

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

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on July 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Venz and Cook. Present via Zoom: Councilman Dennis and Councilman Wehner. Absent: Councilman Tinnin. Mayor Sam Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Administrator Greg Camp, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Building Official Mark Harris, Fire Chief Travis Wood, Detective Lewis Pippin, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Parks Director Josh Whaley 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 \$642,067.24. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of June 27, 2022. Motion was made by Councilman Venz, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Cook; Nays – none.

**Correspondence** - None

**Visitors** - None

**Bids**

**Police Department – License Plat Readers**

Detective Pippin requested authorization for the Police Department to purchase two new license plate readers for two of the patrol vehicles. Det. Pippin stated he requested bids from five vendors and received three bids as follows: Motorola Solutions \$37,520.00; Busch and Associates \$37,690.00. The bid from Turn Key Mobile was only a two camera system and we were seeking a three camera system. After review staff recommends accepting the bid from Motorola Solutions. **Councilman Collier made a motion to approve the bid from Motorola Solutions for \$37,520.00, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Cook; Nays – none.**

## Ordinances and Resolutions - None

## New Business

### Appointments

Mayor Richards presented a list of Boards and Commissions (copy attached for permanent record) of re-appointments and new appointments, with the addition of Ken Strathmann to the Park Board. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve all appointments and re-appointments, seconded by Councilman Collier. Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Works – Boom Mower

Public Works Director Matt Unrein requested permission to purchase a new boom mower in the amount of \$145,000.00 of next year's budget. Mr. Unrein explained that proceeds from the sale of used City equipment on Purple Wave would be used to offset the cost. Mr. Unrein's staff report stated that there were only two major vendors of this equipment and staff recommends the John Deere tractor with the Diamond mower. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to authorize the purchase of this boom mower, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz and Cook; Nays – none.**

### Liquor License for Krabby Daddy's

Clerk Patek requested approval of a 5% beer and wine liquor license with Sunday sales for Krabby Daddy's restaurant. Clerk Patek stated they had received their state liquor license and been through a background check from our police department. Det. Pippin stated he had no problem with this request. **Councilman Collier made a motion to approve this liquor license, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Reports**

Councilman Cook – Asked about purchasing toolboxes for the public works trucks. Matt Unrein explained that his staff recommended not putting toolboxes on trucks and instead getting new tools and mobile tool carts for the vehicle maintenance department. Asked what the City's policy on loaning heavy equipment out was. Greg Camp explained that if the City does loan any equipment out, we also send an operator with that piece of equipment for liability reasons. Asked about MIRMA replacement cost in the event of a loss and that DeSoto took quite a loss on their firetrucks which were covered under MIRMA. Asked if the Fire Department should have VFIS Insurance also.

Councilman Wehner – Congratulated Matt Unrein on applying for and receiving a sewer grant. Asked Greg Camp about the traffic study on West Main Street. Greg stated an engineer is looking at the situation at this time.

Councilman Dennis – Complimented Josh Whaley on how good the parks looked after the festival.

Councilman Boyer – Complimented Mark Harris on the removal of the abandoned house that was demolished on S. Fourth Street.

Councilman Venz – Asked about participation in the tax free weekend. Greg Camp explained that the State of Missouri enacted legislation for this year that the City's will not be able to opt out this year but will be able to in 2023. Would like to see the budget for fireworks increased for next year's show. Asked Barb Lowry about the "Thank You" ad in the Leader for those who donated to the Firecracker Festival. Barb explained there were various donations of time, money, equipment from other entities and that was a thank you to them.

Mayor Richards - Appreciative that things are going well and all departments doing a good job.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

## **Adjournment**

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