the bid from Butler Supply LLC \$15,621.84, seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Police Dept. – In-Car Video Purchase**

Chief Lewis requested permission to purchase two new in-car video systems through a vendor specific bid with Digital Ally cameras for a cost of \$8,110.00. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the purchase of the two new in-car video systems for \$8,110.00, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 4564 ½** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; establishing Rules of Decorum and adopting a Request to Speak form; and establishing an effective date. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Resolution No. 4564 ½. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried. Greg read Resolution No. 4564 ½. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Resolution No. 4564 ½ was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, and Tinnin; Nays – Cook; Abstain - Gray. Mayor Richards declared Resolution No. 4564 ½ passed.**

**Bill No. 4564** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Amending Sections 115.160 Order of Business in the Municipal Code of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. Greg read Bill No. 4564 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4564 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Greg read Bill No. 4564 for the second time. Bill No. 4564 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4564 passed.**

**Bill No. 4565** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Granting an Easement for 2300 Sunshine Drive (West City Lagoon), Festus, Missouri to Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and establishing an effective date. Greg read Bill No. 4565 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4565 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously. Greg read Bill No. 4565 for the second time. Bill No. 4565 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4565 passed.**

**Bill No. 4566** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Granting an Easement for 2150 Sunshine Drive (Ludwig Lift Station), Festus, Missouri to Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and establishing an effective date. Greg read Bill No. 4566 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4566 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Greg read Bill No. 4566 for the second time. Bill No. 4566 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4566 passed.**

### **New Business**

Picnic Liquor License – one day event on June 6, 2020. The license was approved by T. Cox. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve a full liquor license for the event, motion seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously.**

Historic Tanglefoot Association / Influence Church – Easter Event requested that a portion of Main Street be closed from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve a closure for the event, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor requested appointment of Bobby D. McWilliams to the Twin City Sewage Commission. Matt Clemens mentioned Bobby had expressed interest in being on the Commission. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve a Bobby McWilliams be appointed to the Twin City Sewage Commission, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old Business** - none

### **Reports**

Mayor Richards – Thanked Greg and Councilman Cook for making him aware of Mr. Reece’s class and preparing the proclamation. He mentioned that Festus was listed under the top 20 safest cities in Missouri and thanked the Chief for the job the officers are doing.

Councilman Cook – Thanked the Mayor for the recognition of Coach Reece and his class. Stated he would like to see a 3 year plan for the Police & Fire for purchases. He asked Greg what the plan would be for the coronavirus so he can answer questions that he received. Greg mentioned he would give the Council information.

Councilman Dennis – Stated it was good to see young people doing a project and being recognized. He mentioned the Corona Virus and having a contingency plan for sick leave.

Councilman Wehner – Loved seeing the students. Stated he is also concerned about the corona virus situation and agreed with Councilman Cook's comments about a contingency plan.

Councilman Boyer – Stated that he was impressed with the kids also. He has concerns about the corona virus and thinks the contingency plan is a good idea. He thanked the police for their service.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated that he has seen kids playing on the Tennis Courts and lots of compliments were received.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Cook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Boyer. On a call by the chair the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.