



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on May 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall located at 711 West Main Street, Festus, Missouri.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Richards called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman Boyer
Councilman Collier
Councilwoman Templeton
Councilman Wehner
Councilman Dennis
Councilman Venz

Absent:

Councilman Cook
Councilman Tinnin

Also in attendance:

Mayor Samuel F. Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Building and Planning Director Mark Harris, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Recreation and Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, Public Works Director Michael Christopher and City Attorney Brian Malone.

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

City Administrator Greg Camp shared that an RFP was put out for water storage tank maintenance and management program that addresses the ground and elevated storage water tanks, putting them on an inspection and repair schedule. Viking Industrial Painting was low bid and presented the best approach to addressing concerns with the Twin Tanks.

Councilman Dennis questioned if the City would downsize or eliminate wells, to which Public Works Director Michael Christopher answered no, because the wells are in good shape and growth will support the use of these wells. Mr. Camp added that tanks may need replaced at some point or the City made need to add more to support future growth. Councilman Boyer asked if the tanks will be flushed, to which Mr. Christopher answered that it has been a while since tanks have been drained and scrubbed but this program will assist in getting that done.



Mr. Camp shared updates on city projects, including West Main Phase 2 is near completion with striping coming soon to complete the phase. The North Mill retaining wall is being removed and repaired. There is currently no start date for the 2nd Street Parking Lot. The Splash Pad has concrete and still on target for completion by the end of May. The all-access playground is on target for completion in mid-July. North Mill paving will be both lanes from the railroad tracks to 9th Street and then one lane at a time from 9th Street to Cedar Heights.

Councilman Venz is concerned about street lights on West Main, to which Mr. Christopher shared that the lights were never on and the city is waiting on Ameren to issue licensing for the lights.

Councilman Wehner inquired about Splash Pad signage for the road and an update on the guardrail/grant. Mr. Camp informed the Council that early indicators point to the City not receiving the Safety Grant, but the Parks and Public Works Departments have ordered appropriate signage. In relation to the guardrail, the City will need to make sure they are not inadvertently causing more risk by adding guardrails where they are not recommended.

Mr. Camp informed the Council that the engineering reports have come back in relation to intersections around the city and will present the changes as a package of ordinances at the May 27, 2025, meeting.

Mr. Camp mentioned the The Barn will be getting a test run this week with City Clerk Leah Smith hosting the MoCCFOA Eastern Division City Clerks Luncheon Meeting. Also, on June 8, 2025, will be The Barn's Open House to show it off to residents and media.

III. Adjournment

Councilman Boyer moved to close the Work Session and was seconded by Councilwoman Templeton.

Vote:

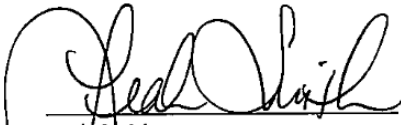
Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Aye
Councilwoman Templeton:	Aye
Councilman Wehner:	Aye
Councilman Dennis:	Aye
Councilman Venz:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Absent
Councilman Tinnin:	Absent



Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

5/27/2025

Date - Approved by Council



Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri