

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 25, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Templeton, Venz, Underwood and Tinnin. Councilman Dennis and Councilman Wehner were present via Zoom. 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, Building Official Mark Harris, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Captain Doug Wendel, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, 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 \$1,196,246.47. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of October 11, 2021 was made by Councilman Venz, seconded by Councilman Wehner and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Templeton, Dennis, Underwood, Wehner, Tinnin and Venz; Nays – none.

**Correspondence** - none

**Visitors** - none

**Bids**

**Fire Department – Res-Q-Jack System**

Fire Chief Cremer asked for approval to purchase new Res-Q-Jacks Rescue Struts from AEC Fire-Safety & Security (single source provider) for \$15,113.00. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.**

### **Public Works – Outdoor Warning Siren**

Matt Unrein addressed Council asking for approval to upgrade two WPS4004 units (St. Mary's Lane and the Armory with new front panels from Outdoor Warning Consulting LLC (single source provider) for \$9,986.00. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.**

### **Public Works – Four Post Vehicle Lift**

Matt Unrein addressed Council asking for approval to purchase a Four Post Vehicle Lift from Mohawk Lifts using the state contract for the purchase of a Four Post Vehicle Lift in the amount of \$37,229.37. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.**

### **Water Department – New Backhoe**

Matt Unrein addressed Council asking for approval to purchase a 2022 John Deere Backhoe from Erb Equipment using the state bid in the amount of \$114,690.00. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.**

### **Water Department – 2022 Equipment Trailer**

Matt Unrein addressed Council asking for approval to purchase a 2022 Equipment Trailer from Erb Equipment using the state bid in the amount of \$16,574.55. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.**

### **Water/Sewer Department – Sewer Vector Truck**

Matt Unrein addressed Council asking for approval to purchase a 2021 Sewer Vector Demo Truck from Coe Equipment through Sourcewell (City of Festus is a member) in the amount of \$411,724.00. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – None.**

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 4653.5** – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri to establish premium pay for essential employees using funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4653.5. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4653.5, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none. Abstain – Venz. Mayor Richards declared Resolution No. 4653.5 passed.**

**Bill No. 4654** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Final Plat of Birchwood Estates Plat Four; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4654 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Building Official Mark Harris gave a staff report and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously approved this. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4654 for the second time, motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4654 for the second time. Bill No. 4654 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Dennis, Venz, Templeton, Wehner and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richard declared Ordinance No. 4654 passed.**

## **New Business**

### **Satisfaction Survey**

City Administrator Greg Camp provided Councilmembers with a final draft of the results of the city survey and reviewed some of the data that was collected. Mr. Camp asked Council to review the final draft and let him know if they had any comments, etc. before putting it out for the public viewing.

**Old Business** - None

## **Reports**

Councilman Boyer – Thanked Public Works Director Matt Unrein for work done on the fence repairs on S. Adams and for the great welding job. Also asked Mr. Unrein to check some bad spots on S. Adams.

Councilman Wehner – Also stated the hand/guard rail on Adams looks nice. Thanked Parks Director Josh Whaley for the work done on the pickleball courts.

Councilman Dennis – Asked about the skate park off S. Second St. City Administrator Camp stated it was owned by the Creeds who own Pedal and Pi on Bailey Rd and that it was a portable pump track they put in and that it didn't require any inspections, permits, etc. from the city.

Councilman Tinnin – Asked what the status of the new hotel that was supposed to be built was. Greg Camp explained that delays were likely due to the pandemic, materials cost rising, etc. but that they were still planning on building.

Councilman Venz – Asked about crosswalks in the city and that other cities have signs and asked if that would be possible for Festus. Greg Camp explained that there is a state law that gives pedestrians the right-of-way in crosswalks and that some crosswalk areas are not idea to put signs in. Councilman Venz asked Police Captain Wendel about the crosswalk near the school at S. Third St. Captain Wendel stated that the Festus School District handles that during football games and other school events.

Councilwoman Templeton – Stated that she would like to see a sign for the crosswalk in front of Olympiad Gymnastics and about moving the flashing speed signs to different locations as they seem to slow drivers down and that one is needed on North Mill Street where there is a lot of speeding and a lot of children that live in that area. Greg Camp stated that the signs can be moved around the city as needed and that the police department points out trouble spots and puts the signs there. Greg Camp stated that they can put North Mill Street on the list.

Mayor Richards – Stated the city had a very successful fall clean-up day and that Waste Management and the Public Works Department did a great job. Commended Greg Camp on working very hard on the city survey and doing a great job on it. Stated that today there were only 42 cases of Covid in the 63028 zip code and encouraged everyone to keep practicing wearing a mask, social distancing and getting vaccinated.

### **Adjournment**

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