

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Code Changes
September 13, 2021
5:50 p.m.**

A public hearing was held at 5:50 p.m. on September 13, 2021 in the Council Chambers at Festus City Hall to hear any citizens regarding the proposed tax rates to be set by the City of Festus, Missouri. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenue which the budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2021, shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by one hundred so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation. Proposed tax rate is **\$0.6056**.

Present in the Council chambers: Mayor Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Councilmembers Gary Underwood, Dave Boyer, Jim Tinnin, Bobby Venz, Kevin Dennis, Staci Templeton and Brian Wehner. Also present Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, and City Attorney Brian Malone. Mark Harris was present via Zoom. Mark Harris stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved this rezoning.

No public comments were received.

Mayor Richards then closed the public hearing.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin. Absent: Cook. 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, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Building Official Mark Harris, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Street Foreman Shain Dollar, Water Foreman Chuck Boyer, 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 \$753,634.67. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of August 23, 2021 was made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Tinnin and Venz; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors

Representatives from downtown businesses The Daisy Chain, Tree of Life and Farmhouse Style were present to request that Main Street be closed on Saturday, November 6, 2021 for a "Ladies Night Out" event from 7-10 p.m. Police Chief Lewis stated he was ok with the event, but ask that all businesses on Main Street be aware of the event and the street closure. The ladies stated they were working on this event with the businesses on Main Street and would make sure everyone is informed about the event and hopefully participates. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.**

Bids – none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4649 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Levying and Authorizing the Assessment and Collection of a tax for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Public Health purposes, Public Library, General Revenue purposes and City Parks; and fixing the time for the taking effect of this Ordinance. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4649 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report stating this was the City’s annual tax rate setting and that due to assessments going up this year under Missouri State Statute the tax rate must go down. The new tax rate would be \$0.6056. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to read Bill No. 4649 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4649 for the second time. Bill No. 4649 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4649 passed.**

New Business

Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham addressed the Council regarding the proposed fiscal year budget for 2021-2022. Stephanie stated all members should have received via email a copy of the proposed budget summary and supporting documentation. Stephanie asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed budget and that the final draft would be on the next agenda for approval. City Administrator Greg Camp commended Stephanie on her hard work and doing a fine job preparing the budget. Greg also thanked all the department heads for their cooperation with the budget process.

Old Business - none

Reports

Councilman Underwood – Thanked Greg Camp for getting the signs up in his neighborhood. Greg thanked Matt Unrein and Shain Dollar for their work on this project.

Councilman Venz – State he thought the streets looked beautiful after being paved. Stated the weeds on Horine after Alexander Heights were getting high and asked that they be looked at. Shain Dollar responded that it was actually Festus Special Road District right-of-way but that the city did cut it in exchange for another job from the

road district. Shain stated he was aware the weeds have grown back quickly but that the City does not have the right equipment to get this taken care of. Matt Unrein stated that he would look into renting the type of equipment needed and see if we can get it cut one last time this season.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated that he thought the streets were in the best shape that he has seen in a long time. Asked if the weeds (vision obstruction) at Hawk Pointe could be looked at.

Councilman Boyer – Stated the streets were looking good and that Twin City Days went very well and the turn-out for the event was good.

Councilman Wehner – Stated the streets were looking great. Stated there was a nice crowd on Main Street for Twin City Days and that the concert in Crites Park also had a good turnout. Asked the department heads to consider putting together a five or ten year plan for future needs and projects. Thanked animal control for clean-up on Collins. Stated it was nice to see more employees in the Park Department. Offered condolences to Mark Harris on the loss of his son.

Councilman Dennis – Stated the streets were looking good. Asked about the grass cutting company's poor performance and what the city was going to do about it for next year. Greg Camp replied that he is looking into the contract language and would get back to Council with a recommendation. Commended the parks department, police department and street department for doing a great job. Offered his condolences to Mark Harris on the loss of his son.

Mayor Richards – Commended all departments involved with Twin City Days on doing a great job and that there were no incidents that he was aware of during the three days of events. Offered his condolences to Mark Harris on the loss of his son. Stated that there 147 confirmed Covid in the 63028 zip code and highly encouraged all employees to get vaccinated and that it was the only way to stop and head off this virus and that we need to be leaders of this effort. Mayor Richards stated we currently have five out in the police department and one department head with Covid.

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