

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin. Absent: Templeton. 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 Capt. Chris Spradling, Police Chief Tim Lewis, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, City Attorney Brian Malone and City Administrator Greg Camp.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$908,621.51. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of July 26, 2021 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Dennis, Tinnin, Venz and Cook; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors - none

Bids – none

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4644 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Chapter 600 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to amend certain provisions relating to liquor licenses and hours of operation; enacting new provisions relating to off-premises consumption; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4644 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that due to Senate Bill 126 the City needed to update its Code regarding liquor license regulations.

Bill No. 4644 (continued)

Councilman Wehner made a motion to read Bill No. 4644 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Dennis. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4644 for the second time. Bill No. 4644 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Venz, Dennis, Tinnin and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4644 passed.

Bill No. 4645 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the Mayor to enter in to and execute an Agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for improvements to West Main Street (STP-2600 (615) incorporating said Agreement as part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4645 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report stating this was the second phase of the West Main Street project. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4645 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4645 for the second time. Bill No. 4645 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Venz, Dennis, Wehner, Tinnin and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4645 passed.**

Bill No. 4646 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4646 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Clerk Patek stated this was the annual financial disclosure ordinance as required by the Missouri Ethics Commission. **Councilman Cook made a motion to read Bill No. 4646 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Wehner. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4646 for the second time. Bill No. 4646 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Venz, Dennis, Wehner, Tinnin and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4646 passed.**

New Business

Four Brothers Mead requested to rope off the City parking lot behind their business on August 28, 2021 and October 2, 2021 for special events they are holding. Councilman Cook asked about liability issues – Greg Camp stated there would be no liability issues. Councilman Dennis asked about parking – Dan Luck (owner) stated they would have staff working the two events that would help with parking, one of which a federal security officer. Chief Lewis stated he had no issues with this event. Councilman Wehner stated he owns a business on Main Street and asked Mr. Luck to notify the surrounding businesses on Main Street when these events are being held. Mr. Luck stated he had already contact some of the businesses. Councilman Dennis made a motion to approve the request for these two events hosted by Four Brothers Mead, motion was seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - none

Reports

Councilman Venz – Asked about Fifth Street and the bike path. Matt Unrein stated he walked the project with engineers and regulations do not allow a cross walk coming out onto the middle of a street. Asked about tax free weekend. Greg Camp stated that if Council so desired next year they could opt in to participate in tax free weekend, but that it would have to be done on an annual basis.

Councilman Boyer – Asked about the handicap ramp in front of Kennedy's Catchall on Main Street that it is steep for a wheelchair and asked that it be looked at and that the stripes need painted. Matt Unrein informed Councilman Boyer that it is on the list.

Councilman Wehner – Asked about the sidewalk project and Greg Camp gave an update. Stated that he had a friend in Blue Ridge Trace and they would like a sidewalk to connect to the next neighborhood. Greg Camp stated that area is covered by the Festus Special Road District, but it may be possible to partner with them on a project and that is something that can be discussed.

Councilman Dennis – Stated that the speed signs on Horine are working and that the Blues/Funk Festival was great and thanked Barb Lowry and the Parks Department.

Councilman Cook asked about the diaper give away program at the Library and that there was low participation and asked if this could be advertised in the Focus. Greg Camp stated he and Barb Lowry would look into it.

Asked about the increasingly heavy traffic on Gamel Cemetery and Pounds Roads. Greg Camp stated that the City recently adopted a traffic calming policy and the procedure is on the City website for residents to use to complete the forms and get the process started. Greg stated that whole process goes through the public works department.

Mayor Richards – Mentioned the survey that will be sent out to all Festus residents and encouraged everyone to participate. Stated there was a good turn-out for the Blues/Funk Festival and thanked Barb Lowry and the Park Department. Encouraged all City employees to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others.

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