

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Boyer, Gray, Underwood, Wilkey, Venz, Tinnin, Cook and Wehner; Absent – none. Mayor Mike Cage presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Asst. Fire Chief Chuck Boyer, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Finance Director Pat Parsons and City Attorney Larry Wadsack.

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

Minutes

Minutes of the March 27, 2019 council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilman Wehner 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 \$536,357.02. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Venz. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Wilkey, Cook, Gray, Wehner, Venz, Boyer and Underwood; Nays – none.**

Visitors - none

Correspondence

April 2, 2019 Election Results

The election results were read by Clerk Patek as follows:

Mayor:	Robert "Bobby" Venz	1,093
	Sam Richards	1,175
Councilman Ward I:	David Boyer	268
Councilman Ward II:	Marcus Shepherd	77
	Tim Montgomery	213
	Kyle Wilkey	220

Election Results (cont.)

Councilman Ward III:	Kevin Dennis	528
Councilman Ward IV:	Michael Cook	657

Adjourn Sine Die

Councilman Cook made a motion to adjourn Sine Die, motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Patek gave the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Ward I David Boyer; Ward II Kyle Wilkey; Ward III Kevin Dennis and Ward IV Michael Cook had been sworn in earlier today in Clerk Patek's office.

Clerk Patek gave the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Samuel F. Richards.

Mayor Richards presented outgoing Councilman Bobby Venz with a plaque in appreciation of his 14 years of service to the City of Festus as Councilman in Ward III.

Mayor Richards presented outgoing Mayor Mike Cage with a plaque in appreciation of his 9 years as Mayor of the City of Festus. Mayor Cage thanked everyone and commended the office staff at City Hall and stated he was very proud of the City Council and everything they were able to accomplish during his time.

Mayor Richards asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Underwood nominated Bill Gray and Councilman Tinnin nominated Gary Underwood. Votes for Bill Gray were as follows: Councilmembers Dennis, Underwood, Wilkey, Gray and Cook. Votes for Gary Underwood were as follows: Councilmembers Tinnin, Boyer and Wehner. Bill Gray was declared Mayor Pro-Tem.

Reconvene

Meeting reconvened with Mayor Richards presiding.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4506 - An Ordinance to enable the City of Festus, Missouri to join Show Me Pace, pursuant to Sections 67.2800 to 67.2835, RSMo, the "Property Assessment Clean Energy Act", and stating the terms under which the City will conduct activities as a member of such district. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4506 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Gray made a motion to read Bill No. 4506 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4506 for the second time. Bill No. 4506 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Cook, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4506 passed.**

Bill No. 4507 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an Agreement with McConnell & Associates for Tennis Court Reconstruction; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4507 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to read Bill No. 4507 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4507 for the second time. Bill No. 4507 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Cook, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4507 passed.**

New Business

Approval of Audit

Finance Director Pat Parsons stated she had given Councilmembers a copy of the audit a couple of weeks ago and had received no questions from anyone and asked if anyone had any questions this evening. No questions or comments were made. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the Audit, seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business

Reports

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

- Welcomed Mayor Richards and Councilman Dennis
- Met with EDC this morning stated they were searching for a new Executive Director due to the passing of David Dews.
- Attended pre-bid meeting for WWTF closure project. Bid opening scheduled for April 15th
- Meeting with Jason Eisenbeis and Denny Foster about the cities cooperation with the Tanglefoot Association in the Missouri Main Street Connection project. Town hall meeting scheduled for May 16th at 6 p.m.
- Met with Matt Clemens and Ben Vander Baan with Waste Connections regarding yard waste program
- Meeting with Ryan G'Sell and others regarding sidewalks in proposed development
- Bid opening for park security cameras on Thursday, April 11th
- Meeting scheduled for Friday with Circuit Clerk's office regarding our municipal court operation

Councilman Gray asked Greg about the status of the sidewalks in the G'Sell development and Greg stated that they have decided to go with the first option that was proposed and sidewalks will be part of the development.

Councilman Cook asked Greg if the City would be interested in possible doing a recycling co-op with the County and having a designated area with recycling bins where residents could take recyclables.

Councilman Wilkey asked Greg to advertise the Missouri Main Street Connection meeting. Greg stated he would.

Councilman Boyer – Congratulated all the newly elected officials. Asked if the holes on Main Street could be patched. Matt Clemens stated he would take a look at it. Councilman Boyer also asked about the fish kill and Greg stated the Department of Conservation came out and stated that it was a seasonal occurrence that only affected Chad and that he was not concerned about it.

Councilman Wilkey – Congratulated all the newly elected officials and stated that the City parks were looking good and a lot of people were using them.

Councilman Dennis – Stated he was glad to be back on the Council and looked forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Cook – Asked Chief Lewis about the radios and Chief Lewis gave an update. Asked if there would be any reimbursement from FEMA for flood damage in the parks. Greg stated it did not qualify. Asked about the electronic sign and Matt Clemens stated he hoped to have it before the Firecracker Festival. Congratulated all the newly elected officials and welcomed Kevin Dennis back. Hoped that Bobby Venz and Mike Cage would be able to serve on some of the City boards and commissions since they have knowledge and experience.

Councilman Underwood – Congratulated all the newly elected officials.

Councilman Wehner – Thanked Chief Lewis for the traffic detail on A Highway. Congratulated Sam Richards and stated that Festus is in a period of growth with a lot going on and would like to continue in that direction and have more interaction with the school since the passage of Prop F. Pleased that Council passed the contract for the tennis court reconstruction and that Jim Berger would meet with him and Greg tomorrow to discuss striping on the new courts for pickleball.

Councilman Gray – Congratulated all the newly elected officials. Asked about the proposed hotel and Greg answered that the developer is working on their funding. Reminded everyone of the citywide spring cleanup this Saturday.

Councilman Tinnin – Congratulated all the newly elected officials. Glad that the tennis court project passed and looks forward to it getting started.

Police Chief Lewis – Congratulated all the newly elected officials.

Asst. Fire Chief Chuck Boyer – Congratulated all the newly elected officials. Stated the fire house project was a little behind schedule but it was moving along.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Congratulated all the newly elected officials. Stated his written report was in the packet. Gave an update on the Collins Dr. project. Councilman Wehner asked if anything could be done about the vision obstruction created by the new chain link fence on Collins. Matt stated he would look into it.

City Clerk Patek – Congratulated all the newly elected officials and stated she looked forward to working with them.

Finance Director Pat Parsons – Congratulated all the newly elected officials.

Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis – Congratulated all the newly elected officials.

Mayor Richards – Stated it was a privilege to be Mayor of Festus and that he had served 23 years in the Marine Corps, 12 years with Crystal City, 4 years on the Festus Council and that his hope is for everyone to work together for the betterment of the community and that the City is blessed to have the staff that they do.

Adjournment

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