

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Rezoning Request – 1717 Sunshine Dr. (R-1 to I-1)  
May 24, 2021  
5:50 p.m.**

Public hearing was cancelled due to applicant pulling his request.

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 24, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on May 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Dave Boyer, Brian Wehner, Staci Templeton, Bobby Venz, Kevin Dennis, Mike Cook and Jim Tinnin; Absent: 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, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Public Works Director Matt Unrein and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Brian Malone was present via Zoom.

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to amend and approve the consent agenda to remove Bill No. 4636. Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$174,463.51. Motion to approve the amended agenda, bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of May 10, 2021 council meeting and the May 17, 2021 work session was made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

**Correspondence** - None

**Visitors** - None

## **Bids**

### **Civic Rec Module**

Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham gave a staff report to Council on behalf of her department and Tourism Director Barb Lowry. Stephanie stated that the cost for the software for this year is \$8,588 and \$4,725 for year two. Stephanie explained the capabilities of the software and stated funding would hopefully be from the CARES Act through Jefferson County or the American Rescue Plan Act. **Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the bid from Civic Plus, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

**Councilman Underwood arrived at 6:10 p.m.**

### **2021 Street Overlays**

Public Works Director Matt Unrein stated five bids were received for this project which are as follows: Jokerst Paving \$536,514.72; Dura Seal \$572,075.69; Spencer Contracting \$615,254.21; Pace Construction \$623,170.00; and Gershenson \$642,308.48. After reviewing all bids staff recommends accepting the low bid from Jokerst Paving. Matt stated that \$660,000 had been budgeted and that he would like to have Jokerst overlay more streets if funding allows. Matt stated it would make sense to go ahead and overlay streets near the project areas that need it since the bid came in at \$123,000 under budget. Councilman Cook expressed his concern over the bidding process asking about the scope of work. City Administrator Greg Camp explained that adding a street, if possible would not be changing the scope of the work which was bid on and that it could allow the City to overlay another street and to save money. If Council desired to not allow the additional overlay, public works would have to bid out for possibly one street and only a \$123,000 project which the cost would probably go up because of the small nature of the project. City Attorney Brian Malone stated that he did not see a problem with the City adding another street to the project and that it could fall in the scope of work if funding and time allowed. Brian stated that he could research the matter further if Council so desired. Councilman Tinnin stated he did not see a problem with adding a street, Councilman Boyer agreed, Councilman Dennis stated he was comfortable with moving forward. Matt Unrein stated that Mr. Laiben is supposed to give the City some money for Pine Street. Councilman Wehner also wanted to move forward and wanted to make sure the City was transparent.

## Bids (cont.)

Councilman Venz made a motion to accept the bid from Jokerst Paving, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis and Tinnin; Nays – Cook.

## Ordinances and Resolutions

**Resolution No. 4633 ½** – A joint Resolution in support of the Great Streets Planning Grant through East-West Gateway Council of Governments. Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4633 ½. Mayor Richards called for discussion. City Administrator Greg Camp gave a staff report. Councilmembers asked if Crystal City was onboard with this and Mayor Richards and City Administrator Camp stated yes they were. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4633 ½, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Resolution No. 4633 ½ was passed by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Resolution No. 4633 ½ passed.**

**Resolution No. 4634 ½** – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Adopting the City of Festus Fraud Detection and Prevention Policy; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Resolution No. 4634 ½. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham gave a staff report stating that each employee will receive a copy and will sign and date it. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4634 ½, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Resolution No. 4634 ½ was passed by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Resolution No. 4634 ½ passed.**

**Bill No. 4635** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter in to and execute a Contract with Jokerst Paving for the 2021 Street Overlays; incorporating said Contract as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4635 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Matt Unrein stated this was discussed previously with the bid approval for Jokerst. **Councilman Venz made a motion to read Bill No. 4635 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4635 for the second time. Bill No. 4635 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4635 passed.**

**New Business** - None

**Old Business** - None

### **Reports**

Councilman Venz – Asked about the Spire utility work going on near the railroad project. Greg Camp stated they are doing utility relocation work for the railroad project but they do not require a permit from the City so he has no idea about their time frame for the work. Asked Matt Unrein about the missing stop signs and what can be done about it. Asked Chief Lewis about speeding on Horine Road. Chief Lewis stated they have been doing traffic details in certain areas but of course when the police presence is seen, speeders slow down so it has not resulted in a lot of tickets.

Chief Lewis stated he is looking into a company which would locate cameras throughout the City to assist the police department.

Councilwoman Templeton – Asked if someone could notify the contractor of the house being built on N. Mill Street that they are leaving a lot of rock on the street and if they could put a sign up to notify drivers. Greg Camp stated he would talk to the contractor.

Councilman Boyer – Commented on some incidents on the bi-weekly police report.

Councilman Dennis – Stated that he was less than enchanted with the grass cutters the City hired and that they need to weed eat certain areas of the parks and that he does not feel we are getting what we paid for from them and that they need to slow down and do a better job. Thanked Chief Lewis for the extra patrols and for showing a presence.

Councilman Wehner – Stated that he glad to see the new police radios working great and that he is excited for the Great Street Projects and congratulated Greg Camp on four years with the City.

Councilman Cook – Asked Chief Lewis if it would help to put unoccupied cars around town to help with speeding, crime, etc. Chief Lewis stated he would probably not put unoccupied cars out because they can become a target for damage. Asked about having a barbecue for all the city workers and Greg Camp stated he would look into it.

Mayor Richards – Stated he was glad to have the whole Council present in the chambers this evening.

### **Adjournment**

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