

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Bobby Venz, Gary Underwood, Dave Boyer, Kevin Dennis, Kyle Wilkey and Jim Tinnin; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Brian Wehner. 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, 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, Parks Director Josh Whaley and Library Director Elizabeth Steffens 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 \$522,182.82. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of March 22, 2021 was made by Councilman Dennis, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner, Underwood, Dennis, Venz and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Correspondence

Clerk Patek read the results of the April 6, 2021 election which were as follows:

Ward 1 Councilman	Bill Gray	76
	David Earl Boyer	87
Ward II Councilman	Ricky Ray Waymire	64
	Staci Lynn Templeton	127
Ward III Councilman	Kevin Dennis	173
Ward IV Councilman	Michael Cook	226

Councilman Tinnin made a motion to accept the results of the April 6, 2021 election, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richards presented outgoing Councilman Kyle Wilkey with a plaque in appreciation of his years of service to the City of Festus as Councilman in Ward II.

Adjourn Sine Die

Councilman Tinnin made a motion to adjourn Sine Die, motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Patek gave the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Ward I David Boyer; Ward II Staci Templeton; Ward III Kevin Dennis.

Mayor Richards asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-tem. Councilman Boyer nominated Councilman Dennis for Mayor Pro-tem, motion was seconded by Councilman Wehner. Councilman Underwood nominated Councilman Cook. Councilman Tinnin nominated Councilman Boyer. City Attorney Brian Malone advised Council that since there was a motion and a second on the floor that they would need to vote on that nominee and the other motions had no seconds so they were void. Votes for Councilman Dennis for Mayor Pro-tem were as follows: Ayes – Councilmembers Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner and Dennis; Nays – Councilmembers Venz and Tinnin. Councilman Kevin Dennis was declared Mayor Pro-tem.

Reconvene

Meeting reconvened with Mayor Richards presiding.

Visitors

City Administrator Camp stated that the request to speak from Windy Wright to use a city parking lot has been postponed until the April 26, 2021 meeting.

Bids - none

Ordinances and Resolutions - none

New Business

Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham presented the Audit Report to Council and asked if anyone had any questions after reviewing the 60 page report. No comments or questions were received. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to approve the Audit Report, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business - none

Reports

Councilman Underwood – Congratulated all the newly elected/re-elected officials.

Councilman Wehner – Asked about staffing in the Parks Department.

Councilman Dennis – Welcomed Staci Templeton to the Council. Stated he was glad to be back in-house and looks forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Venz – Congratulated everyone who was re-elected and welcomed Staci Templeton.

Councilman Tinnin – Congratulated Staci Templeton and welcomed Councilman Dennis back. Asked about the area surrounding the new tennis courts and that he thought they had discussed this at a previous work session and nothing has been done and that it is very muddy and there is no where for spectators. City Administrator Camp acknowledged this issue had been discussed but no plans had been finalized and the park department is very short staffed at this time. Councilman Tinnin stated that the area high school conference tournament was going to be held at our courts and hoped that something could be done before that time. City Administrator Camp stated he would get with Parks Director Josh Whaley regarding this matter.

Mayor Richards – Welcomed Staci Templeton to the Council and stated that it's been several years since Kathy Murphy was a Councilwoman and its nice to see some diversity on the Council.

Adjournment

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