

FESTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2023

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on May June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present for roll call in the Council chambers: Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Venz, Cook, and Tinnin; Online – Dennis; Absent - none. Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting. Also present in the Council chambers were City Administrator Greg Camp, Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Public Works Director Matt Unrein, Building Director Mark Harris, 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.

Mayor Richards presented Proclamation to the Festus High School boys baseball team for winning the State Championship.

Mayor Richards presented Proclamation to the Festus High School boys track and field team for winning the State Championship.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$863,227.31. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of May 22, 2023 was made by Councilman Boyer, seconded by Councilman Cook and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Correspondence - None

Visitors – none

Bids

Fire Department – Reporting Software

Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh requested Council approval to enter into subscription based reporting software with First Due. Chief Broombaugh provided a staff report regarding this request to award a contract to First Due for an annual subscription of \$13,100.00 plus a one-time fee of \$500.00. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Collier. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4722 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the City Administrator to enter in to and execute an Agreement for professional services with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company; incorporating said Agreement as a part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4722 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Venz made a motion to read Bill No. 4722 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Boyer. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4722 for the second time. Bill No. 4722 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4722 passed.**

Bill No. 4723 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the City of Festus to participate in the Missouri Firefighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool; and further authorizing the Mayor to execute such documents as may be necessary for the City's participation there. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4723 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Collier made a motion to read Bill No. 4723 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4723 for the second time. Bill No. 4723 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4723 passed.**

Bill No. 4724 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into and execute an Agreement for professional services with Bond Architects, Incorporated; incorporating said Agreement as part of this Ordinance; and establishing an effective date. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4724 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report. **Councilman Collier made a motion to read Bill No. 4724 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4724 for the second time. Bill No. 4724 was approved by the following votes: Ayes - Council Members Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays - none. Mayor Richards declared Ordinance No. 4724 passed.**

New Business

Fire Chief Broombaugh requested permission to donate air bags and associated equipment that have reached their service life. Chief Broombaugh requested permission to donate these items to the Jefferson County Emergency Services Training Academy to be used for demonstration and training. **Councilman Cook made a motion to approve this donation, seconded by Councilman Collier. Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Chief Broombaugh requested permission to donate SCBAs to less fortunate departments and the Jefferson County Emergency Services Training Academy. **Councilman Wehner asked if the City would carry any liability for these donated items. Chief Broombaugh stated he could ask the state fire marshal's office to handle the paperwork. Councilman Venz made a motion to approve this donation, seconded by Councilman Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Commented on the success of the Mayor's Car Cruise.

Councilman Wehner – Thanked Chief Wendel for the increased police presence in town and slowing speeders. Mentioned the homeless problem in town and would like to work on a solution.

Councilman Dennis – Asked to see if the City could see some upgrades in the parks and mentioned getting a splash pad.

Councilman Cook – Asked about reassessment values. Commended the police department for increased traffic detail on Gamel and Pounds. Asked about the City's noise ordinance and asked about jake braking. Chief Wendel stated that the only way they can enforce it is to give the driver a ticket not the vehicle so unless they actually see a driver doing it there is not much they can do about it.

Councilman Collier – Thanked the Building Department for getting the trash behind Enterprise cleared out. Thanked Matt Unrein for the letter he sent out to the residents of Mueller. Thanked Finance Director Cunningham for the financial reports she has been sending to Council. Asked if a guard rail could be put up on American Legion Drive where the developing is going on. Asked about golf carts on city streets. Greg Camp explained that golf carts are meant for golf courses and in Festus it would be dangerous to have those types of vehicles mixed in with our heavy traffic.

Councilwoman Templeton – Asked about the new daycare on West Main and their schedule, stating that there were a lot of cars there one evening. Asked about an inclusive playground with a splash pad.

Councilman Venz – Commented on the continued growth Festus is experiencing and commended the police department for the increased presence throughout town.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated that minibikes, golf carts, other vehicles seem to be everywhere and asked about allowing them in the City as he has been receiving a lot of calls. He stated he thought there was recently a crash in Bailey Station regarding a golf cart. He stated they can be made street legal. City Administrator Camp stated he did not feel it was not a good idea in Festus due to the large amount of traffic and large trucks. Chief Wendel also commented that he did not feel it was a good idea to allow such vehicles on the streets and reminded Council that at one time the City tried allowing those types of vehicles on the streets, the state patrol had to inspect them for compliance and there was a fatality in such a vehicle on Mill Street. After having problems, the City Council decided to revoke the Ordinance and not allow those types of vehicles anymore. Councilman Dennis and Councilman Tinnin requested to have a work session on this issue. Mayor Richards and City Administrator Camp stated they may revisit this at a work session in the future.

Mayor Richards – Stated that he was very proud of our police department and the way they handled the recent press, etc. surrounding a fatal accident. Mayor Richards stated that our department did their job very well and performed very professionally.

Adjournment

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