

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on June 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Dave Boyer, Gary Underwood, Brian Wehner, Staci Templeton, Bobby Venz, Kevin Dennis and Jim Tinnin; 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, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, City Administrator Greg Camp and City Attorney Brian Malone.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$568,022.07. Motion to approve the agenda, bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of May 24, 2021 council meeting was made by Councilman Venz, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Underwood and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Correspondence

Clerk Patek read a request from Festus Manor Nursing Home to hold a small fireworks display for their residents on July 3, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Patek stated this facility does this annually and the City has approved their request in the past. Fire Chief Cremer stated he is aware of the event and has no problems with it. Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors - None

Bids

Outdoor Warning Siren – Replacement of Speaker Drivers

Matt Unrein requested permission to purchase three speaker driver replacements for the outdoor warning sirens at a cost of \$5,895.00. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to accept the bid from Outdoor Warning Consulting LLC, seconded by Councilman Venz. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

Firehouse Concrete Pad Replacement

Fire Chief Cremer stated two bids were received for the replacement of the concrete pad in front of the firehouse which are as follows: CE Contracting \$30,250.00; and Spencer Contracting \$41,400.00. After reviewing both bids, staff recommends accepting the bid from CE Contracting. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the bid from CE Contracting for \$30,250.00, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – Cook.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4637 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Improvement Plan for Sunridge Meadows; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4637 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Developer for the project was present. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to read Bill No. 4637 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4637 for the second time. Bill No. 4637 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4637 passed.**

Bill No. 4638 – 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 certain provisions relating to vaccination requirements, penalties and other responsibilities relating to animals; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4638 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. City Attorney Brian Malone drafted the ordinance and explained it would clarify the language in the city code. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4638 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4638 for the second time. Bill No. 4638 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4638 passed.**

New Business

Scenic Drive Road Project – Festus Special Road District

Matt Unrein addressed the council asking for approval for a budget amendment of \$155,500 for the City's half of the improvements to Scenic Drive. The other half of the road is maintained by the Festus Special Road District. Matt stated that he and Shain Dollar have worked been working on a cooperative plan with the Special Road District to get these improvements completed. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve this budget amendment, seconded by Councilman Venez. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venez, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Underwood – Stated that the city parks are looking good and thanked the police department for their service.

Councilman Venez – Asked about the bike path near Billy Porter Park and that he stated he received a complaint about the transition area being rough. Greg Camp asked if Councilman Venez could send him a picture of the area in question.

Councilman Tinnin – Asked Matt Unrein about the lights going to Bailey Station. Mr. Unrein stated he had not received a quote from Ameren yet but that he thought the cost would be substantial.

Councilman Boyer – Asked about the replacement of the light pole on American Legion. Asked about a "children at play" sign on S. Mill Street going towards American Legion Drive. Chief Lewis commented on the type of sign language MIRMA recommends. Mr. Unrein stated he would check on the status of the light pole and that he would be happy to put a sign up. Councilman Boyer also asked about the pavilion and concrete pad in S. Adams Park. Greg Camp discussed some options for this request and also discussed restrictions due to the floodplain.

Councilman Wehner – Asked about the damaged guardrail at A and Collins. Matt Unrein stated he would contact MoDot about it.

Councilman Dennis – Stated that the grass cutting was looking a little better. Thanked the police department for the increased presence. Asked if the city had looking into funding for (i.e. golf course, splash pad, etc.) from the Jefferson Foundation grants. Greg Camp stated that himself, Josh Whaley and Barb Lowry have discussed some ideas for grant applications through the Jefferson Foundation.

Mayor Richards – Passed out a sheet to all council members for boards and commissions appointments and re-appointments and asked for their input by the end of this week. Mayor Richards stated the Mayor’s Car Cruise was a success and thanked Barb Lowry.

Adjournment

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