

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on August 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Templeton. Absent: Cook and Tinnin. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Clerk Kerry Patek, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Fire Chief Kevin Cremer, Police Chief Tim Lewis, 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 \$117,924.73. Motion to approve the bills, minutes of the Council Meeting of August 9, 2021 was made by Councilman Venz, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Dennis, Templeton and Venz; Nays – none.

Correspondence - none

Visitors - none

Bids

Police Department Patrol Rifle Purchase

Chief Lewis stated the police department was requesting permission to purchase nine new patrol rifles. Chief Lewis stated three bids were received as follows: GT Distributors \$6,615.00; Palmetto Armory \$7,649.91 and RK Guns \$8,099.73. After reviewing all bids staff recommends accepting the bid from GT Distributors. Councilwoman Templeton made a motion to accept the bids from GT Distributors for nine new patrol rifles and to sell the older Colt rifles; motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously and bid was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Underwood, Boyer, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Dennis; Nays – none.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4647 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to amend certain provisions relating to candidate filing periods; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4647 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp and Brian Malone gave a staff report stating that due to the state statute changing the City needed to update its Code. **Councilman Venz made a motion to read Bill No. 4647 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4647 for the second time. Bill No. 4647 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Wehner, Venz, Dennis and Templeton; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4647 passed.**

Bill No. 4648 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the issuance of special tax bills under Chapter 215 of the City of Festus, Missouri Municipal Code; certifying said special tax bills to the Collector of County of Jefferson to be collected with the City of Festus real estate tax bills; and establishing an effective date. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4648 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Clerk Patek stated this was the annual assessments on delinquent weeds that will be attached to the real estate tax bills. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4648 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4648 for the second time. Bill No. 4648 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Underwood, Venz, Dennis, Wehner, and Templeton; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4648 passed.**

New Business - none

Old Business

Greg Camp stated that he received an email from the Missouri Department of Administration letting the City know that the \$1,214,345.57 should be hitting our bank account this week. Greg discussed the plans for this first round of funds and stated he would like to bring a resolution before Council at the September 13th meeting.

Reports

Councilman Underwood – Stated he received a complaint from a resident on England Drive. Greg Camp stated that he received Councilman Underwood’s note and that he would discuss it with Matt Unrein tomorrow.

Councilman Venz – Stated the fence along Central looks nice. Stated he received a call from the gentleman on Central and told him that everything that could be done was being done.

Councilman Boyer – Asked about the repair of the S. Mill retaining wall. Clerk Patek stated she was waiting on an estimate and that the person that hit it would be sent a letter to pay for damages. Asked about “children at play” sign that was requested. Matt Unrein stated it had been put up, but if it needs to go in a different location than to just let him know.

Councilman Wehner – Stated that the streets are looking nice from the overlay projects and that everything seems to be running nice and smooth.

Councilman Dennis – Stated that he also met with the gentleman on Central and went and looked at the complaint to see what could be done.

Mayor Richards – Stated that Immanuel Lutheran Church in appreciation have invited the Mayor, Council, Police and Fire Departments to a Jambalaya Feast on September 2nd from 5-8 p.m. Mayor Richards encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and get the booster if needed when available and to continue to be careful.

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