

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on May 22, 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, 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 May 8, 2019 council meeting were presented for approval. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. On a call by the chair, minutes of the council meeting were then approved.** Minutes of the May 15, 2019 work session were presented for approval. **Councilman Tinnin 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 \$194,588.40. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Wilkey, Gray, Wehner, Dennis, Boyer and Underwood; Nays – none.**

Visitors

Mayor Richards stated that anyone wishing to address the Council will do so in a respectful manner and that no foul language will be tolerated and if anyone does not comply they will forfeit their remaining time and be asked to leave.

Ray Stoecklein, 11349 Pounds Rd., wanted to thank the street department for the nice job on Pounds Rd.

Tim Montgomery, 406 Benton Dr., addressed the Council and stated that he was President of the Jefferson County Water Authority and that he wanted to address a safety issue where two City of Festus employees Josh Whaley and Matt Clemens and the JCWA Plant Manager Jaime Aubuchon took a pontoon boat owned by the City of Festus on the Mississippi River to perform maintenance on one of the laterals that had been infiltrated with river water. Mr. Montgomery stated that a rescue boat was available for use and was equipped to handle the river, however, he stated the employees chose to use the pontoon with a much smaller engine. Mr. Montgomery stated that the employees did not have life preservers on and encountered some problems while attempting the maintenance causing one of the employees to get into the river. Mr. Montgomery stated that he was informed that Mayor Richards was going to remove him from the JCWA board and that he was upset by this. Mr. Montgomery was informed his 5 minute time limit to speak was finished.

Correspondence

Clerk Patek informed Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission minutes were on pages 7-9 of the packet for their review.

Bids - none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4514 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to participate in the creation of MIRMA Health and further authorizing the Mayor to execute such documents as may be necessary for the creation of MIRMA Health and the City's participation therein; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4514 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4514 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4514 for the second time. Bill No. 4514 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4514 passed.**

Bill No. 4515 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Establishing a No Parking Zone on both sides of Buck Creek Road from the intersection with Pounds Road westward to the City Limits; and establishing the placement of signs enforcing said No Parking Zone; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4515 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Police Chief Lewis gave a staff report.

(Bill No. 4515 cont.) Councilman Underwood made a motion to read Bill No. 4515 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4515 for the second time. Bill No. 4515 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4515 passed.

Bill No. 4516 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Sketch Plan for Savanna Place Subdivision; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4516 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4516 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4516 for the second time. Bill No. 4516 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4516 passed.**

Bill No. 4517 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving Festus Commerce and Business Center Plat 2; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4517 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Gray made a motion to read Bill No. 4517 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4517 for the second time. Bill No. 4517 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4517 passed.**

Bill No. 4518 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Lot Consolidation of Clear View Lot C; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4518 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to read Bill No. 4518 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4518 for the second time. Bill No. 4518 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4518 passed.**

Bill No. 4519 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Doyle Boundary Adjustment Plat; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4519 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4519 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Gray. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4519 for the second time. Bill No. 4519 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4519 passed.**

New Business

Oak Knoll Apartments – Project Yard Sale

Vicki Thurman, property manager for Oak Knoll, requested that the \$1.00 per household fee be waived for their annual project yard sale to be held on June 7th and 8th. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve this request, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.**

Liquor License – Knights of Columbus – Mayor’s Summer Car Cruise

Clerk Patek stated the Knights of Columbus requested permission to sell alcohol at the Mayor’s Summer Car Cruise on June 1, 2019. Chief Lewis approved this request. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve this request, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Richards and City Administrator presented a slate of appointees (pages 44-46 of the packet – attached to these minutes) for appointment and re-appointment to the City’s Boards and Commissions, excluding the Board of Adjustment, Park Board and Tourism Commission. Councilman Gray asked if the terms should be staggered on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Greg Camp stated they could stagger the terms (first three names will expire in 2021, others in 2022). Councilman Wehner stated he would like to see more female members on boards and commissions. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve the appointments for Boards and Commissions as presented, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution No. 4513 ½ - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; appointing Greg Camp to the Jefferson County Water Authority; and establishing an effective date. Mayor Richards asked for discussion. Councilman Underwood asked if Tim Montgomery was taken off the JCWA board because of the issue he brought up earlier this evening. Mayor Richards and Greg Camp stated they had started talking about this in April when Mayor Richards was elected and that he wanted to have a fair balance on the board since the City of Herculaneum has their City Administrator and Public Works Director on the board. Mayor Richards asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 4513 ½. Councilman Gray and Councilman Underwood stated they would like to get Matt Clemens statement on the incident. Councilman Underwood stated none of this was discussed at the JCWA board meeting. Councilman Boyer stated he felt the incident was unsafe any way you look at it. Mayor Richards stated he would not tolerate Mr. Montgomery treating City of Festus employees badly. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4513 ½, motion seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Gray, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – Underwood.**

Old Business

None

Reports

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

- Reminded everyone to sign up for the MML conference, stated Councilman Gray, Underwood and Boyer and their spouses have already signed up
- Attended MIRMA Health meeting in Columbia
- Met with Dave Christensen from Cochran and Judy Wagner of MoDOT regarding Gannon Drive
- Attended Law Enforcement Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service
- Attended monthly quad-city administrator's interview on KJFF
- Met with Beth Tatarko of the Austin Peters Group and department heads to discuss compensation study
- Attended along with Mayor Richards first I-55 Coalition meeting
- Co-hosted morning KJFF radio show with Ryan Reinheimer on May 10th

Councilman Wilkey – Asked if they could pave Main Street where they cut it out for the water main break and until it's fixed to put up a warning sign there is a bump in the road.

Councilman Wehner – Commended the police department on their traffic details. Met with Larry Crites regarding future projects in the parks and that there seems to be a lack of parking in all of our parks.

Councilman Gray – Stated he would like to see the parking lot at the West City Park ballfields paved.

Police Chief Lewis – Reminded everyone of the PD bbq on Friday at the Elks.

Greg Camp stated he would set a time up with Matt Clemens for Matt to give his accounting of the incident on the river with the Council.

Parks Supt. Larry Crites – Stated that the wet park grounds and ballfields have delayed the ball season starting and tournaments.

Mayor Richards – Reminded everyone of the Mayor’s Summer Car Cruise on June 1st. Stated there will be food/beer vendors, the band Borderline and the Festus United Methodist Church will be giving away snow cones.

Adjournment

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