

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on June 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Tinnin, Wehner, Boyer, Underwood, Wilkey, Venz and Gray; Absent – Mayor Mike Cage and Councilman Cook. Mayor Pro-Tem Brian Wehner 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 and City Attorney Melissa Vighi.

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

Minutes

Minutes of the June 13, 2018 council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilman Tinnin 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.

Warrants

Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner reported warrants in the amount of \$125,068.49. Councilman Gray asked about the bill from Cochran Engineering on Page 8 for \$3,100. City Administrator Camp stated this was work that had already been completed and was presented to Council at the last meeting to give them a starting design to begin discussing plans for the Sunset Park tennis court project. Councilman Gray stated he understood that this work was being done for free and that it would be incorporated into a Cochran proposal if they receive the award for the project. Councilman Underwood was in agreement with Councilman Gray. City Administrator Camp stated that Cochran did not do this work for free and that this bill needed to be paid. City Administrator Camp stated and that the City was going to follow procedure as in all projects and go out for formal bid as Council had requested. Councilman Underwood made a motion to approve the warrants less the \$3,100 to Cochran, motion seconded by Councilman Gray. Councilmembers Wilkey and Boyer stated that the City should pay Cochran since this is work they have already done. Votes to approve the warrants less the \$3,100 to Cochran were as follows: Ayes – Gray and Underwood; Nays – Wilkey, Boyer, Venz and Tinnin. Motion failed. Councilman Wilkey made a motion to pay the warrants in the amount of \$125,068.49, seconded by Councilman Venz.

Warrants (cont.)

On a call by the chair the votes were as follows: Ayes – Wilkey, Boyer, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – Underwood and Gray. **Warrants were then approved.**

Bids

Scheduled Service Agreement with Trane

Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that Trane completed the work for the entirety of City Hall and are a year in with the Police Department portion and under the US Communities national services bid, Trane is able to submit a scheduled services agreement in the amount of \$6,688.00. Mr. Camp explained this agreement with Council. Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the schedule service agreement with Trane in the amount of \$6,688.00, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion was approved by the following: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Venz, Tinnin, Underwood and Wilkey; Nays – none.

Visitors

Anthony and Margaret Lawrence, owners of 12 Beffa St., addressed the Council requesting that the City pay half to remove a tree that is obstructing traffic views and could fall causing destruction on both sides of the street. Matt Clemens stated he and Councilman Boyer have been out to the property and looked at the tree and agree with the City paying half since it's half on City right-of-way. Councilman Gray requested the City pay 100% of the tree removal. Council felt that if Mr. Lawrence was willing to pay half the cost of \$1,400 then the City should only pay the other half. Councilman Boyer made a motion to pay half the bill from Midwest Tree Service (\$700.00) to remove the tree at 12 Beffa. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Wilkey, Underwood, Tinnin and Venz; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4455 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Bailey Station Plat Three Lot 61A and 62A; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4455 for the first time. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. Councilman Gray made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4455 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4455 for the second time. Bill No. 4455 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Wilkey, Tinnin, Venz and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner declared Bill No. 4455 passed.

Bill No. 4456 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Pounds Meadow; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4456 for the first time. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. Councilman Gray made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4456 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4456 for the second time. Bill No. 4456 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Wilkey, Tinnin, Venz and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner declared Bill No. 4456 passed.

Bill No. 4457 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Wellington Place; and establishing an effective date. Councilman Tinnin left the room. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4457 for the first time. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. Councilman Gray made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4457 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4457 for the second time. Bill No. 4457 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Wilkey, Venz and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner declared Bill No. 4457 passed. Councilman Tinnin returned to the room.

New Business

Liquor License Requests

Clerk Patek presented the following liquor license requests for approval:

Our Lady Church – Concert July 20th

Friends of the Park – Blue/Funk Fest August 11th

Tanglefoot Brewfest September 8th

Andrew Habsieger Foundation – Twin City Days September 8th

OktoberFestus October 6th

Councilman Underwood made a motion to approve all liquor license requests, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Art Walk

Terry Scott requested permission to hold an Art Walk, once a month, in the breezeway between the old E&D Building and the Chamber of Commerce office, which is owned by the City. Ms. Scott stated she would like to draw people downtown and would not obstruct the sidewalks, etc. Ms. Scott also asked that the peddler/solicitor fee be waived for the artists participating. The City's legal counsel stated the City could do this and they could also reserve the right that if the event is very successful they can charge fees later. Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the art walk and waive fees for artists, seconded by Councilman Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - none

Reports

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

- Stated the Annual Firecracker Festival was a great success, except for an issue with the electric during the Edgar Winter concert. Larry Crites mentioned he could always use more help next year.
- Did several KJFF radio spots during the week for various events
- Met with Jefferson EDC to discuss development incentive packages
- Attended Twin City Days organizational meeting
- Met with Matt Clemens, Gene Fribis to follow up sketch plan with Ryan G'Sell
- Supreme Court Ruling overturning the Quill decision
- Transitioned to new secure email servers

Councilman Boyer – Asked about the sidewalks on Beffa Street. Matt Clemens stated they would be doing them in September. Stated that he did a ride along with the police department and urged all council members to do so.

Councilman Underwood – Thanked Greg Camp and all the staff working on the England Drive sewer project.

Councilman Wilkey – Thanked all staff who worked on the Firecracker Festival.

Councilman Venz – Stated the Firecracker Festival was great, but if next year we could coordinate with Jefferson County Sheriffs Dept. on traffic control. Chief Lewis and Larry Crites stated this has been an issue each year and they have discussed it many times.

Councilman Tinnin – Asked Chief Lewis about traffic control and the Firecracker Festival and cars were blocking driveways in his subdivision and he received several complaints and that maybe Council should have a work session on this matter to see what can be done. Larry Crites stated we have previously also looked into shuttles with pickup points at various locations in the City.

Park Supt. Larry Crites – Thanked all the Festus and Crystal City employees who worked the Firecracker Festival. Stated the City received a check from Tinsley Amusement for \$15,000 for the City's percentage of the carnival ride sales. Stated that the grant project from Home Depot for Shropshire Park is scheduled for July 19th.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Stated the improvements have been started on the Shapiro property. Stated that the England Dr. force main project has started. Stated that Jokerst Paving was the low bid on the Collins Project and that we are just waiting on approval from MoDOT. Stated that Jokerst is also low bidder on overlays and milling is scheduled to start on July 11th.

City Clerk Patek – Asked Council members that are planning to attend the MML Annual Meeting to please confirm their registration and spouse information with her.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner – Thanked everyone for helping him conduct the meeting this evening. Stated he attended the Mercy grand opening event. Stated he also attended a ribbon cutting for the gas station re-opening. Stated that he spoke with the CEO of Mercy Jefferson about a joint meeting between Festus, Crystal City and Mercy sometime this fall and that he expressed interest.

ADJOURNMENT

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