

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 22, 2020  
5:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on April 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Underwood, Boyer, Cook and Gray; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Wilkey (online at 5:06 p.m.), Wehner and Dennis; Absent – Tinnin. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting via Zoom. Also present in the Council chambers were City Administrator Greg Camp and City Clerk Kerry Patek. City Attorney Brian Malone was present via Zoom.

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$176,933.65. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of April 8, 2020 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Underwood and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray and Cook; Nays – none.

**Visitors**

No visitors were allowed in the building due to the emergency order regarding the coronavirus and no visitors requested to be heard via live streaming.

**Bids**

**West Main Street Water Main Materials**

Matt Clemens provided a report that stated bids went out around four weeks ago for sealed bids and staff contacted vendors regarding the City's bid proposal. Two vendors submitted full bids and one vendors submission was for valves only. Bids for 4600 L.F. of pipe, valves and hardware were received by the following: Schulte Supply \$42,303.90 and Midwest Municipal Supply \$44,220.80. After review of bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Schulte Supply. Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the bid from Schulte Supply, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Bid from Schulte Supply in the amount of \$42,303.90 was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Gray, Dennis and Cook; Nays – none.

## Ordinances and Resolutions

**Bill No. 4571** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; establishing stop signs at both intersections of Masters Drive and Championship Lane in Tanglewood Subdivision; and establishing an effective date. Mayor Richards asked for a motion to read Bill No. 4571 for the second time. Motion was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4571 for the second time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Bill No. 4571 FAILED by the following votes: Ayes – Dennis; Nays - Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Dennis, Gray and Cook; Nays – none.** **Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4571 FAILED.**

**Bill No. 4574** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; granting a fifteen (15) foot ground easement across City owned ground at 2250 Sunshine Drive (West City Park) to Union Electric D/B/A Ameren Missouri, as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4574 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4574 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4574 for the second time. Bill No. 4574 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Dennis, Gray and Cook; Nays - none.** **Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4574 passed.**

**Bill No. 4575** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; amending Chapter 385 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to amend certain provisions relating to towing of vehicles within city limits; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4575 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Attorney Brian Malone gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4575 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4575 for the second time. Bill No. 4575 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Wilkey, Gray, Dennis and Cook; Nays – none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4575 passed.**

## New Business

Greg Camp informed Council that the Annual Audit Report that the Councilmembers previously received from Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham needed formal approval. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve the Annual Audit Report, seconded by Councilman Cook. Audit Report was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Dennis, Gray, Wilkey, Wehner and Cook.**

**Old Business** - None

**Reports**

Councilman Boyer – Thanked Capt. Doug Wendel regarding his handling of informing a local family of the loss of one of their family members in a tragic automobile accident.

Councilman Cook – Thanked all the City employees for their work during this pandemic and reminded everyone to stay healthy and that hopefully things will return to normal soon.

Councilman Dennis – Echoed Councilman Cook’s sentiments.

Councilman Wehner – Asked Greg Camp when he and the other local community leaders were on KJFF Radio. Greg replied that the program airs on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 p.m. Councilman Wehner asked if the City was planning on sending another special newsletter out to citizens. Greg Camp replied that the new newsletter to citizens would be the regular monthly Festus Focus which goes out with each water bill.

Councilman Wilkey – Commended City workers on doing a good job during this time and gave a special shout out to the First Responders. Asked if the City would water the flowers being put in the planters downtown by the Historic Tanglefoot Association. Wished everyone to stay healthy during this time.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Councilman Cook made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Law for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to RSMo.610.021 (1) legal matters. Motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes: Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Wilkey, Gray, Dennis and Cook; Nays – none.

Mayor Richards stated that it would take a few minutes to transition into closed session from the live feed.

**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 5:50 p.m.