



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, met on Monday September 8, 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. Setting the Annual Tax Rates

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 annual Tax Levy. No citizens spoke.

Councilman Boyer moved to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Councilman Venz.

Vote:

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

Mayor Richards closed the Public Hearing at 5:52 p.m.

II. Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman Collier
Councilwoman Templeton via Zoom
Councilman Wehner
Councilman Dennis
Councilman Venz
Councilman Tinnin
Councilman Cook



Absent:

None

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes

- a. August 25, 2025 – Work Session
- b. August 25, 2025 – Regular Session
- c. August 25, 2025 – Closed 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 \$ 726,151.81.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the bills, and minutes of the Council Work Session, Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes on August 25, 2025, was made by Councilman Collier, seconded by Councilman Venz.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Correspondence



IV. Remarks of Visitors

None

V. Bids

a. 406 West Main Renovations

City Administrator Greg Camp presented a staff report explaining the City sought bids for selective demolition and partial remodel of 406 West Main, the space directly adjacent to the Library, and received four bids, recommending Centermark Construction- \$123,700 + \$4,800 (bid alternate to install acoustical ceiling).

Motion to approve the Centermark Construction bid for 406 West Main Renovations for \$128,500.00 was made by Councilman Wehner and seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

VI. Ordinances and Resolutions

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4842 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an agreement with Centermark Construction, LLC, for the 406 West Main Renovation; incorporating said agreement as a part of this ordinance; and establishing an effective date.

City Administrator Greg Camp explained this ordinance reflects the staff report given previously for the bid.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4842 a second time was made by Councilman Boyer and seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:



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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4842 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4842.

Vote:

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

Bill 4842 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4843 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; levying and authorizing the assessment and collection of a tax for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Public Health purposes, Public Library, General Revenue purposes and City Parks; and fixing the time for the taking effect of this ordinance.

Camp explained this ordinance is the annual tax levy ordinance and the amounts are reflected in the bill.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4843 a second time was made by Councilman Venz and seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Aye



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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4843 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4843.

Vote:

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

Bill 4843 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4844 - An ordinance authorizing the City of Festus, Missouri to issue its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Crown Hospitality LLC Project), Series 2025, in a principal amount not to exceed \$14,800,000, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of acquiring and constructing an industrial development project in the City; approving a plan for the project; and authorizing the City to enter into certain agreements and take certain other actions in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

Camp shared that this ordinance is the Hampton Inn Chapter 100 bonds and Jason Terry from Gilmore Bell is here for any questions. Councilman Cook commented that Festus Tourism brings in substantially more than Arnold, to which Mr. Camp agreed noting that Festus Tourism supports over 40 events a year.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4844 a second time was made by Councilman Collier and seconded by Councilman Venz.



Vote:

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4844 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4844.

Vote:

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

Bill 4844 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4845 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, enacting new Section, to be numbered 130.190 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, regarding the issuance of administrative search warrants to inspect and abate nuisances and violations of the City's Property Maintenance and Zoning Ordinances; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.

Camp presented a staff report explaining that this ordinance is the last piece for staff to inspect and abate nuisance properties with administrative search warrants.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4845 a second time was made by Councilman Boyer and seconded by Councilman Venz.



Vote:

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4845 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4845.

Vote:

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

Bill 4845 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4846 - An Ordinance Amending the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget and establishing an effective date.

Finance Director Michelle Vaughn presented a staff report explaining this budget amendment is necessary to adjust revenues and expenditures to reflect updated financial decisions, priorities and essential services.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4846 a second time was made by Councilman Collier and seconded by Councilman Tinnin.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Aye



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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4846 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4846.

Vote:

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

Bill 4845 finally passed.

VII. New Business

a. Picnic License Request for Main Street Association – October 11, 2025

Clerk Smith explained that Denny Foster of the Main Street Association could not attend the meeting. This is for the annual StreetFest event.

Motion to approve the Picnic License Request for Main Street Association on October 11, 2025, was made by Councilman Collier, seconded by Councilman Dennis.

Vote:

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



Motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. Mayor and City Council Reports

Councilman Boyer – Noted visiting the splash pad over the weekend and seeing the new fence and a large crowd, asked about placing “no pets” signs at Turtle Cove, congratulated the City Kickball Team on their win against Crystal City, and highlighted the strong turnout for Twin City Days.

Councilman Wehner – Thanked everyone for their hard work.

Councilman Dennis – Great job on the budget and thanks to all. Believes Ordinance 4845 will help Mark and his department with nuisance properties. Twin City Days was wonderful and great job to everyone, especially the handicapped parking. Thanked the Police Department on their hard work keeping the city safe.

Councilman Cook – Great budget and easy process, thanked Michelle. Proud of city during Twin City Days. Inquired about contractors in relation to city projects being delayed.

Councilman Collier – Twin City Days ran good and had big crowds, everyone was safe. Congratulated the kickball team on the win. Having Charlotte during the unveiling of the sign at Turtle Cove was great. Asked to move the food box in front of the library during construction, to which Mayor agreed.

Councilwoman Templeton – Nothing to report.

Councilman Venz – Twin City Days went really well and happy with how well staff did during the event. Has had lots of comments on the paving (Mill/Scenic) and hope it is done next week.

Councilman Tinnin – Very crowded weekend which was good and impressed how clean everything was on Sunday.

Mayor Richards – Great job to Michael and crew. Josh, Barb and all employees involved. Very proud of efficiency and how well staff does.



X. Adjournment

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

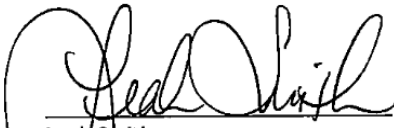
Vote:

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

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

9/22/2025

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri