

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 8, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on July 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Cook and Venz; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Wehner and Tinnin; Absent – Dennis, Underwood and Wilkey. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Clerk Kerry Patek, City Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Parks Director Josh Whaley and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Brian Malone was present via Zoom.

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$454,193.54. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of June 24, 2020 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Wehner and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Venz, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.

**Correspondence** - none

**Visitors**

No visitors were allowed in the building due to the emergency order regarding the coronavirus and no visitors requested to be heard via the City website.

**Bids** - none

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 4584 ½** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending a Request to Speak Form; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4584 1/2. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4584 ½, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Resolution No. 4584 ½ was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – Cook. Mayor Richards declared Resolution No. 4584 ½ passed.**

**Bill No. 4584** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Section 115.120 Regular Meetings in the Municipal Code of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4584 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that this would change the Council meetings to the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4584 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venez. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4584 for the second time. Bill No. 4584 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Wehner and Venez; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4584 passed.**

**Bill No. 4585** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; establishing Chapter 520 Storm Water Management Article III Stormwater Illicit Discharge in the Municipal Code of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4585 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that Bill No. 4585 and Bill No. 4586 were required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. **Councilman Venez made a motion to read Bill No. 4585 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4585 for the second time. Bill No. 4585 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Wehner and Venez; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4585 passed.**

**Bill No. 4586** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; establishing Chapter 520 Storm Water Management Article IV Stormwater Facilities Post Development, in the Municipal Code of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4586 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that Bill No. 4585 and Bill No. 4586 were required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4586 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venez. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4586 for the second time. Bill No. 4586 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Wehner and Venez; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4586 passed.**

### **New Business**

Greg Camp introduced new Parks Director Josh Whaley.

## **Old Business**

Councilman Venz asked about the culvert on Cromwell. Josh Whaley stated the contractor was running a couple of days behind schedule due to the fact they could not get the concrete they needed. Josh stated they were scheduled to mobilize tomorrow.

## **Reports**

Councilman Boyer – Asked Greg Camp if the blasting along I-55 was finished yet. Greg stated he would get the schedule from the contractor and email it to Council members.

Councilman Wehner – Asked Greg Camp how the Third St. Project was coming along and Greg replied that we are just waiting on MoDOT to give approval to advertise. Councilman Wehner encouraged other Council members to discuss “traffic calming” with Greg Camp. Asked if the “Festus is Open” ad he saw in the St. Louis Post Dispatch could also be ran in the local Leader. Stated he was pleased with the restrooms in the parks, they were clean and well stocked.

Councilman Cook – Commended the Police Dept. on an incident that happened regarding a Veteran and his family. Officer J. Duffner was present and she gave details of the incident. Asked Josh Whaley to pass along a compliment to the public works department for providing a new homeowner in Ashford Place with a lot of beneficial information for new residents. Stated that since he is a board member on the Sewage Commission that after those meetings he will update Council. Asked if the City was still on wells to provide water and Greg Camp stated yes the City was and that we hope to be back online by Friday according to Jamie Aubuchon of the Jefferson County Water Authority. Thanked all the City employees for continuing to do an outstanding job.

Councilman Tinnin – Welcomed Josh Whaley as the new Parks Director. Asked about the City being on the wells.

Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham – Stated that Sharon Martin was retiring after 35 years. She stated Sharon is the Accounts Payable clerk for the City. Councilman Cook asked that Council be informed her retirement party.

Police Chief Lewis – Stated that he had received several complaints regarding speeding around Sunset Park, Russell Avenue area and they would be monitoring the situation. Stated that back in November he was asked about speed trailers and Capt. Wendel had received a cost of between \$8,000-\$11,000.

Mayor Richards – COVID cases are continuing to rise and he encourages everyone to be diligent in washing their hands, wearing masks and using social distancing.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated he had received some emails asking if the City was going to require people to wear masks. Councilman Cook stated he also received some emails and stated that his response was to those persons that the City is following the guidelines of the State and the Jefferson County Health Department.

**Adjournment**

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