

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
November 28, 2018
6:50 p.m.**

The City Council held a public hearing on November 28, 2018 at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of the annexation of land to the City of Festus, Missouri described as follows: 70+ acre tract of land located off West Main Street, commonly known as the Burns Farm (full legal description available in the City Clerk's office at Festus City Hall. All interested parties were welcome to attend. Mayor Cage called the hearing to order. Greg Camp stated this was the second step in the voluntary annexation requested by Ryan G'Sell for this property. The third and final step will be the passage of the Ordinance, which will be on the agenda at the December 19, 2018 meeting. No public comments were made. Mayor Cage closed the hearing at 6:55 p.m.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on November 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call: Wilkey, Venz, Cook, Gray, Underwood, Boyer and Tinnin; Absent – Wehner. Mayor Mike Cage presided over the meeting. Also present City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Finance Director Pat Parsons, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis and City Attorney Brian Malone.

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

Minutes

Minutes of the November 14, 2018 council meeting were presented for approval. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously. On a call by the chair, minutes of the council meeting were then approved.**

Warrants

Mayor Cage reported warrants in the amount of \$179,432.83. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Venz. Votes to approve the warrants were as follows: Ayes – Tinnin, Venz, Boyer, Underwood, Wilkey, Gray, and Cook; Nays – none.**

Bids

Police Dept. – In-Car Video Purchase

Chief Lewis stated he was requesting to purchase two new in-car video systems and this was a vendor specific bid. Staff recommends accepting the bid from Digital Ally for the price of \$8,1100 with an additional \$600.00 for installation. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Underwood, Venz, Wilkey, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.**

Police Dept. – Vehicle Equipment Purchase

Chief Lewis stated the police department was seeking authorization to purchase the equipment for the two new Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicles. Chief Lewis stated three bids were received as follows: Public Safety Upfitters \$5,404; Don Brown Chevrolet \$5,702; and Galls \$6,724.68. Staff recommends accepting the bid from Public Safety Upfitters for \$5,404.00. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Underwood, Venz, Wilkey, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.**

Compensation Study Consultant

Greg Camp stated seven bids were received for a compensation study consultant as follows: Austin Peters Group \$23,400; MAG \$28,900; McGrath \$29,850; Sprinsted \$29,900; Evergreen \$30,500; Gallagher \$35,225; and CMS \$36,850. Mayor Cage asked for discussion. Councilman Gray stated he would like to see some of their work and references. Councilman Cook stated he would like to see one or two council members involved in the process. Greg Camp stated Council would have final approval and this process is in two levels, one external and one internal and that Council would be involved in the process and that they would have the final decision. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Underwood, Venz, Wilkey, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.**

Visitors - none

Correspondence - none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Councilman Tinnin stepped out of the room at 7:13 p.m.

Bill No. 4489 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Holly Hills Lot A; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4489 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. Councilmen Wilkey and Gray expressed concern over the visual obstruction the building creates. **Councilman Gray made a motion to read Bill No. 4489 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Venz. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4489 for the second time. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Underwood, Wilkey, Cook and Venz; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4489 passed.**

Councilman Tinnin returned to the room at 7:16 p.m.

Bill No. 4490 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Golden Rule Lot B1 and B2; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4490 for the first time. Mayor Cage called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4490 for a second time by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4490 for the second time. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Tinnin, Cook, Venz, Wilkey, Gray and Underwood; Nays – none. Mayor Cage declared Bill No. 4490 passed.**

New Business

Appointment of Municipal Judge

Mayor Cage stated he would like to appoint Lawrence Schmidt to be the City's Municipal Judge since Judge Page will be taking his new position in the Circuit Court in January. Greg Camp stated three candidates were interviewed and that Mr. Schmidt had previous experience with the municipal court. Greg stated that Mr. Schmidt would be filling the seat for the remaining year of the term.

Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the appointment of Lawrence Schmidt as Municipal Judge, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business - none

Reports

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

- Met with DJ Gerht (City Administrator Platte City), Jason Eisenbeis and Brandon Moonier regarding their transition from municipal court to the associate circuit court
- Attended SEMO administrators meeting to discuss IT services – hiring outside firm v. technician in house
- Interviewed municipal judge candidates with Mayor Cage, Melissa Vighi and Court Administrator AJ Navarro
- Attended Festus Tourism Commission meeting

Councilman Wilkey – Thanked Barb Lowry and all those helping to put on Winterfest this coming weekend. Councilman Wilkey stated he saw on Facebook that 5,000 were interested in coming. Councilman Wilkey stated the Stocking Stroll on Main Street went good last weekend and it was good to see people spending money on Main Street. Councilman Wilkey also stated that a constituent had contacted him (Mr. Jones) and requested that horseshoe pits be placed in S. Adams St. Park.

Councilman Venz – Stated he thought the annual Christmas Parade was very nice and Main Street looked good that evening and that he was looking forward to running for Mayor.

Councilman Cook – Asked Chief Lewis about the accident involving one of the City's police vehicles. Chief Lewis explained that a BMW pulled in front of a tractor trailer that could not stop and it was hit and it forced that vehicle into the patrol vehicle. Fortunately no one was hurt. Councilman Cook offered condolences to Tim Rudisaile (dispatcher) on the passing of his father. Chuck Boyer stated that Mr. Rudisaile was a long time member of the Festus Fire Department and had previously been a City Marshall.

Councilman Underwood – Offered his condolences to the Rudisaile family.

Councilman Gray – Asked for confirmation of one meeting only in December on the 19th. Clerk Patek stated that was correct.

Clerk Patek – Reminded everyone of opening day of filing for the April 2019 election which is December 11, 2018.

Finance Director Pat Parsons – Provided Council with a sales tax report and stated that sales tax was up over 8% from last year and over 5% what was budgeted.

Mayor Cage – Offered condolences to the Rudisaile family and spoke highly of Mr. Rudisaile and the service he gave to the City over the past decades. Offered condolences to the family of John Neff and spoke highly of Mr. Neff's service on a couple of City boards. Mayor Cage stated that he appreciated the time both gentlemen provided the City.

Councilman Wilkey – Stated the Stocking Stroll on Main Street was a success and asked why the tree was not lit for that event. Greg responded that they always light the Christmas Tree on the evening of the Christmas parade.

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

Open Session

Mayor Cage asked Greg Camp the status of the Chapter 100 for the development project. Greg Camp stated the developer was working with the Jefferson County Economic Development Commission in obtaining a Small Business Administration loan and that they hoped to break ground by March or April.

Adjournment

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