

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
August 8, 2018
6:50 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri held a public hearing on August 8, 2018 at 6:50 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Cook, Wehner, Boyer, Underwood, Wilkey, Venz and Gray; Absent – Tinnin. Mayor Mike Cage presided over the public hearing. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, and Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens.

Matt Clemens stated that the purpose of this hearing was to seek public input regarding a rezoning request for B-2 to I-1 located at 1105 Vine Street, Festus, MO. Matt stated that this request had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their last meeting. No public comments were made.

Mayor Cage closed the hearing at 6:55 p.m.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on August 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Cook, Wehner, Boyer, Underwood, Wilkey, Venz and Gray; Absent – Tinnin. 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, Parks Supt. Larry Crites and City Attorney Larry Wadsack.

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

Minutes

Minutes of the July 23, 2018 council meeting (open and closed) were presented for approval. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Underwood. 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 \$436,635.01. 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 and Wilkey; Nays – none.

Bids - none

Visitors

Police Chief Tim Lewis introduced new Police Officer Rachael Ragle.

Correspondence - none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4462 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a First Amendment to License Agreement with Main and Mill Brewing, LLC; incorporating said Contract as a part of this Ordinance; prescribing the conditions thereto; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4462 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Councilman Wehner made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4462 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4462 for the second time. Bill No. 4462 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Cook and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4462 passed.

Bill No. 4463 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; 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. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4463 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. 4463 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4463 for the second time. Bill No. 4463 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Venez, Cook and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4463 passed.

Bill No. 4464 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Vacating a five foot wide Utility Easement on the inside Lot Line of Lots 18A and 18B on Masters Drive, as described in attached Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4464 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. 4464 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Venez. Motion was rejected due to the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Gray, Venez; Nays – Cook. Bill No. 4464 will be carried over for a second reading at the next meeting.

New Business

Catering by Lochirco's requested permission for a picnic liquor license for one day on October 13, 2018 for the Octoberfest event sponsored by Main and Mill Brewing Company on Main Street. Chief Lewis stated he approved of this license. Councilman Underwood made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - none

Reports

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

- Had a rating call with Standard and Poor's along with Pat Parsons regarding the City's AA+ credit rating. Call went well, providing additional documentation to S&P and they stated City's financial health very good
- Went to annual MIRMA conference along with Kerry Patek. Attended first meeting as a member of the Board of Directors for MIRMA health pool
- Had two follow conversations about future development within the City with Duff & Phelps
- New sound barriers installed at West City Park stage
- Met with Affordable Computers about City's IT needs
- Met with Graybar along with Larry Crites regarding security cameras in parks
- Attended Jefferson County EDC meeting
- Met with CMS Solutions (NEC phone provider) regarding improvements at the Library
- Met with Andy Held with the Mercy Foundation about the Bottleneck Bridge Ride coming up on August 19th

Councilman Venz – Stated he was still receiving a lot of junk mail in his account. Greg Camp stated he would check into it. Asked about cameras in the parks. Greg explained that it was mentioned in his report to Council that they are working on it.

Councilman Gray – Suggested to Matt Clemens and Greg Camp to run conduit through the park to connect cameras to public works, park shed or police.

Councilman Boyer – Midwest Tree Service did a good job removing the tree on Beffa. Stated an England Drive resident requested more information regarding hooking onto the sewers. Greg Camp stated that he spoke with them today.

Councilman Wilkey – Asked about the Sunset Park Tennis Rehab Committee and Greg informed him that the meeting had to be rescheduled and he would let him know when it will be held.

Councilman Cook – Stated he was disappointed that the decision was made to opt out of the sales tax free weekend without Council being aware of it. Asked that next year, they discuss it first. Stated he would like to revisit next year trying to pass the use tax again. Asked Larry Crites to clear a tree off the bike path in West City Park. Asked why nothing has been done to the slide in West City Park – Greg Camp stated it was in the budget to replace. Stated that he did not feel the City was getting their money's worth out of the fee they pay to the EDC. Greg stated that the new building and remodeling that Taytro's is doing was funded by an SBA loan. Asked when proclamations, etc. are given if Council could be invited.

Councilman Wehner – Asked if N. Third St. was in the future improvement plan. Matt Clemens stated that N. Third and N. Fifth are, but that nothing was planned until 2019 or 2020. Greg Camp stated that it's a future STP project and that it would be next on the list after Collins. Asked Greg Camp the procedure for when citizens come to council members with requests. Greg informed Council that he had no problem with council members talking directly to department heads for small items, but to keep him in the loop and to keep in mind that certain things have to be approved by the entire council. Greg encouraged council members to ask questions, etc. during normal working hours and that they did not have to wait and hold everything for Wednesday night council meetings.

Councilman Gray – Stated he felt the City should try again on the use tax. Asked that Councilman Wehner be informed when there is a historical society visit. Stated he received a complaint on the restrooms in West City Park. Larry Crites stated it was in the budget to replace. Councilman Gray stated he brought this up six months ago and still nothing has been done and there have been festivals, etc. in the park and that it did not represent the City very well. Councilman Cook and Councilman Gray stated they did not like the fact that things like this have to wait to be fixed, they should be fixed as needed. Councilman Gray stated that he received a complaint regarding the northwest corner at Fifth and Cromwell where some trees were taken down that water jumps the curb causing flooding. Matt Clemens stated he talked to the property owner yesterday regarding this issue and that he will meet with him again.

Councilman Underwood – Asked about some houses scheduled to be taken down. Matt Clemens informed him of the details.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Updated Council on public works projects. Councilman Cook asked Matt to look at a gravel driveway on Masters.

Park Supt. Larry Crites – Updated Council on park projects and upcoming events in the parks.

Mayor Cage – Stated that the Bottleneck Bridge Ride will bring over 600 cyclists to town this weekend. Mayor Cage commended Council on the City’s good credit rating.

ADJOURNMENT

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