

**FESTUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

July 10, 2023

The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met in regular session on July 10, 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 Sgt. Cory Fitzsimmons, 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.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$684,753.47. Motion to approve the bills and minutes of the Council Meeting of June 26, 2023 was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Venz and approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Templeton, Wehner, Dennis, Venz, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.

Correspondence - None

Visitors

Mike Graham, a downtown business owner, addressed the Council regarding the parking issues on Main Street. Also asked if some maintenance could be done at Sunset Park such as overgrown weeds and other items.

Bids

RFP for Auditing Services

Finance Director Stephanie Cunningham stated that bids were solicited for auditing services, however, only one bid was received. Mrs. Cunningham requested the City Council accept the proposal from Stopp & VanHoy, LLC (the current City Auditors) and allow the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with them for auditing services for fiscal years ending FY23-27. **Councilman Wehner made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Venz. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

Street Striping Project

Public Works Director Matt Unrein requested approval of the bid from American Parking Remarketing Company, stating it was the only bid received and we have used this company previously and they've done a great job for the City. Councilman Wehner asked if the crosswalks on Main Street could also be repainted as they have faded over the years. Mr. Unrein stated he could look at adding that in. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilwoman Templeton. Motion was approved by the following votes: Ayes – Boyer, Collier, Wehner, Templeton, Venz, Dennis, Cook and Tinnin; Nays – none.**

Sunshine Drive Guardrail

Public Works Director Matt Unrein requested a motion to approve a bid of \$65,525 with D & S Fencing Company for an 885 foot guardrail along Sunshine Drive and the coordinating budget amendment. Council discussed various options regarding the guardrail and decided to have an engineer take a look at it to see what the best option would be. Councilman Dennis made a motion to hire an engineer to review this project, seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4729 - An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 4500. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4729 for the first time. Mayor Richards called for discussion. Greg Camp gave a staff report stating that this was regarding the agreement with Hampton Inn. **Councilman Boyer made a motion to read Bill No. 4729 for the second time, motion seconded by Councilman Collier. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Patek read Bill No. 4729 for the second time. Bill No. 4729 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.**

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Reports

Councilman Boyer – Stated he had received complaints about loud fireworks.

Councilman Wehner – Thanked Mike Graham for bringing the problems on Main Street to the Council’s attention. Commended the Council on addressing the guard rail on Sunshine.

Councilman Dennis – Stated that he appreciates the diversity on the Council and that is what makes it strong. Commended Cory Fitzsimmons on his dedication to the City and his hard work on the Firecracker Festival.

Councilwoman Templeton – Stated that Ridge Avenue looks much better since the brush, etc. was cleared and asked about the remaining stumps.

Councilman Venz – Commented on how nice the new fire truck dedication ceremony was.

Councilman Tinnin – Stated he was glad that there would be an engineer working on the guardrail for Sunshine Drive. Also commended Cory Fitzsimmons for his dedication.

Mayor Richards – Commended Josh Whaley and Barb Lowry and everyone who worked on the Firecracker Festival and that the crowds this year were great. Commented on the gentleman who misled the City about the use of an airplane in Crites Park and informed him he was not allowed to operate in our park.

Adjournment

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