

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on May 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Cook, Tinnin and Gray; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Wehner and Dennis; Absent – Underwood and Wilkey. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Administrator Greg Camp and City Clerk Kerry Patek. City Attorney Brian Malone was 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 \$193,698.90. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of May 13, 2020 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Gray and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – 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 live streaming.

Bids

Cromwell Box Culvert (Installation)

Greg Camp presented a staff report from Matt Clemens stating that six bids were received for the Cromwell Box Culvert Installation Project as follows: Residential & Commercial Demolition, LLC \$32,549.20; Jokerst Inc. \$32,670.00; Jokerst Paving \$39,950.00; Spencer Contracting \$51,727.00; Above and Below Contracting, LLC \$76,700.00; Fischer Grading \$85,800.00. After reviewing all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from Residential & Commercial Demolition, LLC. Councilman Boyer made a motion to accept the low bid from Residential & Commercial Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$32,549.20, motion seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

2020 Asphalt Overlay Project

Greg Camp presented a staff report from Matt Clemens stating that five bids were received for the 2020 Asphalt Overlay Project as follows: Jokerst Paving \$634,930.10; Spencer Contracting \$728,582.02; Dura Seal \$664,362.20; Ford Asphalt \$670,000.00; Lead Belt \$700,270.55 . After reviewing all bids staff recommends accepting the low bid from Jokerst Paving. Councilman Tinnin made a motion to approve the low bid from Jokerst Paving in the amount of \$634,930.10, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Dennis, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4578 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a Contract with Jokerst Paving and Contracting for the 2020 Asphalt Paving Program; incorporating said Contract as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4578 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Gray made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4578 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Tinnin. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4578 for the second time. Bill No. 4578 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Tinnin, Cook, Dennis and Gray; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4578 passed.**

Bill No. 4579 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Oak Grove Terrace Two; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4579 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Gray made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4579 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4579 for the second time. Bill No. 4579 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Tinnin, Dennis, Gray and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4579 passed.**

Bill No. 4580 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Approving the Plat of Tanglewood Estates Plat Three Lot 24C; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4580 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Tinnin made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4580 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4580 for the second time. Bill No. 4580 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Tinnin, Dennis, Gray and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4580 passed.**

Bill No. 4581 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, MO.; Vacating an Easement located on Lots 24A and 24B Masters Drive, as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4581 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and read Bill No. 4581 for the second time in title only, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4581 for the second time. Bill No. 4581 was passed by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Tinnin, Dennis, Gray and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4581 passed.**

New Business

Fireworks for Festus High School

A request was received from the Festus High School Class of 2020 to have a fireworks display after their ceremony in June. Fire Chief Cremer and Police Chief Lewis stated they both had been contacted and approve of this display. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve the annual 2020 Festus High School fireworks display, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Water Service Fees and Disconnects

Greg Camp asked for a discussion to review the suspended water disconnection policy that was created in March. It was decided that Greg Camp would provide hard numbers to Council at the last meeting in June and draft a hardship policy for Council to review.

Old Business

Greg Camp asked for discussion with Council regarding employee scheduling. Greg stated there were several options to discuss and that the Governor would be announcing plans for Phase II re-openings tomorrow. Greg asked Council if they were ok with opening playgrounds and restrooms. Council members discussed several concerns (i.e. social distancing, sanitizing, etc.) Councilman Cook made a motion to re-open playgrounds and restrooms in the city parks on June 1, 2020, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Director Elizabeth Steffens asked for approval of her plan to provide curbside service at the Library beginning June 1, 2020.

Councilmembers discussed concerns with re-opening and following state and county guidelines.

Mayor Richards stated he would feel comfortable with staying with the status quo for the next two weeks and revisit these issues at the next Council meeting after the Governor's state order expires on June 15, 2020.

Councilman Cook made a motion to have employees return to work full-time on June 1, 2020. The motion includes having their temperature taken in the morning as they come in (must be under 100.4) and that they are required to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible. Councilman Cook added to his motion to approve the Library Director's request to re-open the

Library according to her plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Gray, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – Wehner and Dennis.

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Asked about hiring a new Park Superintendent. Greg Camp stated that he had been working with the Park Board President and they are going to set up an Ad Hoc Committee. Greg stated that he would circulate a draft to Council tomorrow. Asked about a having a car show, stated that people would be excited about it. Councilman Dennis asked what the difference was between having an event like that when all the other events have been cancelled. Greg Camp stated they would have to get Council permission just like any other event.

Councilman Cook – Stated that he respected Councilman Wehners opinion. Asked about the lagoon and Greg Camp gave an update. Asked if County Executive Dennis Gannon had contacted the cities. Greg stated he had not been contacted by Mr. Gannon. Stated that if things change then his motion can be revisited and that he is open to things.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated that his vote was based on the decision that we need to move forward.

Councilman Gray – Stated he felt things were going good and that he has 100 percent faith in the City employees to carry out a successful re-opening and that he appreciates everyone stepping forward.

Mayor Richards – Stated that Planet Fitness has applied for their foundation permit. Stated that Burlington Northern Railroad has a plan on how they are going to improve the Cromwell crossing.

Adjournment

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