

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on June 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Boyer, Gray, Cook, Dennis and Tinnin; Absent – Underwood, Wehner and Wilkey. Mayor Richards presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Sgt. Cory Fitzsimmons, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Parks Supt. Larry Crites, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Finance Director Pat Parsons and City Attorney Brian Malone.

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

Minutes

Minutes of the June 12, 2019 council meeting were presented for approval. **Councilman Cook 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 Richards reported warrants in the amount of \$483,927.78. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Cook. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Cook, Dennis, Boyer and Gray; Nays – none.**

Visitors

Chris Hagan, owner of 101 and 102 E. Main St., addressed the Council regarding water problems in the basement of his buildings when it rains. Councilman Gray asked Mr. Hagan if he had a sump pump in his basement and Mr. Hagan replied he did not. Greg Camp stated he would stop by on Friday and take a look at the situation. Councilman Boyer stated he would like to stop by also.

Michael Povich, 812 Horine Rd., addressed the Council regarding the lighting on Horine Rd. Mr. Povich commented on the mosquito spraying in town. Mr. Povich asked that when conducting meetings the microphones be used as he is hearing impaired. Mr. Povich commented on the proposed tax increase for police officers and that property owners should not be burdened with more taxes.

Tim Montgomery, 406 Benton Dr., addressed the Council regarding the parking for special events near the Festus schools. Mr. Montgomery stated that Councilman Wilkey told him there was an agreement between the City and the school district for special event parking. Mr. Montgomery asked if the stop sign the school puts out is legal and that this is a safety concern and asked that this matter be addressed. Mayor Richards stated the City would look into this matter. Mr. Montgomery asked how long it would take for the City to get back with him on this. Mayor Richards replied that the City should have a response for him within a month.

Correspondence

Bids

Bailey Lift Station Generator

Matt Clemens stated four bids were received as follows: Bates Electric \$18,950.00; South East Services \$24,988.81; Bartels and Missy \$27,374.22; and Reinhold Electric \$47,696.00. Matt stated after review by staff it was recommended to accept the bid from South East Services. The bid from Bates Electric did not meet specifications. **Councilman Gray made a motion to accept the low bid from South East Services for \$24,988.81. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

Message Board

Matt Clemens stated three bids were received as follows: Traffic Control Company \$14,304.00; NuWay \$15,175.95 and Wanco \$18,600.00. Matt stated after review by staff it was recommended to accept the low bid from Traffic Control Company. **Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the low bid from Traffic Control Company for \$14,304.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4524 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Wellington Plat Lot 10A and 11A; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4524 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Councilman Tinnin had to abstain, leaving not enough members present to read Bill No. 4524 for the first time.

Bill No. 4525 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Amending the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4525 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Pat Parsons gave a staff report. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to read Bill No. 4525 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4525 for the second time. Bill No. 4525 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Cook, Dennis and Gray; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4525 passed.**

New Business

Appointment to Tourism Commission

Mayor Richards presented Rhonda Gerstner for appointment to the Tourism Commission. Council approved the appointment unanimously.

Change of Meeting Date – July 2019

Greg Camp stated he and Kerry Patek would be at the MIRMA Annual Conference the second meeting in July and asked if Council would like to change the meeting to Monday, July 22nd. Council agreed unanimously to change the meeting date.

Draft Ordinance on Medical Marijuana

Greg Camp discussed the proposed medical marijuana ordinance with Council to see if they wanted to proceed with making it official. Greg stated it would have to go to the planning and zoning commission first and then come before the Council. Council agreed unanimously to proceeding with taking this draft ordinance to the planning and zoning commission in July.

Old Business

None

Reports

City Administrator provided a written report.

Councilman Cook asked if we could take a look at the street lights on Horine that Mr. Povich addressed earlier in the meeting. Matt Clemens and Bill Gray stated that the street lights were fine in that area and met MoDOT standards.

Councilman Cook asked if the policy could be changed on holiday pay for employees on probation. Council discussed the matter. **Councilman Cook**

made a motion to amend the Personnel Policy to award holiday pay immediately upon hire to any new City employee, and from this date forward to current employees still on probation. Motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Camp asked Council if they wanted to give employees July 5, 2019 as a holiday this year only since the 4th falls on Thursday. Councilman Dennis made a motion to grant July 5, 2019 as a paid holiday for employees, motion seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion **PASSED** by the following votes: Ayes – Dennis, Cook, Tinnin and Boyer; Nays – Gray.

Councilman Cook asked about barriers that only allowed the public to address Council from the podium. Greg Camp stated there were some new signs in the Council chambers noting authorized personnel only areas. Sgt. Fitzsimmons stated the police department was training in council room scenarios and he would be glad to review that with council members.

Fire Chief Cremer – Stated the new addition at the fire house was now 100% complete and invited everyone over to see it. Greg Camp mentioned holding a council meeting at the fire house so everyone could see the work.

Parks Supt. Larry Crites – Reminded everyone of the Firecracker Festival this weekend.

Finance Director Pat Parsons – Presented a sales tax report to Council stating that sales tax revenue is still down a bit over last year. Pat stated the next Tourism Commission meeting is July 15, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the council room.

Mayor Richards invited everyone to attend the Firecracker Festival and stated he was looking forward to the Mayor's challenge.

Adjournment

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