

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

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

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

Minutes

Minutes of the March 13, 2019 council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Boyer. 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 \$101,545.70. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Wilkey, Gray, Wehner, Venz, Boyer and Underwood; Nays – none.**

Visitors - none

Correspondence - none

Bids

Library Phone Upgrade

Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that the bid from CMS Solutions for upgrading the Library's existing phone system and in addition to a new system they will be installing a second line. Greg stated CMS Solutions is a GSA schedule-holder for federal, state and local government customers and is the provider for the phone systems at City Hall, Police and Public Works. The bid for the NEC SV 9100 System is \$6,320.41, with a small additional expense for installation of the second phone. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Tinnin, Gray and Underwood; Nays – none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4505 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Improvement Plan for Festus Commons; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4505 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Underwood made a motion to read Bill No. 4505 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4505 for the second time. Bill No. 4505 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Cage declared Ordinance No. 4505 passed.**

New Business

Twin City Little League Parade

Clerk Patek stated she had a request from the Twin City Little League to hold their annual parade on April 27, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m. with the route running from Festus Elementary to the Little League Fields. Chief Lewis stated this is an annual event and gave his ok. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business

Sunset Park Tennis Court Reconstruction

Greg Camp gave a staff report on the status of this project and asked the Council to choose whether they wanted to go with asphalt or post tension concrete for the court surface. Greg stated the price difference would be approximately \$60,000 more for the concrete over the asphalt, but it would pay for itself in the long run because it would last longer. Councilman Tinnin offered information he had received from someone who owns many tennis courts and that he recommended going with the post tension concrete. Councilman Gray questioned the bidding process and asked that two other companies who do this type of work be contacted. Greg Camp explained that McConnell & Associates were experts in tennis court construction and they had been awarded the Interlocal Purchasing System bid. Greg stated he would get more information and bring it back to Council. Mayor Cage asked Council if they preferred to use asphalt or post tension concrete – Council unanimously agreed they wanted the courts to be made of post tension concrete.

Reports

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

- Invited Council to attend Donna Smith's retirement luncheon on Friday at 11:30 at City Hall
- Was guest speaker at Festus Kiwanis Club
- Co-ordinated with R&D Computers for the installation of Laserfiche system
- Co-ordinated with CMS Solutions for Library phone quote and install
- Attended monthly KJFF interview with other area Administrators
- Visited with Beth Tatarko from Austin Peters Group on compensation study progress
- Bids documents are out for the WWTF project, pre-bid conference scheduled for April 1st with bid opening on April 15th

Councilman Wilkey – Stated he attended the Main Street Connection meeting and that it went very well and that they are planning a future town hall meeting. Commended the Parks Dept. on a good job.

Councilman Underwood – Asked Larry Crites about the dead fish in the lake in West City Park. Larry stated they contacted the Conservation Department and they haven't found a specific reason for it but didn't think it was worrisome and this occurs from time to time.

Councilman Wehner – Stated he also attended the Main Street Connection meeting and was very pleased with all the new businesses and work being done to revitalize the downtown area. Thanked Chief Lewis for the foot patrol detail in the downtown area. Asked Chief Lewis about the chronic traffic problems on A Highway. Chief explained the situation and that his department is down several officers currently but are in the process of hiring.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated that when he talked with the gentleman who owns several tennis complexes that he strongly suggested striping them for pickleball also since it has become so popular.

Fire Chief Kevin Cremer – Stated that they are four weeks in on the addition to the Fire House and that they are about half way done and invited Council members to stop by and take a look.

Parks Supt. Larry Crites – Stated that this weekend was the Game 7 ball tournament at West City Park. Stated that the Park Board decided to name the pickleball courts after Jim and Michele Berger for all the work they have done regarding the sport of pickleball. Stated the damaged piece of playground equipment in the Byrd Sanctuary has been delivered and ready to be installed. Requested approval to request a lift in the amount of \$8,940.00 to replace lights and ballasts on Fields 6 & 7 in West City Park. **Councilman Underwood made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilman Wehner – Commended the Bergers on all the work they have done and agreed with the Park Board on naming the pickleball courts after them.

Clerk Patek – Announced three new businesses – Iris Queen Anne’s Lace at 207 Main Street, Drew’s Frozen Treats and Concretes at 390 Festus Centre Drive and Four Brothers Mead at 124B Main Street.

Finance Director Pat Parsons – Provided Council with a sales tax report which indicated a decrease in sales tax revenue. Provided Council with a copy of the audit and asked that they take the next two weeks to review it and that it would be on the next agenda for formal approval.

Mayor Cage – Stated the Mud Run would be on Saturday May 4th. Commended the Council and the Downtown Association group for working together on revitalizing the downtown area. Informed Council that the Schnucks location (formerly Shop n Save) would be closing June 30th.

Adjournment

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