

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Dave Boyer, Jim Collier, Brian Wehner, Staci Templeton, Bobby Venz, Mike Cook, and Jim Tinnin; Absent: Mike Cook; Present via Zoom - 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 \$143,444.00. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of April 11, 2022 was made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Correspondence - None

Visitors - None

Bids

Tandem Dump Truck Surcharge

Public Works Director Matt Unrein gave a staff report stating that the dump truck that we ordered in October will now cost more than what Council approved due to a surcharge being tacked on. The truck has not been manufactured or paid for yet. Freightliner stated their costs have gone up and they are passing those costs on to their customers. Therefore, the City will have to pay an additional \$6,700.00 for the truck, which will put it at \$2,917 over budget. Mr. Unrein stated that the City is selling some older vehicles and the money from those sales can help offset this cost.

Councilmembers discussed this matter. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the additional charge on the new dump truck. Motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously and was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – Dennis.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4679 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget; and establishing an effective date. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4679 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham gave a staff report. Councilman Wehner made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4679 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Clerk Patek read Bill no. 4679 for the second time. Bill No. 4679 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4679 passed.**

Bill No. 4680 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Chapter 610 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus; regarding temporary right-of-way permits for restaurants to use sidewalks and/or parking stalls located in the right-of-way for additional seating; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4680 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report. Councilman Collier made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4680 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Clerk Patek read Bill no. 4680 for the second time. Bill No. 4680 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4680 passed.**

Bill No. 4681 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Preliminary Plat of 1240 Horine Road; and establishing an effective date. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4681 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Building Official Mark Harris gave a staff report. Councilman Tinnin made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4681 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Clerk Patek read Bill no. 4681 for the second time. Bill No. 4681 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4681 passed.**

New Business

Tanglefoot Association Event

Promoters of this event requested permission to close Main Street from Mill Street to Brierton from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Promoters stated this event would include all the businesses on Main Street that wanted to participate for a day of shopping, eating, music, etc. Promoters stated that each individual restaurant would be responsible for their own liquor sales and that posters will be delivered to every business on Main Street to promote the event. Promoters stated at this point they had not heard from any other businesses. Police Chief and Fire Chief stated they were ok with the event but asked that emergency vehicles have access if needed.

Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Request approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Wehner – Stated he was glad to see work being done at the city owned building located on West Main attached to the Library and what an asset it is have for the downtown area. Commented on the homeless in our city and that he had spoken to a couple who were Crystal City high school and Festus high school graduates and were now homeless. Mayor Richards agreed that this issue needs to be addressed.

Councilman Venz – Invited everyone to the Wal-Mart grand reopening on May 6th at 8:00 a.m. He stated Crystal City is aware of the event also and has been invited. Commented on the great turn-out for the mouse races in memory of Chief Cremer to benefit Backstoppers. Would like to make sure that all new businesses that come into Festus are welcomed. Stated that the work to the railroad trestle seems to be moving forward.

Councilman Tinnin – Commented on the success of the city wide clean-up event.

Mayor Richards – Commended the police department on a great job handling the shooting on S. 4th Street, also thanked Park Director Josh Whaley for assisting the police department with the cameras in the park to identify a suspect. Stated that preliminary work is being done by utility companies to prepare for Burlington Northern to begin work on the trestle improvements.

City Administrator Camp – Reminded everyone that May 9th is a holiday (Truman's birthday) so city offices will be closed and the Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Adjournment

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