

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on August 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Boyer, Gray, Wehner, Dennis, Tinnin, Wilkey and Underwood; Absent – Cook. Councilman Cook arrived at 7:20 p.m. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Capt. Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, 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 July 22, 2019 council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilman Underwood 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 \$700,875.04. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Wehner, Wilkey, Tinnin, Underwood, Dennis, Boyer and Gray; Nays – none.**

Visitors

Capt. Wendel commend several officers and two dispatchers who helped to find two missing special needs individuals on the evening of July 27th on Joachim Creek.

Dennis Sullivan, with the Joachim Stream Team, addressed the Council regarding cleaning up Joachim Creek from the National Guard Armory to West City Park on September 29, 2019. Mr. Sullivan stated he would like to have 25-50 volunteers. Councilman Cook stated he would contact the Festus High School football team regarding volunteering for the event. Mr. Sullivan stated he would be discussing the event with Larry Crites.

Bridgett Baker, 408 Deer Crossing, addressed the Council regarding her objection on allowing residents to have pigs in the city limits.

Tim Montgomery, 406 Benton, addressed the Council by speaking on the meaning of loyalty and returning phone calls to citizens. Councilman Wilkey asked Mr. Montgomery not to text him anymore or come to his home.

Michael Povich, 812 Horine Road, handed a bag to Capt. Doug Wendel and then proceeded to address the Council apologizing for losing his composure at the last meeting. Mr. Povich brought a measuring wheel to the podium and asked about street lighting once again on Horine Road. Mr. Povich stated he wished it was 150 years ago so citizens could take matters in their own hands.

Thomas Elliott, Historic Tanglefoot Association, addressed the Council giving them an update on the associations activities. Mr. Elliott asked about the status of the old Colonial Cleaners parking lot.

Correspondence

Clerk Patek read the results of the special election held on August 6, 2019 for Proposition Public Safety. "Shall the City of Festus, Missouri impose a sales tax of one percent (1%) for the purpose of improving public safety of the City of Festus by providing revenue for the operation of the Police, Fire and Dispatch departments?" Yes 738, No 357.

Bids

Capt. Wendel requested permission to purchase eight new gun vaults for five Explorers and three Tahoe's in the police department fleet. Three bids were received as follows: Public Safety Upfitters \$6,896.00; Lund Industries \$7,410.00; and Arrow Safety \$7,272.00. Capt. Wendel also requested to add the compartment lights which adds \$536.00 for a total of \$7,432.00. After review of all bids, staff recommends accepting the bid from Public Safety Upfitters for \$7,432.00 and have them installed by Wireless USA for \$4,234.08. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Gray, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4528 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4528 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp stated this is the annual financial disclosure ordinance required by the Missouri Ethics Commission. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to read Bill No. 4528 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4528 for the second time. Bill No. 4528 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Wilkey, Tinnin, Wehner, Boyer, Cook, Dennis, Underwood and Gray; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4528 passed.**

Bill No. 4529 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the issuance of special tax bills under Title V, Chapter 500, Article V of the City of Festus Municipal Code as adopted by the City of Festus, Missouri; certifying said special tax bills to the Recorder of Deeds of the County of Jefferson as a lien against said property; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4529 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report stating this was to place a lien on 230 N. Fifth St. for the cost of demolition. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4529 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4529 for the second time. Bill No. 4529 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Dennis, Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Tinnin, Wehner and Gray; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4529 passed.**

Bill No. 4530 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the issuance of special tax bills under Chapter 215 of the City of Festus Municipal Code; certifying said special tax bills to the Collector of the County of Jefferson to be collected with the City of Festus real estate tax bills; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4530 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report stating this was the annual delinquent weed assessments to be placed on real estate tax bills. **Councilman Underwood made a motion to read Bill No. 4530 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4530 for the second time. Bill No. 4530 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Dennis, Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Tinnin,**

Wehner and Gray; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4530 passed.
New Business

Liquor License Requests

The Andrew Habsieger Foundation requested a picnic liquor license for Twin City Days (Sept. 7, 2019) and Oktoberfestus (Oct. 5, 2019) which are held at West City Park. Also, Catering by Lochirco's, Inc. requested a picnic license for Streetfest on Main Street on Oct. 12, 2019. Capt. Wendel stated the police department approved of all these events. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve these liquor licenses, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business - none

Reports

City Administrator provided a written report which addressed the following:

- Attended annual MIRMA meeting
- Met with department heads and finance director with regards to upcoming budget
- Met with Jim Tindall and Brian Gentges of Cochran Engineering regarding the roof of the building attached to the Library
- Update on medical marijuana ordinance
- Commended all who worked on the passage of Proposition Public Safety
- Stated Councilman Boyer cannot attend MML and asked if there were any other council members available to attend

Councilman Boyer – Stated the Nova seal on the streets looks great and commended Matt Clemens and his department.

Councilman Wilkey – Stated a resident had contacted him regarding the alley behind Ridge Avenue to Joachim, known as Glitter Lane, if it could be made one way. Councilman Dennis stated the city has previously discussed this and there is a dispute going on there with a resident wanting a private drive. Capt. Wendel stated they could look into it. Commended Larry Crites and his department on the clean up after the flood in West City Park.

Councilman Dennis – Thanked the police department for slowing traffic and making a presence on Horine Road. Asked Matt Clemens to look at a tree on Richard Street. Commended everyone who worked on getting the tax issue passed.

Councilman Underwood – Commended the street department for the paving of Old Hwy. CC.

Councilman Wehner – Thanked the police department for their presence on A Highway. Asked if the Council could review not allowing front yards to be fenced. Asked about a payment on the warrant to 4 Paws and Matt Clemens stated that was Jones Animal Clinic. Also asked about purchases to Pedro's Planet and Royal Paper in St. Louis and asked if the City could try to buy local when possible. Greg Camp explained that Pedro's Planet is Metro Office Supply.

Councilman Gray – Stated that a couple of years ago the council at that time voted to allow council members to attend any seminars and now he understands that the Mayor has decided to allow council members to only attend the MML conference after October 1, 2019. Councilman Dennis stated he felt council members should only attend seminars that are related to council duties. Councilman Wehner stated that he would have appreciated Council Gray saying something prior to the meeting this evening.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated the tennis court project is looking good.

Park Supt. Larry Crites – Stated he had placed an order for a new statue for Habsieger Park and hopefully the foundation will help with the cost. Stated that "Swinging Under the Stars" is at West City Park and there is also a large disc golf tournament this weekend.

Finance Director Pat Parsons – Stated that she and Michelle Guidicy are working with the Department of Revenue on getting some sales tax money that was collected but not given to the City.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Tinnin made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Law for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to RSMo.610.021 (13) Personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Wilkey, Gray, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Return to Open Session

Greg Camp updated Council on the MIRMA health insurance plan.

Greg Camp informed every one of the grand opening ceremony for Smoothie King.

Adjournment

Councilman Boyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. On a call by the chair the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.