

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
Annexation - 1 Cave Top Lane
February 14, 2022
5:50 p.m.**

A public hearing was held at 5:50 p.m. on February 14, 2022 in the Council Chambers at Festus City Hall for the annexation of 1 Cave Top Lane. Clerk Patek explained that this property was previously annexed by the City, however, a smaller parcel that was purchased separately was not included so this annexation would fix that issue.

Present in the Council chambers: Mayor Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Councilmembers Dave Boyer, Mike Cook, Jim Tinnin, Bobby Venz, Kevin Dennis (via Zoom), Staci Templeton and Brian Wehner.

No public comments were received.

Mayor Richards then closed the public hearing.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on February 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Templeton, Venz, Wehner, Cook and Tinnin. Councilman Dennis present via Zoom. Absent: Underwood. Mayor 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, Interim Fire Chief Chris Spradling, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Larry Wadsack 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 \$871,931.82. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of January 24, 2022 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Dennis, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors - none

Bids

Fire Department – Rescue Air Bags

Interim Fire Chief Spradling asked for approval to purchase new rescue air bags at a cost of \$15,329.50. Two bids were received as follows: Banner Fire Equipment \$15,329.50 and Sentinel Emergency Solution \$15,360.98. After review of all bids staff recommends accepting the low bid from Banner Fire Equipment. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Dennis, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – None.**

Public Works – 1994 Vactor Truck Sale

Public Works Director Matt Unrein requested permission to sell the 1994 Vactor truck to Crystal City for \$12,500. Mr. Unrein stated he received a quote for a trade-in value at \$5,000 and a market value price estimate between \$10,000-\$15,000 from Coe Equipment. Councilwoman Templeton asked if the City is supposed to open this up for competitive bid. Mr. Unrein stated the \$12,500 from Crystal City was a guaranteed price. City Administrator Camp stated the intent was in the spirit of being a good neighbor and that the truck is 28 years old. City Attorney Larry Wadsack opening it up for competitive bid is the safest thing to do. Greg Camp stated they could list it on Purple Wave as they have been doing with other City vehicles and equipment. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to list the 1994 Vactor Truck on Purple Wave, seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Works – Salt Purchase

Public Works Director Matt Unrein presented a staff report from Shain Dollar seeking authorization to purchase salt for snow/ice removal purposes. Two bids were received as follows: DBK \$85.50 per ton total cost \$42,750 and Compass Minerals \$83.69 per ton total cost \$41,845. After review of all bids staff recommends the bid from DBK due to the fact they will allow the City to purchase only the amount of salt needed. Councilman Cook asked Mr. Unrein to look into purchasing salt during the off season as other entities do to save money. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.**

Animal Control Software Upgrade

Public Works Director Matt Unrein requested approval to purchase an upgrade to the animal control software through BS&A, which provides the City's other software programs. The cost for this upgrade is \$8,425 with an annual fee of \$735.

Councilman Cook made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Cook, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.

Park Department - Playground Equipment Sunset Park

Parks Director Josh Whaley requested approval to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for Sunset Park with installation for a total cost of \$26,427.00. Staff report stated that NuToys is a single source for this equipment. This new structure will replace the old equipment that was removed due to its condition. **Councilman Cook**

made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Cook, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.

Ordinances and Resolutions - none

New Business - none

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Asked about the personnel policy review committee. Greg Camp gave an update stating that the review committee will provide Council with a draft policy when they get to that point.

Councilman Wehner - Commended the public works department on their snow removal efforts. Asked if city buildings had AED's in them. Clerk Patek stated that city hall did, but she didn't know about other facilities. Mayor Richards stated he would get with Curt Stueve at Joachim Plattin Ambulance District regarding this matter.

Councilman Cook – Thanked employees on the snow removal efforts – great job.

Councilwoman Templeton - Great job on snow removal. Impressed with funeral services for Fire Chief Cremer.

Councilman Venz – Great job on snow removal and, also impressed with services for Chief Cremer.

Councilman Tinnin - Great job on snow removal and, also impressed with the services for Chief Cremer.

Councilman Dennis – Great job on snow removal and great staff in all departments and that Chief Cremer will be greatly missed.

Mayor Richards – Offered a public thank you to all those individuals and agencies that participated in the funeral services for Chief Cremer - it was very impressive. Extremely happy with the snow removal efforts. Police report by Chief Lewis shows how busy the police department is.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Cook made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Law for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to RSMo. 610.021 (3) personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Venz and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Dennis, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Adjournment

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