

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on October 12, 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, 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.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$1,191,213.52. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of September 28, 2020 was made by Councilman Tinnin, seconded by Councilman Wehner and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Cook, Dennis, Venz, and Tinnin; Nays – none.

**Correspondence**

Greg Camp stated he received an email from Cletus Pippin regarding the McCullough Project, which is to fundraise and eventually erect statues of Adam and Willa McCullough to honor both their legacies at Festus High School and within the Festus community. Mr. Pippin is requesting the City's assistance and Greg Camp explained the City's position on such requests.

**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**

### **BS&A Timesheet Module**

Greg Camp stated the City plans to add the timesheet module to the current BS&A software used by the City and that this would allow employees to have access to online employee self-service. Mr. Camp stated the cost would be as follows: \$10,425 for the module, possible travel expenses of \$1,785, however, training may be remote. For two years following there will be an additional \$800/year for the timesheets and BS&A online service will be \$1,430/year added to our annual service fees. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve the purchase of the timesheet module, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Cook, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4601** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Municipal Agreement with the City of Festus, Missouri; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; prescribing the conditions thereto; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4601 read Bill No. 4601 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Public Works Director Matt Unrein provided a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4601 for the second time, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4601 for the second time. Bill No. 4601 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Dennis, Wehner, Cook and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4601 passed.**

**Bill No. 4602** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Chapter 230 and Chapter 510 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to amend certain provisions relating to permits for park facilities, and permits for the use of City streets and parking lots within city limits; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4602 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4602 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4602 for the second time. Bill No. 4602 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Dennis, Wehner and Venz; Nays - Cook. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4602 passed.**

**Bill No. 4603** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Establishing the Alley just north of 604 Ridge Avenue to be West Bound traffic only to Joachim Street; establishing the placement of said "One-Way Alley" signs; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4603 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Police Chief Tim Lewis gave a staff report.

**Councilman Venz made a motion to read Bill No. 4603 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4603 for the second time. Bill No. 4603 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Dennis, Wehner, Cook and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4603 passed.**

### **New Business**

#### **Appointments**

Mayor Richards requested approval to appoint Kevin Dennis to the Jefferson County Water Authority to replace Gary Underwood. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Old Business** - none

#### **Reports**

Councilman Wehner – Asked about sending email notifications out to the citizens of Festus to let them know what is going on in the City. City Administrator Camp stated that citizens can sign up on the City's website now to be notified of events. Mr. Camp stated the City also has a Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram account and the City's website. Mr. Camp stated the City also has the Code Red notification system for citizens and he can review its capabilities. Mr. Wehner thanked Chief Lewis for the traffic control measures throughout town and that he looks forward to the traffic calming project and the digital speed signs.

Councilman Dennis – Welcomed Chris Bedell from Lashly & Baer. Stated he agreed with Councilman Wehner on the traffic issues and that he has received less complaints indicating the police presence is notable. Thanked the Fire Department for their actions regarding the alarm at the YMCA. Thanked the street and water departments for cleaning the culvert.

Councilman Cook – Thanked Greg Camp for working on communication issues with Jessica Dillard and Sarah Harris. Thanked the public works department for cleaning out the culvert along Ridge. Thanked all City staff for their hard work.

Fire Chief Kevin Cremer – Stated he would like to give a shout out to his firefighters for their work during Fire Prevention Month. Asked everyone to view the video on the Fire Department website that Capt. Brown and Firefighter Wood put together that was sent out to the schools. They did a great job.

Mayor Richards – Stated he would like to send condolences to the City of Hillsboro, the County Clerk’s office and the Detter family who tragically lost four members of their family this past weekend in a house fire. Joe Detter was the Building Official for the City of Hillsboro and his daughter Sherri worked in the Jefferson County Clerk’s office.

### **Adjournment**

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