

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Zoning Code Changes  
July 26, 2021  
5:50 p.m.**

The public hearing to seek public input regarding the rezoning of 1198 West Gannon Drive from B-2 to B-4 was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Mayor Sam Richards.

Present in the Council chambers: Mayor Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Councilmembers Gary Underwood, Dave Boyer, Jim Tinnin, Mike Cook, Bobby Venz, Kevin, Dennis, Staci Templeton, Brian Wehner, Public Works Director Matt Unrein and City Attorney Brian Malone. Mark Harris was present via Zoom. Mark Harris stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved this rezoning.

No public comments were received.

Mayor Richards then closed the public hearing.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 26, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on July 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin. Absent: none. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Captain Doug Wendel, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, City Attorney Brian Malone and City Administrator Greg Camp. Building Official Mark Harris 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 \$146,462.10. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of July 12, 2021 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Tinnin, Venz and Cook; Nays – none.

**Correspondence** - none

**Visitors** - none

### **Bids**

#### **Fire Department – Firehouse Bay Floors**

Fire Chief Cremer stated three bids were received to redo the bay floors as follows: Archway Industrial \$9,531.00; Desco Industrial \$10,655.00 and All American \$11,986.00. After reviewing all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Archway for \$9,531.00. Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the bid from Archway, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4642** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Plat of Twin Valley (811 Horine); and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4642 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Building Official Mark Harris gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4642 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4642 for the second time. Bill No. 4642 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4642 passed.**

**Bill No. 4643** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending the Zoning Map of said City as established by the Planning and Zoning Ordinances of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4643 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Building Official Mark Harris gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4643 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4643 for the second time. Bill No. 4643 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Wehner, Tinnin and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4643 passed.**

**Resolution No. 4643 ½** – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Adopting the City of Festus Council Code of Conduct; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4643 ½. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4643 ½, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution No. 4643 ½ was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Tinnin and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Resolution No. 4643 ½ passed.**

**New Business** - none

**Old Business** - none

### **Reports**

Councilman Wehner – Asked for an update on the sidewalk on Birchwood. Mark Harris gave an update on that project stating that it should be complete and open before school starts. Asked Greg Camp how the City was doing regarding Covid cases and Greg replied that there had been two positive cases related to staff.

Councilman Boyer – Asked about street projects. Matt Unrein gave an update and stated he would provide a schedule of upcoming street projects to Council members.

Councilman Venz – Asked about the homeless situation in town and peddling on highway right of ways and Greg Camp gave an update on the situation and stated that there had been recent rulings regarding this issue and that the City can't really do anything about it because it is considered protected speech. Stated that Third Street and Fifth Street look great and people are very pleased.

Councilman Tinnin – Asked Captain Wendel if there was anything he could do about burn-outs, etc. on Main Street in the downtown area and that he has an office in that

area and it occurs frequently. Also asked Captain Wendel if he could add some extra patrols in the new subdivisions to curb stealing.

Mayor Richards – Stated that Jefferson County was currently in the orange stage in Covid cases and quickly approaching the red. Mayor Richards stated that the current emergency Ordinance has expired and that if the County goes back into the red zone that he and the City Administrator have the power to close public places, etc. Mayor Richards asked everyone to please wear a mask in public places and to be aware of their surroundings and asked that if there is more than one employee in a vehicle that they both wear a mask.

City Administrator Camp – Stated that if employees are fully vaccinated then masks are optional, but that he did encourage mask wearing.

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