

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on January 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Venz, Tinnin, Cook and Wehner; Absent – none; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Dennis. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Police Captain Doug Wendel, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Building Official Mark Harris, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, Tourism Director Barb Lowry and City Attorney Brian Malone.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$250,521.38. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of January 09, 2023 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Dennis, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors - none

Bids - none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4711 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a First Amendment and Renewal Agreement with All Seasons Maintenance Services, LLC.; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4711 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Building Official Mark Harris and Parks Director Josh Whaley gave a staff report. **Councilman Venz made a motion to read Bill No. 4711 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4711 for the second time.**

(Bill No. 4711 – continued)

Bill No. 4711 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Wehner, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4711 passed.

Bill No. 4712 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Chapter 405 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to authorize comprehensive marijuana dispensaries and marijuana microbusiness dispensaries as conditional uses in the B-2 District, to authorize marijuana testing facilities, comprehensive marijuana cultivation facilities, comprehensive marijuana-infused product manufacturing facilities and microbusiness wholesale facilities as conditional uses in the I-1 District, to prohibit all medical marijuana facilities, comprehensive marijuana facilities and marijuana microbusinesses in the B-4 District; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4712 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Building Official Mark Harris gave a staff report. Public Comment was received from the owner of Starbuds Dispensary on Gannon Drive stating that he intended to start selling recreational marijuana in February and informed Council of the state laws regarding this – must be over 21 to purchase and no public consumption is allowed. He stated he had increased security at his dispensary. City Attorney Brian Malone also commented on the statutes and that some may have to be revisited by the City. **Councilman Venz made a motion to read Bill No. 4712 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4712 for the second time. Bill No. 4712 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Wehner, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4712 passed.**

New Business - none

Old Business - none

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Stated that himself, Councilman Wehner and Councilman Collier attended a meeting of the Historic Tanglefoote Association and that a lot of good connections were made with the downtown businesses and that he and Councilman Collier when they get their business cards will be visiting the downtown businesses to see if they need help with anything, how they are doing, etc. Asked if the missing concrete on spots on Main Street could be looked at.

Councilman Wehner – Liked the Council participation with the downtown businesses and as a local business owner appreciated the efforts of the Ward I Councilmen making a connection.

Councilman Collier – Commented on the new tire store on Gannon Drive. Asked if we knew what was going on the property owned by Tammy Fadler and others along 67. Greg Camp and Mark Harris stated the City had a site plan for this property but no confirmed developments and that some retail and office spaces had previously been mentioned. Commented on the positive meeting with the Historic Tanglefoote Association. Thanked Josh Whaley for the work on the ballfields.

Councilwoman Templeton – Mentioned that the street lights near the Festus schools go on and off and can they be looked at and also the lights at Collins and Hwy. A. Greg Camp stated this was going to be part of the Veregy project.

Councilman Venz – Asked about the railroad project, Greg Camp stated he was told it would be February 8, 2023 and the intersection there would be closed about 18 hours.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated that the street lights on South Mill Street also go off and on.

Mayor – Stated he was happy with the way things are going and the City is doing well.

Adjournment

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