

FESTUS CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2020

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on July 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Cook, Underwood, Tinnin and Venz; and the following Council members were present via Zoom: Dennis and Wilkey; Absent – Wehner. 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, Fire Dept. Rep Chris Spradling, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Parks Director Josh Whaley and City Administrator Greg Camp. City Attorney Brian Malone was present via Zoom.

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

Renaming of West City Park

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move the Park Board issue under New Business to this portion of the meeting. Councilman Boyer made a motion to amend the agenda as requested, seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richards read a letter from the Park Board President, Tim Wade, stating that the Park Board unanimously voted to rename West City Park to Larry G. Crites Memorial Park to honor Larry's life work for the betterment of the Festus Parks. **Councilman Venz made a motion to rename West City Park to Larry G. Crites Memorial Park, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richards asked the family of Larry Crites to step forward and get a picture with the new sign that will be placed in Larry G. Crites Memorial Park.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$310,075.97. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of July 8, 2020 was made by Councilman Dennis, seconded by Councilman Underwood and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wilkey, Dennis, Venz, Tinnin 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

Public Works – Plow and Spreader

Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that pricing for the plow and spreader was from a Missouri State Vendor and Missouri Department of Transportation pricing, which is Viking-Cives Midwest, Inc. at a cost of \$11,264 for the plow and \$7,249 for the spreader for a total of \$18,513. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion was approved as follows: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wilkey, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin and Cook; Nays – none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4587 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Plat of Scenic View Estates Plat Three; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4587 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4587 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4587 for the second time. Bill No. 4587 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Underwood, Dennis, Wilkey and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4587 passed.**

Bill No. 4588 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Approving the Final Plat Birchwood Estates Phase 2; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4588 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4588 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4588 for the second time. Bill No. 4588 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Cook, Tinnin, Boyer, Underwood, Dennis, Wilkey and Venz; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4588 passed.**

New Business

Appointments

Mayor Richards asked for approval of the following appointments:

Danny Lipina	Planning & Zoning Commission	4 year term (2024)
Ray Earls	ICC Appeals Board	4 year term (2024)
Jerry Govero	ICC Appeals Board	4 year term (2024)
Tim Wade	Park Board	3 year term (2023)
Ray Earls	Park Board	3 year term (2023)
Mark Peckham	Library Board	3 year term (2023)
Beth Adams	Library Board	3 year term (2023)
Vicki Cummings	Library Board	3 year term (2023)
Rhonda Gertsner	Tourism Commission	3 year term (2023)
Staci Templeton	Tourism Commission	3 year term (2023)
Mike Cage	Tourism Commission	2 year term (2022)
Kim Wehlerman	Police Board	3 year term (2023)
Bob McWilliams	Sewage Commission	2 year term (2022)
Josh Whaley	Sewage Commission	Interim Term
Josh Whaley	Jefferson County Water Authority	Interim Term

Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Councilman Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dennis asked Greg Camp to send him a list of the appointments. Mr. Camp stated he would send an email with the appointments to those who were not physically present tonight.

Old Business - none

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Read a letter he received from Kennedy’s Catchall (a business on Main Street) commending the police department and requesting possibly a street officer to patrol the Main Street area on foot, or bike, etc. to make their presence visible in that area.

Councilman Underwood – Asked Mayor Richards if he had heard from anyone regarding the stage and Mayor Richards replied he had not.

Councilman Venz – Asked about the one way alley that comes onto Ridge Avenue. Chief Lewis stated that he thought an ordinance had been passed on that alley but he would have to look into.

Mayor Richards stated that he just received a text from Tim Montgomery stating that he could not view the council meeting through the live streaming. Greg Camp that replied that he was looking right at it and there was no issue that he was aware of.

Councilman Tinnin – Asked about City procedures relating to Covid-19. Greg provided information and stated that the Jefferson County Board of Trustees was meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m. regarding mandating masks or not in the county. Greg stated we will watch what the county does and proceed accordingly.

Councilman Dennis – Asked if we had received any more info on the digital speeding signs and stated he had received more complaints regarding Horine Road and Central Avenue. Chief Lewis stated that a couple of weeks ago a company came in and gave a demonstration and that he is looking into putting one into his budget this year. He stated he would like to see how effective one sign is before purchasing another and then if warranted they can ask for another one next year.

Councilman Cook – Thanked Greg for the updates and keeping the Council informed.

Mayor Richards – Stated he received a compliment from Mr. Al Freeman on our public works employees fixing a water main break that they did a great job.

Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham – Stated that Miranda O’Haleck was promoted to the AP position at City Hall due to the retirement of Sharon Martin. Stephanie stated that Morgan Kimbrell will be trained to do more in the front office.

Adjournment

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