

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**September 26, 2022**  
**5:50 p.m.**

The Festus City Council held a public hearing on September 26, 2022 at 5:50 p.m. for the purpose of seeking public input regarding a PUD Overlay at 1255-1275 N. Truman Blvd. and 101-109 Borga. Mayor Richards called the hearing to order. Building Official Mark Harris gave a staff report. No questions or comments were received by Council or the public. Mayor Richards closed the hearing.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 26, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on September 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Tinnin. Councilman Dennis was present via Zoom. Absent: Councilman Cook. Mayor Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Administrator Greg Camp, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Asst. Fire Chief Chuck Boyer, Building Official Mark Harris, Police Chief Tim Lewis, 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 \$312,346.57. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of August 8, 2022 was made by Councilwoman Templeton, seconded by Councilman Venz and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Dennis, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – none.

**Correspondence**

Clerk Patek read a thank you note from the Bottleneck Bridge Ride Committee for support from the City.

**Visitors**

Police Chief Lewis presented School Resource Officer Jaymes Brookshire with a commendation.

Detective Sgt. Lewis Pippin and Sgt. Jessica Griffaw accepted a check for \$5,000 from the Relaxin in the Park group for the Jefferson County Shop with a Cop program.

**Bids** - none

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4697** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Adopting the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023; and establishing an effective date. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4697 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham gave a staff report. Councilman Boyer made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4697 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Bill No. 4697 passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Bill No. 4697 Passed.**

**Bill No 4698** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Planned Unit Development Overlay for 1255-1275 N. Truman Blvd. and 101-109 Borga; incorporating Exhibit "A" attached hereto as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4698 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Mark Harris gave a staff report. Councilman Collier made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4698 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4693 for the second time. Bill No. 4698 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4698 passed.**

**Bill No 4699** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Chapter 203 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to enact a new section pertaining to the appointment process applicable to the selection of a Fire Chief, and amending Section 203.040, regarding qualifications to serve as Fire Chief; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. **Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4699 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Councilwoman Templeton made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4699 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4699 for the second time. Bill No. 4699 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – Boyer. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4699 passed.**

City Administrator Camp requested permission to post the position of Fire Chief on social media, etc. to include minimum qualifications, experience, etc. **Councilman Venz made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **New Business**

#### **Main & Mill Streetfest**

Denny Foster of Main & Mill Brewing Co. requested permission to close the street on Saturday October 8, 2022 for their annual Streetfest event. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Twin City Chamber of Commerce Halloween Event**

The Twin City Chamber of Commerce requested permission to close Main Street on Saturday, October 29, 2022 for their children's Halloween event. **Councilman Collier made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Old Business**

#### **Police Union – Election Results**

Greg Camp gave the following election results: "Do you wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 15?" Yes – 24 and No - 0.

## **Reports**

Councilman Wehner – Happy to see the Library and the School District working together for the community. Mill Street project moving along nicely.

Councilwoman Templeton – Library could use some updating, audio visual equipment. October 15 and 16 there will be a pickleball tournament benefiting Backstoppers.

Councilman Venz – Mill Street project coming along nicely. Car cruise a success.

Councilman Dennis – Asked to send a thank you from the City to George Portz for continuing to have his traditional music festival in Crites Park. Commended Jessica Griffaw and Lewis Pippin for their work on the Jefferson County Shop with a Cop.

Mayor Richards – Attended the George Portz Traditional Music Festival and commented on how good it was.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Councilman Collier made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Law for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to RSMo. 610.021 (3)(13) personnel. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tinnin and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Tinnin; Nays – none.

## **Adjournment**

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