

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 24, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on August 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Cook, Underwood, Tinnin and Venz; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Dennis, Wehner and Wilkey; Absent – none. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Clerk Kerry Patek, City Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Captain Doug Wendel and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Brian Malone was present via Zoom.

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to amend the agenda to table Item E (Bill No. 4593) and to note the closed session as RSMo. 610.021 (13). Councilman Cook made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none.

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$216,559.18. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of August 10, 2020 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Venz and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Dennis, Venz, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.

**Correspondence** - none

**Visitors**

No visitors were allowed in the building due to the emergency order regarding the coronavirus and no visitors requested to be heard via the City website.

**Bids** - none

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4589** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a Contract with Lappe Cement Finishing, Incorporated for Fifth Street Improvements, Federal Project TAP-2600 (612); incorporating said Contract as part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4589 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4589 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4589 for the second time. Bill No. 4589 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Underwood, Dennis, Wehner and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4589 passed.**

**Bill No. 4590** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving a Non-Terminal Agency Agreement between the City's Police Department and the Jefferson County Circuit Court; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4590 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp and Brian Malone gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4590 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4590 for the second time. Bill No. 4590 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Underwood, Dennis, Wehner, Wilkey and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4590 passed.**

**Bill No. 4591** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; 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. 4591 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Venz made a motion to read Bill No. 4591 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4591 for the second time. Bill No. 4591 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Underwood, Dennis, Wehner, Wilkey and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4591 passed.**

**Bill No. 4592** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Plat of Festus Commerce and Business Center Plat 5; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4592 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to read Bill No. 4592 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4592 for the second time. Bill No. 4592 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Underwood, Dennis, Wehner, Wilkey and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4592 passed.**

**Bill No. 4593** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Plat of Festus Pointe; and establishing an effective date. **TABLED.**

**Bill No. 4594** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Conditional Use Permit for 1168 West Gannon Drive, Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4594 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4594 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4594 for the second time. Bill No. 4594 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Underwood, Dennis, Wehner, Wilkey and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4594 passed.**

### **New Business**

#### **Fall Clean-Up Date**

Councilman Cook made a motion to set the date for the annual fall clean-up for Saturday, October 24, 2020. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Request for Honor Glow Event**

Dean Eshelman requested permission to hold an Honor Glow event which honors Veterans on September 12, 2020 and to be allowed to hang a banner over Main Street. The Tanglefoot Association is involved with the event and the downtown businesses are doing window displays. Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the event and the banner over Main Street, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Budget**

City Administrator Greg Camp and Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham reviewed a preliminary draft of the budget with councilmembers. Greg Camp stated the new Public Works Director Matt Unrein will start September 14<sup>th</sup> and his position will be in with the budget amendment before passage. Greg Camp and Stephanie Cunningham informed Council that this was a preliminary draft and that the budget would be on the next agenda for further discussion. Greg and Stephanie both advised councilmembers that if they have any questions to please give either one of them a call.

Councilman Cook asked Mr. Camp to provide him with a copy of the water rate ordinance and Mr. Camp replied that he would get that for him.

Mayor Richards thanked Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham for doing a fine job preparing this years budget.

## **Old Business**

### **Stormwater Variance – Pashos Realty**

Councilman Cook made a motion to deny the request for a stormwater variance for 501 Brothers Avenue, Festus, Missouri, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes (to deny request) – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. **Request Denied.**

## **Reports**

Councilman Boyer – Stated that the car cruise happened with over 400 cars participating. Captain Wendel stated the PD did receive some complaints regarding squalling tires.

Councilman Wehner – Stated he was happy to see the Fifth Street Project get moving. Mentioned the police participation regarding speeding and the future use of digital speeding signs.

Councilman Venz – Asked about the Cromwell Project. Greg Camp provided information on the delays of the project and stated that the City has contracted Jokerst to come in as a sub-contractor and get things finished.

Captain Doug Wendel – Stated the police department has been reviewing traffic speed signs and locations.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Richards entertained a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Missouri law for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to RSMo. 610.021 (3)(13) Personnel. Councilman Cook made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

### **Back to Open Session**

Councilman Tinnin made a motion that all City employees must wear a mask if they are within six (6) feet of each other for any amount of time and cannot socially distance and when they are riding in a vehicle. Motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously and was to be enforced immediately.

### **Adjournment**

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