

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Dave Boyer, Gary Underwood, Staci Templeton, Bobby Venz, Kevin Dennis and Mike Cook; Absent: Brian Wehner, Jim Tinnin. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, City Administrator Greg Camp and City Attorney Brian Malone.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$694,179.52. Motion to approve the agenda, bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of June 14, 2021 council meeting was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Underwood and Cook; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors

Lynn Trask, 621 N. Mill Street, addressed the Council with several concerns – ditch behind Ridge Ave. city owned garage, ruts along alley behind Ridge Ave, derelict property at 601 Moore Street, fence at 519 N. Mill St. and the sidewalk at Mill and Fifth Streets. Ms. Trask provided pictures and passed them around for Council to view. Mayor Richards informed Ms. Trask all these matters would be looked in to.

Bids

Police Department – Video Surveillance Cameras

Police Department requested authorization to purchase and install three additional video surveillance cameras from Voice Products at a cost of \$6,525.00. Chief Lewis gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to accept the bid from Outdoor Warning Consulting LLC, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Cook; Nays – none.**

Police Department – Prisoner Transport Cages

Police Department requested authorization to purchase six prisoner transport cages. Three bids were received as follows: Public Safety Upfitters \$6,648.00; Fleet Safety \$10,743.00; and Dana Safety Supply \$9,671.28. Installation cost will be bid later. Chief Lewis gave a staff report. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve the bid from Public Safety Upfitters for \$6,648.00, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Cook; Nays – none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions - none

New Business

Liquor License Request

The Twin City Chamber of Commerce requested a liquor license for the annual Twin City Days event. Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments and Re-Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Richard presented the following for appointment or re-appointment:

Board of Adjustment	Tom Whitener
Planning and Zoning	Mayor asked for Council to get some nominees and that they could be appointed on July 12, 2021
ICC Appeals Board	Scott Graham
Park Board	Charles Underwood
Library Board	Ron Scaggs and Charlotte Zimmerman

Tourism Commission	Mayor said there were two candidates Pat Parsons and Jeff Adams and that he would let Council make the nomination. Councilwoman Templeton nominated Pat Parsons, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously.
Police Board	Ron Scaggs, Roy "Butch" Lucas and Harold Oetting
Festus Housing Authority	Darrell Faerber and Dale Persch
Sewage Commission	Mike Cook and Matt Unrein

Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve the list of appointments and re-appointments, seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Thanked Shain Dollar and his crew for cleaning out the culvert under South Adams. Welcomed the new police officers and prosecuting attorney assistant.

Councilman Venz – Stated he thought the Firecracker Festival on Friday night went very well and that he was glad to see people getting back out and doing things and wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

Councilman Dennis – Commended everyone who worked at the Firecracker Festival for an outstanding job. Asked if the police ATV could be fixed up a bit. Stated he was glad to see Officer Kris Rogers back and wished everyone a Happy Fourth.

Councilman Cook – Stated he received several comments about the shooting off of the fireworks at the Firecracker Festival. Greg Camp stated that the company doing the display had to clear the tubes. Introduced Mary Evans, President of the Library Board. Mary stated she had been on the Library Board for nine years and just wanted to attend tonight's meeting to bring greetings from her board. Wished everyone a safe Fourth holiday and expressed his gratitude for all those who worked on the Firecracker Festival.

Mayor Richards – Stated that he had discussed the matter with Barb Lowry and Josh Whaley and that it was his decision to call off the Firecracker Festival. Thanked Barb, Josh, the Police Department and all those who worked at the Firecracker Festival and that Larry Crites would have been proud of the job Barb and Josh did. Asked Council members that if they have questions or comments to speak with supervisors not employees and to please follow the chain of command.

Adjournment

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