

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 13, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Venz, Tinnin, Cook and Wehner; Absent – Templeton; 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 \$734,329.97. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of February 27, 2023 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

**Correspondence** - none

**Visitors**

Charlotte Pippin, Festus Elementary student, addressed the Council suggesting the City offer more for kids to do such as water park, splash pad, Slick City, Monkey Joe's, Sky Zone, etc. Council thanked Charlotte for her presentation and told her they would take her ideas under consideration.

Barry Vandiver, Twin City Jeeps, requested permission to host another Burgers for Badges event on June 17, 2023 from 9 am to 4 pm on the Library parking lot.

Councilman Cook asked if he could make a donation for this event. **Motion by Councilman Venz to approve this event, seconded by Councilman Tinnin.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Bids**

City Administrator Greg Camp requested authorization to proceed with foundation repairs at 406 W. Main St. Mr. Camp stated two bids were received as follows: Woods Basement Systems \$34,891.47 and Quality Waterproofing \$46,780.00. After review of both bids staff recommends Woods. Councilman Cook asked if a structural engineer should be consulted before proceeding.

## **Bids (continued)**

Councilman Tinnin stated that with his experience in the construction industry that it would not be necessary and that he has worked with both companies and they have good reputations. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4716** - An Ordinance of the City Council City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the City Administrator to enter in to and execute a Proposal for Services – Structural Assessment of the Festus Red Barn with Bond Architects, Inc.; incorporating said Proposal as part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4716 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4716 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4716 for the second time. Bill No. 4716 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Dennis, Venz, Wehner, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4716 passed.**

## **New Business**

### **Streetside Whimsy Event**

Streetside Whimsy located at 202 E. Main Street requested permission to hold a one day event for their store on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and to close Behring Street next to their store during that time and to use the City parking lot behind their store at that time. Police Department stated they had no problem with this event. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Collier. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Twin City Chamber of Commerce**

Mary Zebrowski, Twin City Chamber of Commerce, requested permission to close Main Street from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023 for Twin City Days. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old Business** - none

**Reports**

Councilman Cook – Thanked Charlotte Pippin for her great presentation and told her he would give up his request for air conditioned bathrooms in the parks so that she and the other kids could get a splash pad.

**Adjournment**

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