



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, met on Monday June 14, 2025, for a Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. and a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 711 West Main Street, Festus, Missouri.

I. 5:50 PM - Public Hearing

a. A Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexations for:

- i. US SURVEY 392 LOTS 2 3 6 & PT LOT 1 Section:11 Twn:40 Range:5 [Parcel No. 18-1.0-11.0-0-000-041] more commonly known as 2351 Buck Creek Road owned by Yolanda & Matthew Olinger
- ii. PT US SURVEY 392 Section:11 Twn:40 Range:5 [Parcel No.18-1.0-11.0-0-000-001] owned by K.A.B. Construction

Mayor Richards opened the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Richards asked if there were any citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed annexation.

After no public comments, Mayor Richards asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Vote:

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

Mayor Richards closed the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m.

II. Call to Order

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:



Councilman Boyer
Councilman Collier
Councilman Wehner
Councilman Venz
Councilman Tinnin

Absent:

Councilwoman Templeton
Councilman Dennis
Councilman Cook

Also in attendance:

Mayor Samuel F. Richards, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes

- a. June 23, 2025 – Work Session
- b. June 23, 2025 – Regular Session

2. Approval of Bills

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$ 899,633.10.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the bills, and minutes of the Work Session and Council Meeting on June 23, 2025, was made by Councilman Wehner, seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

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



Councilman Tinnin: Aye

Motion carried.

3. Correspondence

IV. Remarks of Visitors

- a. Lynn Brown (11632 Gamel Cemetery Road) – Asked for stop signs at each of the three subdivisions on Gamel Cemetery Road
- b. Katelan Kerr (48 Flora Drive) – Concerned with overgrown shrubbery around Sunset Park affecting sight lines and asked the City to address and patrol the homeless and drug use in the park.

V. Bids

None

VI. Ordinances and Resolutions

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4826 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; annexing to the City certain Real Property described herein; determining that said annexation is reasonable and necessary to the proper development of said City; and that the City has the ability to furnish normal municipal services to the area to be annexed; and specifying the new boundary lines to which the City limits are extended by reason of said annexation.

Building and Planning Director Mark Harris presented a staff report explaining the annexations are for Larry Barnes for the possibility of future development.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4826 a second time was made by Councilman Collier and seconded by Councilman Venez.

Vote:

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



Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4826 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4817.

Vote:

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

Bill 4826 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4827 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, amending Chapter 500 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, related to permissible hours for construction; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.

City Attorney Brian Malone presented a staff report stating that this ordinance addresses construction being performed very early in the morning and now will be an ordinance violation for construction work between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm or on Sundays.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4827 a second time was made by Councilman Tinnin and seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

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



Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4827 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4827.

Vote:

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

Bill 4827 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4828 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, amending Chapter 205 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, related to feeding of feral cats; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.

Public Works Director Michael Christopher presented a staff report explaining that the City has experienced a growing number of complaints and concerns related to the presence and behavior of feral cats. These free-roaming cats often congregate in large numbers where food is regularly provided, leading to public health concerns. Feeding stations can attract not only feral cats, but also other unwanted wildlife, increasing the risk of nuisance conditions and sanitation issues.

Councilman Wehner stated that providing a habitat so citizens do not feed is important; sharing that a constituent has a neighbor who feeds and houses feral cats and has caused a nuisance in the neighborhood.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4828 a second time was made by Councilman Boyer and seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Aye



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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4828 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4828.

Vote:

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

Bill 4828 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4829 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, amending Section 205.090 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, Missouri, related to Pet Adoption Fees; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.

Public Works Director Michael Christopher presented a staff report explaining that in order to continue offering veterinary services and to ensure the health and safety of both the animals and the adopting families, we must raise our adoption fees to reflect these increased costs of local veterinarians.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4829 a second time was made by Councilman Collier and seconded by Councilman Tinnin.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Aye



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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4829 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4829.

Vote:

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

Bill 4829 finally passed.

VII. New Business

a. Boards and Commissions Appointments & Reappointments

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires	Appointed/Reappointed
Curtis Shelton	ICC Appeals	2029	Reappointed
Allen McCarthy	ICC Appeals	2029	Reappointed
Johnathan Schnurr	ICC Appeals	2028	Reappointed
Vicky Greminger	Library	2027	Reappointed
Eric Baldonado	Library	2028	Reappointed
Chris Nelson	Library	2028	Reappointed
Kate Tedford	Library	2029	Appointed
Michelle Hohmeier	Tourism	2028	Appointed
Tonda Breeze	Police	2028	Reappointed
Jerry Overby	Police	2028	Reappointed
Jessica Griffaw	Festus Housing Authority	2029	Reappointed
Jeff Benack	Park	2028	Reappointed
Steve Vaugh	Park	2028	Reappointed



Motion to approve the Board and Commission Appointments and Reappointments, was made by Councilman Wehner, seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. Mayor and City Council Reports

Councilman Boyer – Glad to see the property on Beffa get cleaned up and inquired about a telephone pole and tree near John Lee's property, to which Mr. Harris shared that All Seasons did not bring the appropriate equipment to fix but will next visit. Asked if Lambert Hills could get a "No Outlet" sign put at the beginning of the street, to which Mr. Christopher responded that he will investigate it.

Councilman Wehner – Stated that fireworks on Saturday sounded like the Elks spectacular, to which Councilman Collier confirmed that it was. Promised the two visitor issues will be addressed.

Councilman Dennis – Absent.

Councilman Cook – Absent.

Councilman Collier – Will check into the problems of the speakers. Pass through roads limit the things the City can do, but we will check legal solutions and possibly stop signs.

Councilwoman Templeton – Absent.



Councilman Venz – Agree with Gamel Cemetery comments, although construction will be going on for the better part of a year. Fireworks receive a lot of complaints, but our Police Department can not possibly address every concern and wish people would just be considerate. Happy to see the flags down Main Street after returning from vacation.

Councilman Tinnin – Nothing to report.

Mayor Richards – Promised to address the two speakers tonight and will get things corrected one way or another. All employees that assisted with the Firecracker did a wonderful job and everything turned out great. Collin Raye had great things to say and no complaints. Looking forward to Twin City Days.

X. Adjournment

Councilman Collier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Boyer.

Vote:

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

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

7/28/2025

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri