

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Wehner, Venz, Cook, Wilkey, Boyer, Underwood, Tinnin and Gray; Absent – none. Mayor Pro-Tem Brian Wehner presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Police Captain Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Parks Supt. Larry Crites and City Attorney Melissa Vighi.

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

Minutes

Minutes of the September 26, 2018 council meeting were presented for approval. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. On a call by the chair, minutes of the council meeting were then approved.**

Warrants

Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner reported warrants in the amount of \$424,578.38. Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Venz. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Underwood, Venz, Boyer, Wilkey, Cook and Gray; Nays – none.

Bids

Salt Bids

Matt Clemens stated he had received two bids for salt one from Compass for \$80.22 per ton and one from D B K for \$87.00 per ton. Matt stated after reviewing bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Compass Materials for 400 ton at \$80.22 per ton which includes delivery. Several Councilmen questioned if the City could get a better price by bidding with other local cities. Matt Clemens explained his reason for bidding and purchasing as he does. Councilman Venz made a motion to accept the bid from Compass, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Venz, Gray, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.

Visitors - none

Correspondence - none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. 4484 1/2 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO; endorsing the Tanglefoot Association’s participation and efforts that follow the Main Street Four-Point Approach and Philosophy established by the National Main Street Center to revitalize the downtown district; by endorsing participation in the grant, the City also understands that downtown revitalization is a partnership between Missouri Main Street Connection, the City, and the Private Sector. Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4484 1/2. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4484 1/2. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution No. 4484 1/2 was then approved by the following votes: Ayes – Gray, Boyer, Tinnin, Venz, Cook, Wilkey and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner declared Bill No. 4484 1/2 passed.**

Bill No. 4484 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an Economic Development Agreement with Gateway Theatre Corporation; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner called for discussion. Councilman Cook requested a privacy fence behind the theater and around the dumpster area to prevent kids from Rolling Greens to be able to access the dumpster since the movie theater would now be selling alcohol. The Dennis McIntyre from B&B stated that a fence was not in their construction budget, but that he agree with Mr. Cook and he would see about getting the privacy fence. Mr. McIntyre asked Council if they would be willing to defer the fence for one year so they could budget for it. Councilman Gray made a motion to accept that the privacy fence be deferred until on budget of B&B Theaters, Councilman Underwood seconded the motion. Council agreed unanimously. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4484 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4484 for the second time. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Wilkey, Boyer, Tinnin, Cook, Venz and Gray; Nays – none. Mayor Pro-Tem Wehner declared Bill No. 4484 passed.**

New Business - none

Old Business - none

Reports

City Administrator provided a written report which included the items listed below.

- Met with Matt Clemens, Shain Dollar, Josh Whaley and Kevin Wolff of Cochran Engineering on site at Collins Dr. project
- Met with Dennis Koscielski and Mark Herleth of Burns & McDonnell regarding federal/state/local transportation opportunities
- Met with Denny Foster of the Tanglefoot Association regarding their application to Missouri Mainstreet Connection for grant for revitalization
- Discussion with Jason Terry of Gilmore & Bell and Melissa Vighi regarding the City's Chapter 100 project with Festus Hospitality, LLC for the Hampton Inn
- Met with Bob Boyer, Jefferson County Assessor and Jason Terry of Gilmore & Bell to walk through the specifics of the Chapter 100 project
- Attended Jeffco EDC meeting

Councilman Cook – Asked Greg Camp if he had talked to the Jefferson County Assessor about the Chapter 100 for the Hampton Inn. Mr. Camp stated that he had spoken with the Assessor.

Councilman Boyer – Commended the police department for the fine job they did in handling a domestic dispute in his neighborhood. Stated that the business owners on Main Street were not very happy about having the street closed so that AT&T could shoot their 5G commercial.

Councilman Venz – Thanked the City for the light upgrades on Horine Rd.

Councilman Cook – Would like to see the bike path/walking trail out to West City Park widened and asked that Council think about it for next year's budget. Asked Chief Lewis about a DWI grant and asked if he thought the numbers would go up. Chief Lewis stated he was working on it.

Councilman Gray – Asked if something could be done at stoplight intersections in town, that many people are running red lights.

Councilman Wehner – Stated that he agreed with Councilman Cook and thought it would be a good idea to widen the bike path/walking trail. Councilman Wehner stated he was excited about the AT&T 5G project and the commercial they shot on Main Street. Councilman Wehner asked Matt Clemens about the sidewalks on Collins. Matt Clemens gave an update on the project.

Fire Chief Kevin Cremer – Stated the department was very busy with a lot of calls and with fire prevention week.

Public Works Supt. Matt Clemens – Stated that the blue water tower was down right now. Stated that letters went out to residents along Harrison Lane about the sidewalk project. Updated Council on other various public works projects.

Park Supt. Larry Crites – Stated that his department was working on Shropshire upgrades. Mentioned the last Sunset Park concert series would be this Sunday.

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(3) Personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Gray. Motion was approved by the following: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Venz, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

ADJOURNMENT

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