

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 8, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Boyer, Gray, Underwood, Wilkey, Dennis, Tinnin and Wehner; Absent – Cook. Mayor Richards presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Parks Supt. Larry Crites, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Finance Director Pat Parsons and City Attorney Brian Malone.

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

**Minutes**

Minutes of the April 24, 2019 council meeting were presented for approval. **Councilman Underwood made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously. On a call by the chair, minutes of the council meeting were then approved.**

**Warrants**

Mayor Richards reported warrants in the amount of \$426,535.56. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Wilkey, Gray, Wehner, Dennis, Boyer and Underwood; Nays – none.**

**Visitors**

Thomas Elliott and Kelly Hughes, representing the Downtown Tanglefoot Association provided an updated on the activities of their organization. They invited everyone to attend the Missouri Main Street Connection Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Fredericks on Main St.

**Correspondence** - none

## **Bids**

### **Police Dept. Ammunition Purchase**

The Police Department requested to purchase ammunition to be used in the line of duty. It was stated that the department carries federal ammunition while on duty and the quote received is from Gulf States Distributors which is the federal ammunition supplier for this area. The quote for the ammunition needed is \$7,195.00. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approved the bid, motion seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Gray, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Closure of Interim West Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Greg Camp presented the lone bid from Above and Below Contracting and the recommendation letter from Jacobs Engineering for the closure of the interim West Wastewater Treatment Facility. The lump sum bid price exceeds the engineer's estimate of \$3,100,000, however the recommendation from staff is to proceed with the acceptance of the bid from Above and Below Contracting in the amount of \$3,594,850. Follow-up discussions with the contractor have identified at least \$200,000 in project savings. Staff does not feel that putting the project back out for bid would deliver any better numbers since the Metropolitan Sewer District in St. Louis just released millions of dollars worth of work. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to accept the bid of \$3,594,850 from Above and Below Contracting. Motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Gray, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Park Security Cameras**

Greg Camp stated five bids were received on April 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. for park security cameras as follows: Bartels and Missey \$20,045.69; Howard Technology \$39,621.00; WYR It \$43,050.00; Wireless USA \$60,892.00; and Reinhold Electric \$69,000.00. After reviewing all bids staff recommendation was to accept the low bid from Bartels & Missey. **Councilman Gray made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Gray, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4512** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an Agreement with Above and Below Contracting, LLC for the Closure of the Interim West Wastewater Treatment Facility and New Lift Station and New Force Main; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4512 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to read Bill No. 4512 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4512 for the second time. Bill No. 4512 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4512 passed.**

## **New Business**

### **Annual Liquor License Renewals**

Clerk Patek asked for approval for the annual liquor licenses as listed on page 48 of the agenda packet. **Councilman Underwood made a motion to approve all liquor license renewal requests as listed on page 48, motion seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Our Lady Picnic 5K**

Clerk Patek stated the Our Lady's Parish requested permission to hold their 5K Run on June 8, 2019. Chief Lewis stated he has already discussed traffic control with them for the event and that has no issues with the event. **Councilman Underwood made a motion to approve Our Lady's 5K Run, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Liquor License – Kickin It for the Kids – Arnold Legacy Foundation**

Representatives Larry Arnold and Lisa Robinson of the Arnold Legacy Foundation returned to provide Council with more information on their event as previously requested at the last Council meeting. Representatives provided Council with a letter of support from Children's Hospital and answered questions Council members had. Councilman Gray informed them of funds available for community events through the Festus Tourism Commission. **Councilman Underwood made a motion to approve the request for a liquor license, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously**

## **Old Business**

None

## Reports

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

- Opened five bids for park security cameras, reviewed with staff and made recommendation to Council
- Met with Jim Berger concerning mixed tennis court/pickleball use at Sunset Park
- Met with Brian Malone and Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk Mike Reuter and members of his office about transfer of our municipal court
- Opened bid for West City lagoon closure, reviewed with staff and made recommendation to Council
- R & D computers was on site for our Laserfiche install
- Attended Twin City Levee Commission meeting with Matt Clemens
- Attended monthly KJFF radio quad-city interview/report
- Matt Clemens, Josh Whaley, Jim Tindall and I met with Bill Haag from Jacobs engineering to discuss the West City lagoon closure project
- Today is Administrative Professionals Day – a tip of the cap to excellent clerical and administrative staff we have – they are a blessing
- East-West Gateway Coordinating Council approved our request for 2023 project
- Requested work session on compensation study next week
- Would like Council to discuss and consider a public safety tax

Council Boyer – Mentioned the upcoming Town Hall meeting and urged all Council members to attend and all the benefits it provides to the downtown area.

Councilman Wehner – Thanked Councilman Boyer and Mayor Richards for participating in the Taste of Tanglefoot event downtown. Asked Chief Lewis how the traffic details were going on A Highway with people running red lights and speeding. Chief Lewis provided an update. Asked about the status of the completion of the Collins Drive project. Greg Camp and Matt Clemens provided an update. Stated he was glad to see security cameras going in the parks and asked Larry Crites to look for additional sites where the cameras would be helpful.

Councilman Gray – Asked about red light cameras. Chief Lewis provided Council with information on this subject. Asked Matt Clemens about gravel parking areas. Matt explained that new ones are not allowed, however, existing gravel parking areas are allowed. Asked Matt about water complaints and Matt provided information regarding that.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Stated his written report was in the packet and that bids were due this Friday for the annual street overlay project.

Parks Supt. Larry Crites – Thanked Council for the park security cameras and that he was hoping for dryer weather.

Mayor Richards – Stated he observed the police department conducting their traffic detail on A Highway and appreciated their efforts. Councilman Gray suggested putting an empty police car at certain locations to deter traffic violations. Chief Lewis provided his input on this suggestion.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Councilman Boyer made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Law for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to RSMo. 610.021 (1) legal matters. Motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Gray, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.

### **Adjournment**

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