

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Dave Boyer, Gary Underwood, Brian Wehner, Staci Templeton, Bobby Venz, Mike Cook, and Jim Tinnin; Absent: Kevin Dennis. Mayor Samuel F. 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, Building Official Mark Harris, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Fire Chief Travis Wood, Police Chief Tim Lewis, 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 \$453,221.58. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of March 28, 2022 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

**Correspondence**

Clerk Patek read the results of the April 5, 2022 election which were as follows:

Ward 1 Councilman	John Chartrand	57
	Jim Collier	177
Ward II Councilman	Brian Wehner	248
Ward III Councilman	Bobby Venz	308
Ward IV Councilman	Jim Tinnin	420
Treasurer	Lori Eisenbeis	1,217
Proposition U	Yes 640 No 843	

Mayor Richards presented outgoing Councilman Gary Underwood with a plaque in appreciation of his years of service to the City of Festus as Councilman in Ward I.

### **Adjourn Sine Die**

Councilman Underwood made a motion to adjourn Sine Die, motion was seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Patek gave the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Ward I Jim Collier; Ward II Brian Wehner; Ward III Bobby Venz; Ward IV Jim Tinnin and Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis.

Mayor Richards asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-tem. Councilman Wehner nominated Councilman Cook for Mayor Pro-tem, motion was seconded by Councilman Boyer. Councilman Tinnin nominated Councilman Wehner, motion was seconded by Councilman Cook. Mayor Richards called for a vote on the first nomination of Councilman Mike Cook for Mayor Pro-Tem which were as follows: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – Cook. City Attorney Brian Malone advised Council that since there was a motion and a second on the floor and that the vote for Councilman Cook passed that they would not need to vote on the other nominee. Councilman Mike Cook was declared Mayor Pro-tem.

### **Reconvene**

Meeting reconvened with Mayor Richards presiding.

### **Visitors**

Alicia Smith, 307 Henry Street, addressed the Council regarding some code enforcement issues she was having on her property. City Administrator Greg Camp stated that himself, City Attorney Brian Malone and Building Official Mark Harris have discussed this issue and that the City has no control over Corp of Engineers requirements in flood zones and that they would look into it and get to her within a week.

## **Bids**

### **Cured in Place Pipe Lining Project**

Public Works Director Matt Unrein stated that three bids were received for this project as follows: Insituform \$70,387.18; Ace Pipe Cleaning \$66,037.70 and SAK \$66,169.80 (did not comply with bid requirements). After reviewing bids staff recommends accepting the low bid from Ace Pipe Cleaning. Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham asked Mr. Unrein if he would like to request the whole budgeted amount of \$304,000 so he would not have to come back to Council each time a portion of this project is done. Mr. Unrein stated that would be his desire to have the whole amount approved since this will be an ongoing project. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the bid from Ace Pipe Cleaning for \$66,037.70 and the entire budgeted amount of \$304,000 for future phases of this project. Motion seconded by Councilman Collier. Motion carried unanimously and was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – none; Abstain – Cook.**

### **Purchase of Water Main Materials**

Public Works Director Matt Unrein stated that three bids were received for materials as follows: Schulte Supply \$99,486.00; Core & Main \$101,217.52; IMCO Utility Supply Co. \$108,344.55. After reviewing bids staff recommends accepting the low bid from Schulte Supply. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the bid from Schulte Supply for \$99,486.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously and was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Sale of Surplus Vehicles/Equipment**

Public Works Director Matt Unrein requested permission to sell surplus vehicles and equipment owned by the City as listed in his staff report. Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve the sale of surplus vehicles/equipment, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4678** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FESTUS, MISSOURI; VACATING AND DISCONTINUING A CERTAIN ALLEY WAY IN THAT SECTION OF THE CITY OF FESTUS, MISSOURI, BEING PART OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PARCEL NO.'S 193.006.02013007; 193.006.02013006; 193.006.02013012; 193.006.02013004; 193.006.02013005; 193.006.02013011; 193.006.02013010; 193.006.02013009; 193.006.02013008; THE SECTION OF ALLEY BETWEEN 703-723 JOACHIM AND 614-718 WOODROW, AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4678 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Mark Harris gave a staff report. Councilman Boyer made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4678 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Collier. Clerk Patek read Bill no. 4678 for the second time. Bill No. 4678 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4678 passed.**

## **New Business**

### **Relaxing in the Park**

Promoters of this event requested permission to close off South Second Street and the Library parking lot on May 20-22, 2022. They have received 190 pre-registrations and are expecting 300-400 participants in this car show which will be held at West City Park. Food trucks will be on site, port-a-potties have been ordered for each location. One of the shows promoters is an EMT and will be on-site. Fire Chief Wood asked to have a truck at each location and the promotor thought that was a great idea. Police Chief Lewis has no problems with this show. Mayor Richards requested the promoter let all the participants know that the City does not tolerate "burn outs". **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Request approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Trailnet Bottleneck Bridge Ride**

Andrew Held requested permission to close Main Street for the Bottleneck Bridge Ride on August 21, 2022. This event has been very successful and has grown to over 400 cyclists expected and has a great economic impact on our City. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Collier. Request approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

## **Old Business**

### **The Corner Cup Parklet and Draft Ordinance**

City Administrator Greg Camp reviewed with Council the draft Ordinance prepared by City Attorney Brian Malone regarding parklets. Several Council members expressed concerns over safety, fee structure, liability, etc. Public Works Director Matt Unrein mentioned using speed tables near crossing areas on Main Street. Police and Fire wanted to make sure speed tables would be ok with their equipment, etc. Greg Camp mentioned traffic calming adjustments and fee structure adjustments and that he could bring the revised Ordinance back to Council at the April 25 meeting. If the Ordinance is approved then business owners can apply.

### **Reports**

Councilman Cook – Congratulations to newly elected Councilman Ward I Jim Collier. Asked about 307 Henry and to discuss this situation with Mark Harris.

Councilman Boyer - Congratulations to newly elected Councilman Ward I Jim Collier. Commented on the nice new lift at the vehicle maintenance shop and thanked Greg Camp for re-setting the chrome books.

Councilman Collier – Thanked all those who voted for him and that he is looking forward to working with everyone and thanked Councilman Gary Underwood for his years of service.

Councilwoman Templeton – Welcomed Jim Collier to the Council. Asked Matt Unrein about the safety barriers proposed on Main Street.

Councilman Venz – Stated that there is a lot to be proud of in Festus and is very happy with the way the City is progressing and the Council is working together.

Councilman Tinnin - Congratulations to newly elected Councilman Ward I Jim Collier.

Mayor Richards – Congratulated all the newly elected officials and looks forward to getting more work done with them.

City Administrator Camp – Let the Council know there were project sheets available for their viewing on the Main to Mississippi project.

### **Adjournment**

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