

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on July 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Boyer, Gray, Wehner, Cook, Dennis and Underwood; Absent – Tinnin and Wilkey. Mayor Richards presided over the meeting. Also present City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Fire Dept. Chuck Boyer, Parks Supt. Larry Crites, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Finance Director Pat Parsons and City Attorney Larry Wadsack.

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

Minutes

Minutes of the June 26, 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 \$563,103.26. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Wehner, Underwood, Cook, Dennis, Boyer and Gray; Nays – none.**

Visitors

Tim Montgomery, 406 Benton Dr., addressed the Council regarding dead birds near Westwood South Drive. Matt Clemens stated he checked out the complaint and stated it looked as though a cat was the cause of the dead birds. Mr. Montgomery thanked Matt Clemens for checking out the situation. Mr. Montgomery thanked Chief Lewis for addressing the special parking event issue with the Festus School District. Mr. Montgomery questioned the voting on giving employees the day off on July 5th and stated he would be making a Sunshine request to get the information.

Thomas Elliott, Historic Tanglefoot Association, addressed the Council giving them an update on the associations current activities.

Correspondence

Clerk Patek announced some information given to her by Councilman Underwood regarding a motion picture which was filmed in Festus stating that it would be shown as Washington University in St. Louis on July 20th at 3:30 p.m. Clerk Patek and Councilman Underwood have ticket information.

Bids - 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. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. **Councilman Gray made a motion to read Bill No. 4524 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4524 for the second time. Bill No. 4524 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Wehner, Boyer, Cook, Dennis, Underwood and Gray; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4524 passed.**

New Business

Rick Fischer – Marble Run

Rick Fischer requested permission to hold a marble run on October 5, 2019. He stated the event would begin and end at Main & Mill Brewing Co. and there will be a parade down Main Street being led by a group of veterans. There will be a bike show around 6 p.m. with live music by "Ear Candy" and the event will end at 10 p.m. Proceeds will be split between Comtrea's "A Safe Place" shelter and the Cadet Tom Surdykes Gold Star Foundation. Councilman Wehner stated Wehner's Award would donate plaques for the event. Chief Lewis stated the police department would give them an escort out of town. Mr. Fischer asked if the road could be shut down around noon to prepare for the event. Councilman Cook asked Mr. Fischer if he would ask the participants to keep the noise down. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Friends of the Parks – Liquor License Request Blues/Funk Fest

Friends of the Parks requested a liquor license for the Blues/Funk Festival to be held August 3, 2019 in West City Park from 5-11 p.m. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.**

Andrew Held – Bottleneck Bridge Ride

Andrew Held with the Jefferson County Growth Association requested permission to hold the Bottleneck Bridge Ride on August 18, 2019 starting and ending at Main & Mill Brewing Co. Chief Lewis stated he approved of the event and will assist with traffic control. Larry Crites stated Mr. Held has also spoken with him about the route through the parks. Councilman Wehner asked that the business owners on Main Street be notified of the event. Mr. Held stated they would and that they are expecting 600 plus riders. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business - none

Reports

City Administrator was not present at the meeting but left a written report which addressed the following:

- Firecracker Festival was a great success – thanked all those who worked it
- Library foundation, friends, board and staff hosted a luncheon for Mayor, City Administrator and Council
- City took delivery of electronic message board
- Followed up on Chris Hagan request regarding downtown water infiltration issues
- Thanks to Mayor/Council for July 5th day off, it was a huge morale booster for the employees. The State, County and most Municipalities also chose to close that day
- Will be on vacation week of July 8-12

Councilman Boyer – Stated he had received some complaints regarding fireworks and would like to see the laws tightened up. Asked Matt Clemens about the blasting going on at the old Burns Farm site and Matt stated it was all within legal limits. Matt also informed Councilman Boyer that the Knights of Columbus owns the property that he was questioning about weeds.

Councilman Wehner – Thanked Andrew Held and Thomas Elliott for all the work they and the groups they are affiliated with are doing for the downtown area and for the community.

Councilman Dennis – Stated he spoke with Mike Povich regarding the speakers in the Council chambers and also about the lighting on Horine Road near his home. Thanked all who worked on the Firecracker Festival they did a great job.

Councilman Gray – Asked Matt Clemens if he had checked out the chemical smell coming from the pipes near his property on Valley. Matt asked Bill if the water

department could get a sample of the water from his property. Councilman Gray stated they could.

Councilman Cook – Thanked the public works department and parks department for a great cleanup job after the Fireworks Festival. Asked about the houses being so close together on Masters Drive. Matt Clemens stated they are very close, but are legal. Stated he had taken a tour of the new Firehouse addition and the guys were very accommodating and that he wanted to thank them.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Stated that Smoothie King will be ready to open soon. Stated that the UPS Store was building a new building for their store near the Tiger Express Carwash.

Parks Supt. Larry Crites – Thanked everyone who helped out with the Firecracker Festival. Stated the tennis court project was moving along great.

City Clerk Kerry Patek – Stated there were three new businesses that have opened – Saigon Restaurant at 343 N. Creek; Vindel Automotive Services at 301 S. Adams; and The Corner Cup Micro Bakery at the corner of Brierton and Main.

Mayor Sam Richards – Thanked everyone who worked on the Firecracker Festival it turned out great and there was great cooperation between Festus and Crystal City.

Adjournment

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