



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on Monday, September 22, 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
Councilman Cook
Councilman Tinnin

Absent:

None

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, Building and Planning Director Mark Harris, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

City Administrator Greg Camp reviewed the opioid settlement funds, noting Missouri's litigation and bankruptcy settlements with manufacturers will be paid through 2028, with \$69,000 allocated to the City for treatment, prevention, and first responder uses. A proposal was presented to use part of the funds for a new DWI recognition unit, covered by a state grant for the vehicle and first-year salary/benefits, with an additional \$50,000 for lights, sirens, radar, and other in-car equipment. Some funds will be reserved for Fire, pending discussions with the chief.

Camp also presented budget updates, including final HVAC costs for the barn, sewer lining, and sidewalk improvements. Capital outlay items remain as discussed, with some contingent on the November Prop P outcome. Council discussed sewer and water projects, including upgrades to lines, barn phase 2, grinder pumps, and lagoon site prep.



Camp also addressed Bill No. 4851 that addresses water billing issues, proposing a one-time leak adjustment of up to 15% upon review by the City Administrator or designee. The AMI system now provides real-time monitoring to assist in verifying leaks.

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:	Aye
Councilman Tinnin:	Aye

Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

10/14/2025

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri