

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 28, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on September 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Tinnin and Venz; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Dennis, Wehner and Cook; Absent – Wilkey and Underwood. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Clerk Kerry Patek, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Public Works Director Matt Unrein and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Brian Malone was present via Zoom.

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

**Amend the Agenda**

Councilman Cook made a motion to amend the agenda adding Item B under Bids for Tablets. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$317,683.15. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of September 14, 2020 was made by Councilman Tinnin, seconded by Councilman Venz and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Cook, Dennis, Venz, and Tinnin; 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**

**Street Striping**

Greg Camp stated bids were solicited for street striping for 2020 and received responses from three companies, two of three declined to submit a bid (Traffic Control Company and Tramar Contracting). America's Parking Remarketing submitted a bid for \$23,805.00. Staff recommended to accept the bid from America's Parking Remarketing which performed the City's street striping last year.

(Street Striping Bid cont.)

**Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the bid for street striping in the amount of \$23,805.00, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Tablets**

Greg Camp presented a quote from Forward Slash for Microsoft Surface Pros, Microsoft Surface Type Covers and Microsoft Surface Pens for staff and Council members. Mr. Camp stated the total cost is \$35,387.00. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Cook, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4598** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Final Plat of Savannah Place Plat 1; and establishing an effective date. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4598 for the second time, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4598 for the second time. Bill No. 4598 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Dennis, Wehner, Cook and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4598 passed.**

**Bill No. 4599** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4599 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4599 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4599 for the second time. Bill No. 4599 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Dennis, Wehner, Cook and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4599 passed.**

**Bill No. 4600** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4600 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Mayor Richards thanked Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham for her hard work on the budget. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4600 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venez. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4600 for the second time. Bill No. 4600 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Dennis, Wehner, Cook and Venez; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4600 passed.**

### **New Business**

#### **Appointments**

Mayor Richards requested approval to appoint Matt Unrein to the Sewage Commission, the Jefferson County Water Authority, the Levee Operating and Maintenance Committee and to the Truman Village Community Improvement District and to also appoint Greg Camp to the Truman Village Community Improvement District. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Tinnin, Venez, Dennis, Cook, Wehner and Boyer; Nays – none.**

**Old Business** - none

#### **Reports**

Councilman Venez – Stated the new street striping looked very nice. Asked Police Chief Lewis about the alley from Ridge to Joachim. Asked City Administrator Camp if he had spoken with Robin Sumpter regarding the streets in Alexander Heights and Mr. Camp stated that he did have a conversation with Mrs. Sumpter about the streets.

Councilman Boyer – Stated that he felt the City needed to address the concrete repairs that need to be made on South Mill Street going toward Beffa and then on the other side near the park and that there are potholes that need to be patched on West Main Street and Sunshine Drive.

Councilman Wehner – Stated that he hopes the sponsors of these car shows on Main Street and the downtown business area know that it is not acceptable for participants to be doing burnouts and endangering citizens and leaving our streets a mess. Mayor Richards stated that he agreed and that he was going to have a talk with the sponsors about this issue and that in the future if anyone is caught doing burnouts they will be ticketed by police. Thanked Councilman Cook for making connections regarding a

recycling program. Stated that since Jefferson County is in the red level with COVID cases that allowing festivals, etc. should strongly considered by the City.

Mayor Richards – Thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for doing a fine job.

Councilman Wehner – Asked City Administrator Camp and City Attorney Brian Malone what the City can do to regulate these festivals and events during this pandemic. Brian Malone and Greg Camp discussed this issue with Council and they will work together and bring something back to the Council at the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

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