

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin. Present via Zoom: Councilman Dennis and Councilman Wehner. Absent: None. Mayor Sam Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Building Official Mark Harris, Fire Captain Brian Schlichting, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis. Present Via Zoom City Attorney Brian Malone and City Administrator Greg Camp.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$753,246.95. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of December 13, 2021. Motion was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors - none

Bids - none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4664 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; (the “City”) declaring a State of Emergency within the City and order to employ measures to protect public, life, health, safety, and property to limit the development, contraction, and spread of Covid-19, the disease creating the emergency. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4664 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4664 for the second time, motion was seconded by Councilman Wehner. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4664 for the second time. Bill No. 4664 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4664 passed.**

New Business - none

Old Business - none

Reports

Councilman Cook – Thanked everyone who came out for the prayer vigil for Fire Chief Cremer who is battling Covid in the hospital.

Councilman Venz – Attended the prayer vigil for Chief Cremer along with Police Chief Lewis, City Clerk Patek, Mayor Richards and many others and asked for continued prayers for Chief Cremer.

Mayor Richards – Appointed Fire Captain Chris Spradling as Interim Fire Chief during the absence of Chief Cremer. Mayor stated the Fire Department has three full time Captains who will divide duties. Mayor Richards stated he felt people have become complacent regarding the Covid virus and that Omicron has reared its ugly head and asked that all businesses request customers to please wear masks and that this is not a mandate but an encouragement to everyone to help get this pandemic under control. Mayor Richards stated as of the first part of January 2022 there are 3,432 cases in Jefferson County and 265 cases in the 63028 zip code). Mayor Richards encouraged those who are not yet vaccinated to please do so, especially City of Festus employees.

Adjournment

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