

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

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Dave Boyer, Brian Wehner and Bobby Venz; Present via Zoom Mike Cook and Jim Collier; Absent: Kevin Dennis, Jim Tinnin and Staci Templeton. 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 \$442,390.93. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of April 25, 2022 was made by Councilman Wehner, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Venz, Cook and Collier; Nays – none.

Correspondence - None

Visitors

Colby Bailey with Festus Boy Scout Troop 426 addressed the Council for approval of his Eagle Scout project which would consist of planting a tree, a memorial stone and bench in Larry G. Crites Memorial Park. Colby handed out packets with details of his project to Council and staff. Colby stated to help offset some of the costs of this project he will be holding a car wash on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Advance Auto Parts. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Richards presented Dr. Link Luttrell a Proclamation from the City of Festus naming May 11, 2022 as Dr. Link Luttrell Day in the City of Festus. Dr. Luttrell will be retiring from the Festus R-VI School District after 14 years of service to the school district and the community.

Kelly Genova, Festus Middle School teacher had six students present a project they had been working on regarding the Mt. Zion Cemetery in town. Each student spoke on behalf of their project informing the Council, staff and public that they had been working on a project to find out more about the cemetery. The students researched the deceased in the cemetery by telling their stories, they cleaned headstones, searched for unmarked graves and continue to work on restoring the cemetery and it's history.

Bids - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4682 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an STP-Urban (STP-2608(605) Program Agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; incorporating said Agreement as part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4682 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report. Councilman Venz made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4682 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Collier. Clerk Patek read Bill no. 4682 for the second time. Bill No. 4682 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Venz and Cook; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4682 passed.**

New Business

Streetside Whimsy Event

Julie Fortner, owner of Streetside Whimsy, a boutique located at 202 E. Main Street, requested permission to block off the parking lot behind her store from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Acoustic music will be performed on their patio and vendors will be on the parking lot. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Request was approved unanimously.**

Annual Liquor License Approvals

Clerk Patek requested permission to approve the annual liquor license list which was included in the packet. Clerk Patek stated the list was all renewals – no new liquor license requests. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Request was approved unanimously.**

Old Business – None

Reports

Mayor Richards announced that Festus City Administrator Greg Camp had recently been inducted as the President of the Missouri City Managers Association.

Mayor Richards commended Police Chief Tim Lewis for their good work on the incident that recently occurred in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Mayor Richards wanted to reassure the public that Festus is a safe community and that the police department will be doing extra patrols in parking lots.

Adjournment

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