

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Rezoning Request – 1241 American Legion Dr. (B-2 to I-1)  
April 26, 2021  
5:50 p.m.**

The public hearing to seek public input regarding a rezoning request for 1241 American Legion Dr. from B-2 to I-1 in Festus, MO. 63028 was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Mayor Sam Richards.

Present in the Council chambers: Mayor Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Councilmembers Dave Boyer, Gary Underwood, Brian Wehner, Staci Templeton, Bobby Venz and Jim Tinnin. Also present Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer and Police Chief Tim Lewis.

Present via Zoom: Councilmember Kevin Dennis, Building Official Mark Harris, Parks Director Josh Whaley, City Attorney Brian Malone and Property Developers Dale and Lora Stoecklein.

No public comments were received. City Administrator Camp informed the Stoeckleins they could speak on behalf of this matter now, however, they would have a chance to speak regarding their request during the meeting as this request was on the agenda.

Mayor Richards then closed the public hearing.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 26, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Gary Underwood, Dave Boyer, Brian Wehner, Staci Templeton, Bobby Venz, and Jim Tinnin; and the following Councilmember was present via Zoom: Kevin Dennis. Absent: Mike Cook. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Chief Tim Lewis, and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Brian Malone, Dave Christensen with Cochran Engineering, Developer Dale and Laura Stoecklein, Parks Director Josh Whaley and Building Official Mark Harris were 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 \$76,665.96. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of April 12, 2021 was made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilman Venz and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – none.

**Correspondence**

Clerk Patek read a letter from the Festus Park Board addressed to the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and Finance Director expressing their concerns over staffing in the park department and requesting a review to consider increasing staffing in the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

**Visitors**

Windy Wright – Helping Those in Need – addressed the Council requesting permission to use the Library parking lot one Saturday a month for a home mission outreach providing free items (bibles, personal care items, clothing, shoes, etc.) to those in need. Mayor Richards informed Ms. Wright that the City Council would take her request under advisement and address it at the next meeting in May.

## **Visitors (cont.)**

Andrew Held/Bottleneck Bridge Ride and Matt Hartman/Trailnet – addressed the Council requesting permission to hold the Bottleneck Bridge Ride on August 15 to start at finish at Main and Mill Brewing Company and to close Main Street for the event from approximately 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mayor Richards informed Mr. Held that the City Council would take his request under advisement and address it at the next meeting in May.

## **Bids**

### **West Main Water Main Project**

Greg Camp stated four bids were received for this project which are as follows: Consolidated Pipe \$26,091.87; Schulte Supply \$29,123.50; Core & Main \$29,745.36; and IMCO Utility Supply \$31,657.37. After reviewing all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Schulte Supply in the amount of \$29,123.50. **Councilman Venz made a motion to accept the bid from Schulte Supply, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

### **Road Striping and Crites Park Striping**

Greg Camp stated two bids were received for this project which are as follows: A & J Contracting \$5,100.00 and America's Parking Remarketing \$5,092.55. After reviewing all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from America's Parking Remarketing in the amount of \$5,092.55. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to accept the bid from America's Parking Remarketing, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

## Ordinances and Resolutions

**Bill No. 4628** – 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. 4628 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham gave a staff report. No comments or questions were received. **Councilman Underwood made a motion to read Bill No. 4628 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4628 for the second time. Bill No. 4628 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4628 passed.**

**Bill No. 4629** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter in to and execute a Contract with America’s Parking Remarketing for Road Striping and Crites Park Striping; incorporating said Contract as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4629 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4629 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4629 for the second time. Bill No. 4629 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4629 passed.**

**Bill No. 4630** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter in to and execute a Contract with Cochran to update the City’s Preventative Pavement Maintenance Program; incorporating said Contract as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4630 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp and Dave Christensen with Cochran gave a report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4630 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4630 for the second time. Bill No. 4630 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4630 passed.**

**Bill No. 4631** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter in to and execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Jefferson County Water Authority; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4631 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to read Bill No. 4631 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4631 for the second time. Bill No. 4631 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4631 passed.**

**Bill No. 4632** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending the Zoning Map of said City as established by the Planning and Zoning Ordinances of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4631 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report stating this would rezone 1241 American Legion Drive from B-2 to I-1. Developers Dale and Lora Stoecklein addressed the Council stating the proposed use of the property was storage units. Councilman Dennis expressed his concern with rezoning from commercial to industrial and what could happen if the property changed hands, etc. The Stoeckleins stated they would get started right away when approved to build their proposed storage facility and that it would be a permanent structure. Councilwoman Templeton asked about a buffer between the storage facility and the adjoining property. Mr. Stoecklein stated the back of the storage units would face the adjoining property and that they could look into putting some shrubs or trees between the properties. City Attorney Brian Malone explained the implications of changing the zoning and that if the Stoeckleins built their facility immediately that it would be a permanent structure on it and harder to put anything else there. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to table this Ordinance until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Bill No. 4633** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; to decertify Laborer’s International Union of North America & Laborer’s Local 42 as the exclusive bargaining representative of the City’s Police Officers and Dispatchers; and recognizing the expiration of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Union; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4633 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that Bill No. 4633 would only be read for the first time as the Mayor has to select a committee of three Councilmembers to review the signatures on the petition to decertify the Union agreement. Councilmembers Wehner, Templeton and Venz will be on the review committee.

**New Business** - none

## **Old Business**

### **Cares Act Reimbursement**

City Administrator Camp gave an update on Cares Act reimbursement details with the Council.

### **Reports**

Councilman Dennis – Asked about the new speed control sign on Sunshine and that he and Councilman Venz get a lot of requests for one on Horine and Central and asked if the City could get another one or switch locations occasionally. Councilman Dennis also asked about crack sealing, patching, etc. on city streets. Matt Unrein stated the street department has been patching and sealing when weather and time allow.

Councilman Venz – Stated it would be nice to get a sign on Horine as there is a lot of speeding going on. Chief Lewis stated he would have the area patrolled tonight. Councilman Venz asked about the railroad trestle project. Greg Camp updated Council on this project stating that the railroad has not given him a specific date.

Councilman Wehner – Stated the radar sign on Sunshine was doing a good job and asked about the cost of more signs and the cost v. an actual officer doing radar. Councilman Wehner stated that leading into Crites Park would be a good spot for one of the signs to help slow vehicles entering the park area. Councilman Wehner asked if the signs are “smart” and have the capability to download information to the City. Councilman Wehner mentioned the letter from the Park Board addressed to the City Council and stated he agreed that the City needs to look in to park staffing issues.

Councilman Boyer – Asked Chief Lewis if there were any grants available for traffic calming. Chief Lewis stated there was a Hazardous Moving Violations grant that pays officers overtime to do traffic/speeding details. Councilman Boyer asked if the City could focus on Main Street the downtown business area as there are sections of concrete missing, etc. that need to be repaired.

Mayor Richards – Thanked all the City workers for doing a good job and working hard.

### **Adjournment**

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