

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on August 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin. Councilman Dennis was present via Zoom. Absent: None. Mayor Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Fire Chief Travis Wood, Police Captain Doug Wendel, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Public Works Director Matt Unrein 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 \$711,725.53. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of July 25, 2022 was made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilman Cook and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Dennis, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.

Correspondence – None

Visitors - None

Bids

Public Works – Salt

Public Works Director Matt Unrein requested approval of the salt bid from Compass Minerals. Mr. Unrein stated three bids were received as follows: Compass Minerals \$88.79 per ton; DBK \$95.25 per ton and Morton Sale – No Bid. After review of bids staff recommended accepting the bid from Compass Minerals for \$11,992.60. Mr. Unrein stated that his department was working on a local citywide co-op to purchase salt at a more economical price and would let Council know as soon as he receives the information, cost, etc. Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham stated that if this co-op can provide better purchasing of salt, then it could be purchased at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Salt Bid (continued)

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Collier. Nays – none.

Security Upgrades

Public Works Director Matt Unrein presented the report for City Administrator Greg Camp regarding upgrades to the City's security technology from the City's IT managed services provider Forward Slash Technology at a cost of \$156,049. Finance Director Cunningham stated this would be paid for from the ARPA funds the City received. Councilman Cook asked about adding the Library buildings and Mr. Unrein responded that it was not a part of the quote currently but something that could be budgeted for in the future. Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Dennis, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – None.

Backup Power Generators

Public Works Director Matt Unrein presented the report for City Administrator Greg Camp regarding a request for proposals for whole house backup power generators for three locations – city hall/police department, public works and the Pounds Road booster station. Two bids were received as follows: Brda Electric \$360,435 and Compass Electrical Solutions \$435,415. After review of proposals staff recommends accepting the bid from Brda Electric. Mr. Unrein stated the City will do the concrete pads in house. Councilman Dennis asked about the vehicle maintenance shed and Mr. Unrein replied that was not a part of this proposal but could be looked at in the future. Councilman Wehner asked about surge protectors and Mr. Unrein stated that was not part of the proposal but could be added later and that the City has surge protection. Councilman Venz made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Collier. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Dennis, Templeton, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – Cook and Wehner.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4690 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the issuance of Special Tax Bills under Sections 110.1 and 111 of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by the City of Festus, Missouri; certifying said special tax bills to the Recorder of Deeds of the County of Jefferson as a lien against said property; and establishing an effective date. Places a lien for the demolition of 411 S. Mill Street. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4690 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Attorney Brian Malone explained the process of placing a lien for demolition. Councilman Boyer made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4690 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Bill No. 4690 passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Bill No. 4690 Passed.**

Bill No 4691 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Section 205.050 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus regarding the types of animals allowed in the City; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4691 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Matt Unrein gave a staff report explained the change to the code regarding chickens. Councilman Collier made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4691 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4691 for the second time. Bill No. 4691 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4691 passed.**

New Business

Liquor License – LaChance Vineyards

LaChance Vineyards requested a picnic liquor license for Twin City Days concert. Councilman Cook made a motion to approve this request contingent upon approval from the Twin City Days Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Cook – Huge shout out to the Parks Department for the clean-up along the creek with the Jefferson County Stream Team. Explained his “no” vote regarding surge protectors. Would like the City to continue to demolish properties as needed. Finance Director Cunningham stated that funds were put in the budget for demolitions and asked that Council members bring any ideas to the budget work session on August 22nd.

Councilman Dennis – Commended the clean up efforts behind the vehicle maintenance shed and thanked Mr. Unrein for keeping his employees safe and hydrated during the intense heat.

Councilwoman Templeton – Thanked Matt Unrein for getting the streetlight fixed on a weekend.

Councilman Venz – Thanked Matt Unrein for getting the weeds cut along the right of ways.

Mayor Richards – Thanked Matt Unrein for making sure the crews working in the heat are taken care of.

Public Works Director Matt Unrein – Stated that Spire had once again awarded his crews with the Silver Shovel Award for not hitting any gas lines throughout the year. Commended Jack Bridges and Pat Kinder and the others who made this happen and that they will receive their award at a breakfast hosted by Spire.

Adjournment

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