

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 23, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on July 23, 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 Chief Kevin Cremer, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Library Director Kathy Condon-Boettcher and City Attorney Melissa Vighi.

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

**Minutes**

Minutes of the July 11, 2018 council meeting were presented for approval.

**Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction that he voted Nay on Bill No. 4458, seconded by Councilman Boyer. 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 \$100,460.79. 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 - none**

**Correspondence - none**

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4460** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a Contract with Jokerst Paving for the Collins Drive Sidewalk Improvements; incorporating said Contract as a part of this Ordinance; prescribing the conditions thereto; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4460 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. 4460 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4460 for the second time. Bill No. 4460 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Tinnin, Venz, Cook and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4460 passed.

**Bill No. 4461** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Scenic View Estates Plat One; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4461 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. Councilman Gray made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4461 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4461 for the second time. Bill No. 4461 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Wehner, Cook, Boyer, Wilkey, Tinnin, Venz and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4461 passed.

**New Business** - none

**Old Business** - none

## **Reports**

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

- Met with Comtrea again
- Started budget discussions with department heads
- Reminder of August 15<sup>th</sup> budget meeting
- Thanks to Home Depot for donation of time and money for improvements to Shropshire Park
- Met with Duff and Phelps, third party site selection and incentives advisory firm
- Met with Ryan G'Sell about potential subdivision development
- Staff meetings on Thursday mornings following Council meetings have been working well

Councilman Boyer – Stated that when the tree is being removed from the Tony Lawrence property that the street will have to be closed. Matt Clemens stated that is up to the contractor doing the work to do their own traffic control. Matt stated that the contractor needs to let the City know when they plan to have the street closed though so traffic can be rerouted (police, fire, trash trucks, etc.)

Councilman Venz – Stated he would like to find a way to fund a Council wish list when reviewing the budget for this upcoming fiscal year and ask that the Council be open minded when working on this.

Councilman Cook – Stated he agreed with Councilman Venz on a Council wish list.

Councilman Underwood – Expressed concern over the amount of complaints and the problem with the amount of goose waste in West City Park. This matter was discussed with no resolution at this point.

Councilman Wehner – Also expressed concern over the goose problem in West City Park. Agreed with Council having a wish list for the budget. Mentioned that Bernard Laiben is a local historian with a lot of information and that he would like to see the City have a museum open for public display of these items.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated he would like to see the City do a big project every couple of years so that they have something to show for tax dollars being spent on city projects. Councilman Tinnin stated that he felt the Council has been conservative on their spending and that he is not critical of past Council's saying no, but that it would be nice to look back and see what the Council could do for the City by spending some money.

Councilman Gray – Agreed with Councilman Wehner on the history museum stating there is a nice one in Mascoutah, Illinois similar to what Councilman Wehner is proposing. Stated that he would like to see more of the tourism dollars go to bigger projects that benefit more people in the City rather than supporting private local businesses for events that they profit from.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Updated Council on public works projects and parks in the absence of Larry Crites.

City Clerk Kerry Patek – Stated there was a new business on Main St. – Cobblestone Frame and Art Gallery at 109 Main St. owned by Rick Fisher. Clerk Patek asked Council to remember as they review the budget this year to keep in mind that the City is made up of multiple departments and that each and every employee and department is vital and important to the operation of the City. Clerk Patek thanked Council for their consideration.

Finance Director Pat Parsons – Presented and reviewed the monthly sales tax report with Council.

Mayor Cage – Reminded the Council to spend wisely when working on the budget and that even though the City has a healthy budget now, just a few years ago the picture was not so great.

**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 Underwood. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Gray, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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