

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 11, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Tinnin, Cook, Wehner, Boyer, Underwood, Wilkey, Venz and Gray; Absent – none. Mayor Mike Cage presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Finance Director Pat Parsons, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Fire Dept. Chuck Boyer, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Parks Supt. Larry Crites, Library Director Kathy Condon-Boettcher and City Attorney Melissa Vighi.

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

**Minutes**

Minutes of the June 27, 2018 council meeting were presented for approval. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously. On a call by the chair, minutes of the council meeting were then approved.**

**Warrants**

Mayor Cage reported warrants in the amount of \$459,932.17. Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Venz. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Gray, Underwood, Cook, Boyer, Venz, Wehner, Tinnin and Wilkey; Nays – none.

**Bids - none**

**Visitors**

Sonia Frisk, Patricia Price and John Diel – residents of Truman Village – addressed the Council with concerns over weeds growing in and around stormwater inlets, rock piles and home owners renting/leasing their property to others. Council discussed these issues with the property owners. Matt Clemens stated he would get the weeds cut around the stormwater inlets. Mayor Cage informed the residents that the City had no jurisdiction over whether or not a home owner rents out their property, that would be a civil matter. Matt Clemens informed the residents that the City would be unable to do anything about the rocks in their subdivision, that would be up to the developer/property owner.

Jim Berger, Pickleball Association, addressed the Council on why the national tournament had to be played in St. Louis and not in Festus. St. Louis has 44 courts to offer at one venue.

**Correspondence** - none

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4458** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a Contract with Trane Corporation; incorporating said Contract as a part of this Ordinance; prescribing the conditions thereto; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4458 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Councilman Gray made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4458 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4458 for the second time. Bill No. 4458 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Tinnin, Venz and Underwood; Nays – Cook. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4458 passed.

**Bill No. 4459** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Amending Section 610.120 (Festus Tourism Commission) in the Municipal Code of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4459 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4459 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4459 for the second time. Bill No. 4459 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Wehner, Cook, Boyer, Wilkey, Tinnin, Venz and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4459 passed.

### **New Business**

#### **Date for Next Council Meeting**

Greg Camp informed Council that himself and Clerk Patek would be at the annual MIRMA conference on July 25, 2018 and if it is ok with them that he would like to hold the regular Council meeting on Monday, July 23 at the Festus Public Library. The Council chambers is being used for a blood drive on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Council unanimously agreed to the requested change. Council members will receive their meeting packets on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Appointments**

Councilman Underwood made a motion to appoint Melody Yesberg, owner of Celebrations on Main Street, to the Tourism Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Venez. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Clementine Carbery and Elizabeth Steffan to the Library Board and to re-appoint Mike Greminger and Jenny Brummer to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Venez. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business** - none

## **Reports**

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

- Meeting with HIC Agency – MIRMA Health Plan regarding script sourcing to try and reduce the cost of high dollar drugs to our employees and the plan
- Met with Larry Crites and Greybar regarding security camera system for the parks
- Congrats to David LaBruyere on retiring from the City after 20+ years
- Met with St. Francois County 911 about the impact of House Bill 1456
- Attended Twin City Days organizational breakfast
- Attended Friends of the Festus Library luncheon
- Will be attending annual MIRMA conference along with Kerry Patek July 25-27
- Sunset Park Tennis Court committee meeting – August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Will notify Park Board members of this meeting

Councilman Boyer – Stated he was glad to see that the England Drive sewer project has started.

Councilman Wehner – Asked if there could be a cap on the price of the maintenance agreement with Trane. Greg Camp stated that was something he could check into.

Councilman Gray – Asked when Council members would start getting involved with the budget process. Greg Camp stated around August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Venez – Stated he would like to see a “want list” when discussing the budget.

Councilman Tinnin – Asked Matt Clemens if he had received any calls from residents of Bailey Station regarding the condition of the streets in their subdivision. Matt Clemens stated it is on the list to be repaired this year.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Stated that the England Drive project was almost complete. Stated that Jokerst will be in the City next week beginning the street overlays for this year. Commended Barb Lowry and Josh Whaley for helping out the City of Hillsboro with a water problem they had.

Councilman Wehner – Asked about the Collins Avenue Project. Greg Camp explained the process when state/federal funds are being used for a project and it's up to MoDOT and that this project could possibly carry over into next year.

Park Supt. Larry Crites – Stated that the new ADA merry-go-round near the West City Park ballfield complex will be installed tomorrow. Larry stated that if anyone has received any complaints about the grass/weeds in the parks, that they are trying to keep up with it, this year has been extremely difficult and the grass cutter is having a hard time keeping up.

Mayor Cage – Stated that this upcoming budget year looks to be better than last year.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Councilman Cook made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Law for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to RSMo. 610.021(2) Real Estate. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Gray, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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