

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Venz and Underwood; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Cook, Dennis, Tinnin, Wehner, and Wilkey. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Brian Malone, Planning and Building Director Mark Harris, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Chief Tim Lewis, and Police Captain Doug Wendel 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 \$455,747.38. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of January 11, 2021 was made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilman Wehner and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook, Tinnin, and Underwood; Nays – none.

Correspondence - 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 the City website.

Bids - none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4617 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an Inter- governmental Agreement with Jefferson County 911 Dispatch; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. City Administrator Camp read Bill No. 4617 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Police Chief Tim Lewis gave a staff report stating that this would allow the City of Festus to use the County facility for Dispatch.

(Bill No. 4617 continued)

Councilman Underwood made a motion to read Bill No. 4617 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. City Administrator Camp read Bill No. 4617 for the second time. Bill No. 4617 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Tinnin, Boyer, Wilkey, Dennis, Wehner, Cook, Venz, and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4617 passed.

Bill No. 4618 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Final Plat of Birchwood Estates Phase 3; and establishing an effective date. City Administrator Camp read Bill No. 4618 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Mark Harris gave a staff report. **Councilman Wilkey made a motion to read Bill No. 4618 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. City Administrator Camp read Bill No. 4618 for the second time. Bill No. 4618 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Wilkey, Dennis, Wehner, Cook, Tinnin, Venz, and Underwood; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4618 passed.**

New Business

Roadblock Schedule for 2021

Greg Camp gave a report that the schedule is similar to last year. There may be a change if there is a State of Emergency due to COVID. Councilman Venz made a motion to accept the schedule; seconded by Councilman Wehner.

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Tinnin- Asked Matt to check into the lighting on Hawk Pointe Dr. in Bailey Station. The JCWA Tour was very interesting.

Councilman Wehner- Mentioned that the Council can request Matt to review potholes. He was disappointed to see that more of the Police Department did not get the vaccine. He understood that everyone has the right to personal choice.

Councilman Boyer- He would like Matt to check into the potholes on W. Main. He also asked who picks up the Deadwood in the Park. Greg Camp mentioned it is the Park Department. He thanked Greg for the JCWA Tour.

Councilman Venz- He asked if we will be receiving more cuts with our Grass Cutting Contract this year. Greg said he met with the department heads and yes there will be more cuts this year. He asked about updates on the 5th Street and 3rd Street projects.

Mayor Richards – Encouraged everyone to keep practicing social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing. He highly encouraged the officers that have not received the vaccine to go get the vaccine.

Adjournment Councilman Cook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Underwood. On a call by the chair the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.