

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Templeton, Cook, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin. Absent: Underwood and Wehner. 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, 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 \$867,717.82. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of September 13, 2021 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Cook, Templeton, Dennis, Tinnin and Venz; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors - none

Bids – none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4650 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4650 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4650 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4650 for the second time. Bill No. 4650 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Templeton, Cook, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4650 passed.**

Bill No. 4651 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Adopting the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4651 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham gave a staff report. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to read Bill No. 4651 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4651 for the second time. Bill No. 4651 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Templeton, Cook, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4651 passed.**

Bill No. 4652 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; approving the Final Plat of Twin Valley Phase 1; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4652 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Building Official Mark Harris gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4652 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4652 for the second time. Bill No. 4652 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Templeton, Cook, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4652 passed.**

Bill No. 4653 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Chapter 205 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to amend the definition of certain animals and clarifying types of animals prohibited within the City; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4653 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp and City Attorney Brian Malone gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4653 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4653 for the second time. Bill No. 4653 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Templeton, Cook, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4653 passed.**

New Business

City Clerk Kerry Patek presented a staff report and a list of documents from various departments to be destroyed by shredding. The list of records will be attached to the permanent minutes. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to authorize the destruction of records as presented, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Lewis asked that the request for a liquor license for 40 Main Street be tabled until the October 11, 2021 meeting to allow time for the completion of the background check.

Tourism Director Barb Lowry gave a presentation on the new addition on the City of Festus website to allow the public to make online park and ballfield reservations. Barb stated that the Library will also be able to use this new tool.

Old Business - none

Reports

Councilman Tinnin – Stated that there was some traffic confusion due to the fact there were no detour signs on Scenic warning of road closure and road work. Greg Camp stated this was work being performed by the Festus Special Road District and not the City. Public Works Director Matt Unrein stated he would talk to the Special Road District about it.

Councilman Boyer – Stated the George Portz Music Festival was great and there was a good crowd. Complimented the Police Department for all their hard work that was listed in the Chief's activity report. Asked about the East-West Gateway Great Streets Project and why Denny Foster was included in the meeting. Greg Camp explained that the two administrators from Festus and Crystal attended and each city also sent a business representative.

Councilman Dennis – Stated he was very pleased with a very good and smooth budget process. Stated he enjoyed the recent concerts in the different parks. Asked about when the street striping was starting on the newly paved streets. Matt Unrein updated Council on the scheduling.

Councilman Cook – Asked if the trees on Pounds Road had been discussed. Greg Camp stated he and Matt Unrein have looked into the situation and will have an answer by the end of the week. Asked when the street striping would begin. Matt Unrein stated it is supposed to start tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. and continue on for the next three days. Asked about the Boy Scouts camping in the park. Greg Camp stated he and Barb would look into it.

Mayor Richards – Stated that Covid cases were down to 91 in the 63028 zip code. Encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and continue with masks and social distancing. Stated the Georg Portz music festival went very well and they were already planning for it again next year.

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