

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Bobby Venz; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Mike Cook, Kevin Dennis, Brian Wehner and Dave Boyer; Absent: Jim Tinnin, Kyle Wilkey and Gary Underwood. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Chief Tim Lewis and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Brian Malone, Planning and Park Director Josh Whaley 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 \$618,083.45. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of January 25, 2021 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Venz and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Venz and Cook; 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

Fire Department – Fire Hose

Chief Cremer stated he had received three bids for the purchase of fire hose as follows: Banner Fire Equipment \$10,440.00; Sentinel Emergency Solutions \$12,250.00; and Macqueen Equipment \$15,189.00. Chief Cremer stated that after reviewing all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Banner Fire Equipment. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to accept the bid for fire hose from Banner Fire Equipment, seconded by Councilman Wehner. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes: Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Venz and Cook; Nays – none.**

Material for Water Main Replacement Sweeny Drive

Public Works Director Matt Unrein stated he had received four bids for the purchase of the material for the water main replacement on Sweeny Drive as follows: Schulte Supply \$19,663.50; Consolidated \$21,805.05; IMCO Utility \$22,443.25; and Core & Main \$23,209.00. Mr. Unrein stated that after a review of all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Schulte Supply. **Councilman Dennis made a motion to accept the bid from Schulte Supply, seconded by Councilman Venz. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes: Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Venz and Cook; Nays – none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4619 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Chapter 210 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to amend certain sections relating to offenses concerning drugs; repealing parts of Ordinances in conflict with state law; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4619 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Attorney Brian Malone gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4619 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously. City Administrator Camp read Bill No. 4619 for the second time. Bill No. 4619 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Dennis, Wehner, Cook and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4619 passed.**

New Business

Mayor Richards read a Proclamation honoring all Supermarket Workers for facing unprecedented challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Old Business

City Administrator Camp reminded all councilmembers of the public hearing prior to the council meeting on February 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. regarding a liquor license request denial.

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Thanked the street crews for the snow removal and mentioned that probably laying salt one way on his street would be sufficient.

Councilman Dennis – Thanked the street crews for the snow removal. Stated that he received his first vaccine dose and encouraged others to get the vaccine. Stated that the City should start thinking about a new fire house especially since they already have the property. Asked where the drug forfeiture money goes. Chief Lewis stated that it goes into a special fund.

Councilman Wehner – Stated that he received the first dose of the vaccine and encouraged others to get on the waiting list if they desire. Stated that he felt Comtrea handled the vaccine distribution very efficiently and that he felt it was a safe environment. Stated he was happy to see that Greg Camp, Jason Eisenbeis and Matt Unrein met with East West Gateway regarding the downtown area. Thanked Matt Unrein for the quick response on repairing potholes.

Councilman Cook – Asked Greg Camp about the wells not being reimbursed from Jefferson County as part of the CARES Act funding. Greg Camp stated that he had not received a definitive answer from the County regarding this matter, but that the work had already been done on improving the wells. Special thanks to EMS, fire, police and road crews.

Mayor Richards – Stated he received his Covid vaccine and would like to encourage others to get the vaccine. Reminded everyone to keep social distancing, wearing masks and washing hands and stated he looks forward to the time when the City can get back to having normal meetings. Reminded everyone of the public hearing at 5:00 p.m. prior to the next meeting.

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