

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on August 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Cook, Wehner, Boyer, Underwood, Tinnin, Venz and Gray; Absent – Wilkey. 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 August 8, 2018 council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Cook. 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 \$115,621.78. Councilman Cook stated he was not for paying \$2,000 for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Bicentennial. Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Underwood, Boyer, Venz, Wehner; Nays – Cook and Gray.

Bids - none

Visitors

Matt Johnson, 947 S. Second St., addressed the Council about making Festus a destination stop. Mr. Johnson stated there was nothing to do for kids and suggested a multi-level soccer complex and mountain bike trails.

Correspondence

Clerk Patek read the Election Results from the August 7, 2018 Election. Proposition F – Yes 1,401 and No 1,524.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. 4463 ½ – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; amending the Festus General Fund Reserve Policy; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4463 ½. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Resolution No. 4463 ½ was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Tinnin, Wehner, Venz, Cook and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Resolution No. 4463 ½ 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 Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4464 for the second time. Bill No. 4464 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Tinnin, Wehner, Venz, Cook and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4464 passed.

Bill No. 4465 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Amending Section 120.070 (Duties) Subsection B (Purchasing) in the Municipal Code of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4465 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. 4465 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Tinnin, Cook, Wehner, Gray, Venz; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4465 passed.

Bill No. 4466 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Boundary Adjustment Plat of Part of Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 of Empire South Subdivision; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4466 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. Councilman Venz made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4466 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Tinnin, Cook, Wehner, Gray, Venz; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4466 passed.

Bill No. 4467 - 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, Missouri Municipal Code; Certifying said special tax bills to the Collector of 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. 4467 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Clerk Patek stated these were the delinquent weed cut liens that go on the tax bills that the City does annually. Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4467 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Tinnin, Cook, Wehner, Gray, Venz; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4467 passed.

Bill No. 4468 - 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, MO.; Certifying said special tax bills to the Collector of 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. 4468 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Matt Clemens stated this was a lien for the demolition of 117 S. 4th Street. Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4468 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Tinnin, Cook, Wehner, Gray, Venz; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4468 passed.

Bill No. 4469 - 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, MO.; Certifying said special tax bills to the Collector of 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. 4469 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Matt Clemens stated this was a lien for the demolition of 115 S. 4th Street. Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4469 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Tinnin, Cook, Wehner, Gray, Venz; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4469 passed.

New Business

Clerk Patek stated the following liquor license requests needed approval:

- LaChance Vinyards – Twin City Days
- Main & Mill Brewing Company – Twin City Days
- Main & Mill Brewing Company – StreetFest – October 13th
(two locations on Main Street)

Chief Lewis stated for Twin City Days he would like to waive the open container law to onsite purchases, however, he requested that no glass containers be allowed for serving – only paper/plastic cups. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business - none

Reports

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

- Attended Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting – serving on planning committee for Twin City Days along with Chief Lewis
- Met with HIC Agency regarding City's health insurance plan
- Met with Chief Lewis, Doug Wendel and Alan Wells of St. Francois County 911 center
- Pre-construction meeting with Jokerst Paving for Collins project
- Discussed development agreements with City Attorney Melissa Vighi and options for our municipal court moving forward
- Meeting with Trane to discuss service and maintenance for Library
- Participated in monthly Quad City Administrators radio report on KJFF
- City Clerk Patek hosted MOCCFOA Eastern Division luncheon at the Quality Inn for 50 area clerks and other community leaders. I was able to welcome everyone to Festus and give the Invocation. Steve Stoll was the quest speaker
- Received and opened bids from four contractors for LED lighting upgrades to the Library
- Open enrollment for employees was held
- Met with Dennis Koscielski of Burns & McDonnell regarding improvements/upgrades to I-55 in the Festus corridor

Councilman Wehner – Thanked Larry Crites for the work being done at West City Park. Thanked Chief Lewis for the traffic details and foot patrols on Main Street.

Stated that there would be another joint council meeting with Crystal City on December 4, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Main & Mill.

Councilman Boyer – Asked if the potholes on Main Street could be fixed before Twin City Days. Matt Clemens stated he could have the patched before Twin City Days and do a full repair later on. Asked about the time frame on Beffa Street sidewalks – Matt stated it was scheduled for the fall. Stated he toured the Fire Department and the generator room has a leak and needs a lot of repairs. Chief Cremer stated that the materials to do the repairs have been purchased and they are just waiting on a time to do the work.

Councilman Venz – Stated he was glad to see the blacktop patching on Main Street and that the grass cutting around town looks nice.

Councilman Cook – Gave kudo's to the Council for passing Resolution No. 4463 1/2. **Asked Chief Lewis if two patrol cars had their batteries die on Imo's parking lot.** Chief Lewis explained the problem with the drain on the batteries in patrol cars and that they were working on the problem. Stated that Game 7 would like to meet with himself, Greg Camp and Larry Crites about future ball tournaments. Stated that he would like to see Closed Session materials prior to the meeting. Greg Camp explained that due to the nature of some of the issues being discussed in closed session it was necessary to provide documents only during closed session. Greg stated that the topic of discussion has to be posted along with the notice. Greg stated that he could email Council members regarding information and closed sessions.

Councilman Underwood – Asked if there were any issues when the military helicopters had to do an emergency landing during the bad storm recently. Chief Lewis stated he didn't think there were any issues other than people just wanting to know what was going on.

Councilman Gray – Asked the Fire Chief is most of the calls on the monthly report were EMS calls. Chief Cremer stated that 80% of the departments calls are typically EMS calls. Asked Greg Camp if there would be any more budget hearings – Greg stated he had not planned on it unless something came up. Greg reminded Council they could bring up concerns/questions now or any meeting.

Fire Chief Cremer – Stated that Volunteer Captain Steve Eisenhauer was moving to Florida and the department had a small ceremony for him and that he had been a good volunteer and they wished him the best.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Updated Council on various public works projects. Stated Jokerst would be finished this week and would then move out

to Horine. Greg stated that residents had received a letter regarding the Collins project and the disruption it would cause.

Park Supt. Larry Crites – Restroom partition ordered and will be installed as soon as received. There is a two day disc golf tournament this weekend with over 200 participants. Working on Twin City Days. Tennis committee meeting next week at public works. Councilman Boyer asked about the goose problem again. Larry stated they have pretty much tried everything and open to any suggestions.

City Clerk Kerry Patek – Stated there was a new business that opened in town called The Hollands Mattress by Appointment at 107 Walnut.

Finance Director Pat Parsons – Stated if anyone had any questions about the budget to give her a call.

Mayor Cage asked everyone if they had noticed the remodeling work done to the building on Main Street between Pogolinos and Celebrations and how nice it looks and what a great addition to Main Street.

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 (3) Personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Gray, Wehner, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

ADJOURNMENT

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