



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on Monday, June 23, 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

Councilwoman Templeton

Councilman Wehner

Councilman Dennis via Zoom

Councilman Cook

Councilman Tinnin

Absent:

Councilman Collier

Councilman Venz

Also in attendance:

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

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

City Administrator Greg Camp shared the agenda for tonight is light, including a temporary liquor request and festival request. Staff continue to work with the i5 Group regarding urban planning, sharing that the City's population has grown 79% and 153% land growth. The i5 Group focuses on land use, zoning, infrastructure, natural features, fiscal impact, expenditures and potential new areas.

Councilman Cook inquired about the costs of service for residents outside the City who purchase fire tags and if it outweighs what the City provides. City Attorney Brian Malone offered to look into it, but generally it is a gray area and the City should be careful not to make it a tax that needs to be voted on by affected voters.

Councilman Dennis asked for a timeframe for annexation and if the County utility services are willing to work with the City, to which Mr. Camp explained that it would be



not be about water and sewer, but conversations about roads, police, fire, solid waste and trash would need to take place. Mr. Malone shared that the Jefferson County Public Sewer District has plans to grow where services are not currently available. Mr. Camp reminded the Council that if the growth planning discussions turn into a plan of intent, the inclusion of residents would be definite.

Councilman Tinnin inquired about rules of annexation, to which Mr. Camp said that it is determined by state legislatures by state statutes and is the same for all municipalities.

Councilman Cook spoke of social media comments that are mean and attacking employees and asked if there is a need to limit comments on socials? He further spoke of fairness when considering the social media policy prevents staff from responding to comments. The City is blessed with 100+ employees doing a good job every day and it hurts to see these kinds of comments and is creating a toxic environment. Mr. Camp shared that the City implemented policies about 18 months ago and values this point of view and will take it under advisement.

III. Adjournment

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

Vote:

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

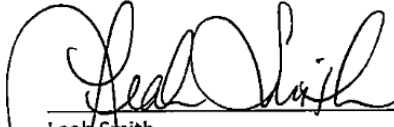
Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

7/14/2025
Date - Approved by Council

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