

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

May 22, 2023

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on May 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Cook, and Tinnin; Online – Dennis. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Administrator Greg Camp, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Building Director Mark, Harris, 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 \$671,926.05. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of May 09, 2023 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Correspondence - None

Visitors –

Police Chief Doug Wendel presented SRO Richard Placke with a Life Saver Award after he successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver on a choking 15-year-old student.

Police Chief Doug Wendel announced the new Police Captain as Lewis Pippin.

Bids - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4721 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Establishing a No Parking Zone on the East Side of Mueller Road from Brothers Avenue to Schumer Drive; and establishing the placement of signs enforcing the No Parking Zone; and establishing an effective date. Finance Director Cunningham read Bill No. 4721 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilwoman**

Templeton made a motion to read Bill No. 4721 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Collier. Motion carried unanimously. Finance Director Cunningham read Bill No. 4721 for the second time. Bill No. 4721 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4721 passed.

New Business

Historic Tanglefoot – Festival Request

Michelle Hohmeier from Historic Tanglefoot Association is requesting streets to be barricaded Mill- Palliet-Behring – North & South Adams – Church – Brierton on 6/17/23 from 5-10 p.m. for their Summer-Fest event. Police Chief Wendel and Fire Chief Broombaugh stated they approved of this event. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously.**

2023-24 Annual Liquor License Renewal Request

The Annual Liquor License Renewal List prepared by City Clerk Patek was presented to the Council. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Records Destruction Request

Finance department requested permission to destroy a list of items that are no longer needed according to our records retention policy. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Wehner motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Enjoyed the Cruising in the Park event and the Art Walk on Main that were both well attended. Mentioned the Bus Driver – Lynnette Lammert about the Mueller Street concern. Congrats to Captain Pippin.

Councilman Wehner – Congrats to Captain Pippin. The City Hall new roof looks good and looking forward to the solar installation. He is concerned about the noise on Gamel Cemetery Road.

Councilman Dennis – Congrats to Captain Pippin. Great job with the CPR Training at the school. Would like to look into additional equipment on the Police UTV.

Councilman Collier – Congrats Police Officers.

Councilwoman Templeton – Congrats to the Police Officers. Thank you to Josh for removing the tree out of Billy Porter Park. Concerned about the vandalism in the park. Greg Camp mentioned that is something we will look into in the next budget cycle.

Councilman Venz- Congrats to the Police Officers.

Councilman Tinnin- Congrats to the Police Officers and is excited about a lot of movement in town.

Mayor – Talked to Jason at the car show over the weekend and is proud that they keep coming back to Festus. He said Josh and Barb are great to work with. Congrats to Captain Pippin. Congrats to SRO Placke for the lifesaving award. Great job.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Law for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to RSMo.610.021 (1) legal, (2) for leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate. Motion made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton to go into closed session. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Adjournment

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