

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2020  
5:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on June 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Wilkey and Gray; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Wehner and Cook; Absent – Underwood, Dennis and Tinnin. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Clerk Kerry Patek, City Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham and Financial Administrative Assistant Michelle Guidicy. City Administrator Greg Camp was present via Zoom. 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 \$509,782.67. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of May 27, 2020 was made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilman Cook and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Wehner, Gray, Wilkey and Cook; Nays – none.

**Correspondence**

June 2, 2020 Election Results

The election results were read by Clerk Patek as follows:

Treasurer:	Lori Eisenbeis	794
Councilman Ward I:	Gary Underwood	134
Councilman Ward II:	Brian Wehner	155
	Tim Montgomery	84 (disqualified)
Councilman Ward III:	Robert (Bobby) Venz	147
	Marcus Shepherd	115
Councilman Ward IV:	James E. Tinnin	220

**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.

## **Adjourn Sine Die**

Mayor Richards presented outgoing Councilman Bill Gray with a plaque in appreciation of his 4 years of service to the City of Festus as Councilman in Ward III. Mayor Richards commended Bill for having been a 38 year employee of the City also.

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

Clerk Patek gave the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Ward II Brian Wehner (via Zoom); Ward III Bobby Venz and Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis.

Mayor Richards asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Wehner nominated Mike Cook. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Votes for Mike Cook were as follows: Councilmembers Wilkey, Venz, Boyer and Wehner. Councilman Mike Cook was declared Mayor Pro-Tem.

## **Reconvene**

Meeting reconvened with Mayor Richards presiding.

## **Bids**

City Administrator Greg Camp presented a staff report stating one bid was received for City Hall landscaping in the amount of \$11,860 from Amazing Walls and Waterfalls. Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the bid from Amazing Walls and Waterfalls, seconded by Councilman Wilkey. Bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Cook, Wilkey, Wehner, Venz and Boyer; Nays – none.

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bill No. 4582** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Section 130.220 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, Missouri; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4582 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4582 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4582 for the second time. Bill No. 4582 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Boyer, Wilkey, Wehner and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4582 passed.**

**New Business** - none

**Old Business** - none

## **Reports**

Councilman Boyer – Stated he was glad the protest went smoothly and there was a good turnout.

Councilman Wilkey – Thanked everyone who voted in the recent local election and reminded everyone to get out and vote.

Councilman Wehner – Thanked everyone who got out and voted in the recent election. Stated he was impressed with the people at the protest being peaceful and that the police department did a great job handling the event. Asked Greg Camp how much longer he planned on taking employee temperatures, etc. Greg stated that there have been no problems and he would give Council an update.

Councilman Venz – Thanked everyone that voted for him and stated he is glad to be back as Councilman in Ward III.

Mayor Richards – Welcomed Councilman Venz back. Commended the Festus PD along with Crystal City PD, Byrnesmill PD, Pevely PD and the Jefferson County Sheriffs Department had a pre-protest meeting and that the handling of the event was a great success. Thanked Chief Lewis, Capt. Wendel for the way they handled the event and in obtaining gear for our PD.

## **Adjournment**

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