

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

May 9, 2023

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Cook; Absent – Dennis and Tinnin. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were Assistant City Administrator/Public Works Director Matt Unrein, City Clerk Kerry Patek, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Treasurer Lori Eisenbeis and City Attorney Brian Malone.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$491,229.62. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of April 24, 2023 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Boyer and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Cook; Nays – none.

Correspondence - None

Visitors – None

Bids

Engineering – Animal Control and Salt Storage Facility Design

Matt Unrein asked for a motion to approve engineering contracts with Weis Design Group not to exceed \$9,000 for animal control facility improvements and \$10,000 for salt storage facility design. Mr. Unrein gave a staff report and discussed this request with Council. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve the engineering contract with Weis Design Group, seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Cook; Nays-none.**

2023 Asphalt Overlay

Matt Unrein asked for a motion to accept the low bid from Jokerst Paving (the only bidder) in the amount of \$529,761.50. Mr. Unrein gave a staff report and discussed this project with Council. Mr. Unrein stated \$716,500 was budgeted for this project out of County T-Tax. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve the bid from Jokerst Paving, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Cook; Nays-none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4720 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Amending Section 205.090 (Fines-Fees) in the Municipal Code of the City of Festus, Missouri; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4720 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Matt Unrein gave a staff report. . **Councilman Collier made a motion to read Bill No. 4720 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4720 for the second time. Bill No. 4720 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz and Cook; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4720 passed.**

New Business

St. Pius High School requested permission to have a parade on Sunday, May 31, 2023 for their 2023 graduating class to start at Our Lady's at 3:15 p.m. going down Main Street and over to Highway 61-67 to St. Pius Campus ending at approx.. 3:45 p.m. Police Chief Wendel stated he approved of this event. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion carried unanimously.**

LaChance Vinyards requested a temporary liquor license for their booth during Twin City Days, Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 4-11 p.m. Police Chief Wendel stated he approved of this event. **Councilman Venz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Wehner – Asked about the fencing put up at the new day care on West Main Street and how it affected the required parking spaces. Matt Unrein stated he would check into it tomorrow with Mark Harris. Reminded everyone that there is still a homeless situation that needs to be worked on in Festus. Congratulated Greg Camp on his six years with the City and to new Police Chief Doug Wendel. Thanked Chief Wendel for the parade procedure policy.

Councilman Cook – Asked to get an update on the proposed Hampton Inn and what tools the City has to get them to start building.

Councilman Collier – Stated he was receiving complaints about Gamel Cemetery Road and Pounds Road regarding big trucks, noise, etc. and asked if there was any signage that could be put up. Also received complaints about parking on both sides of the street on Mueller and Roy Streets.

Councilwoman Templeton – Asked about the daycare on West Main Street and the fenced area and parking concerns and that the residents would like to know what is going on at that location. Asked Chief Wendel to check out the situation on the back parking lot of Planet Fitness with young people gathering there.

Mayor – Thanked everyone for bringing up the concerns and comments and that these things will be looked in to. Stated that Chief Wendel was re-doing the Chief's office and that the cameras in dispatch are amazing.

Adjournment

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