

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
January 22, 2020
6:50 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri held a public hearing on January 22, 2020 at 6:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 711 W. Main Street at which citizens may be heard regarding the annexation of 482 England Drive. Present for the hearing were Mayor Samuel F. Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Finance Directors Pat Parsons and Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, City Attorney Brian Malone, Councilmembers Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Gray, Cook and Tinnin. No public comments were received. Mayor Richards closed the hearing at 6:58 p.m.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on January 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Underwood, Boyer, Cook, Tinnin, Wehner and Gray; Absent – Dennis and Wilkey. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Chief Tim Lewis , Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Parks Supt. Larry Crites, Finance Directors Pat Parsons and Stephanie Cunningham and City Attorney Brian Malone.

Council, staff, etc. then said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$833,548.64. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of January 8, 2020 (open and closed) was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Visitors

Tim Montgomery, 406 Benton, addressed the Council regarding the sewer line extension project and the replacement of the basketball court in Sunset Park.

Chris and Rene Creed, Living Life on 2 Wheels, addressed the Council about an idea for a bicycle park and passed out some informational material.

Bids

Public Works – Crack Fill Machine

Matt Clemens stated only one quote was received (\$42,588.87) as there is only one Crafcoc dealer in our area and staff wanted to stay with a Crafcoc machine. Matt stated this purchase was approved with the 2019-2020 budget.

Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve the purchase of the Crafcoc Crack Fill Machine for \$42,588.87, seconded by Councilman Gray. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Underwood, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Police Dept. – New Chevrolet Tahoe Vehicles

Chief Tim Lewis requested to purchase two new Chevy Tahoe police vehicles at a cost of \$73,018.00 through the state contract with Don Brown Chevrolet.

Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the purchase of two Chevy Tahoes for the police fleet, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Underwood, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4556 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a Second Amendment to Employment Agreement with Gregory Camp; incorporating said Second Amendment to Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4556 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. **Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4556 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4556 for the second time. Bill No. 4556 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4556 passed.**

Resolution No. 4556 ½ – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; amending Section 314 – Educational Assistance, Section 512 Business Travel Expenses, and Section 518 Electronic Communications/Social Networking of the Festus Employee Handbook; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4556 ½. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4556 ½, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Resolution No. 4556 ½ passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Resolution No. 4556 ½ passed.**

Bill No. 4557 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Birchwood Estates Plat One; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4557 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Matt Clemens gave a staff report. **Councilman Gray made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4557 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4557 for the second time. Bill No. 4557 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4557 passed.**

Bill No. 4558 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Amending the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4558 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Pat Parsons gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4558 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4558 for the second time. Bill No. 4558 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4558 passed.**

New Business

Work session meeting date was set for Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Wehner – Thanked police department for patrolling at A Highway and Collins. Asked Chief Lewis about “Ring” doorbells and video surveillance and Chief Lewis responded that he was looking into it. Asked for more police patrols through neighborhoods.

Councilman Boyer – Commended the police department for keeping the City safe.

Councilman Underwood – Commended the police department for doing an excellent job. Stated he was ready to move forward on the basketball courts.

Councilman Gray – Asked why Resolutions were numbered with a half behind them. Greg Camp explained that this was the method the City had been using for decades regarding Resolutions and that it distinguishes them from the Ordinances.

Councilman Tinnin – Congratulated Pat on her retirement and stated that she would be missed.

Mayor Richards – Thanked the police department for all their work. Commended Pat on her last 14 years of service with the City and thanked her for her loyal and dedicated service and that he hopes she has a wonderful retirement.

Adjournment

Councilman Cook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Boyer. On a call by the chair the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.