



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on Tuesday, October 14, 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 (arrived at 5:34 p.m.)

Councilman Wehner

Councilman Venz

Councilman Cook

Absent:

Councilman Dennis

Councilman Tinnin

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, Public Works Director Michael Christopher, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

City Administrator Greg Camp suggested bundling bids by department for the upcoming meeting.

Demolition (11779 CC) received 5–6 bids; Tubbs and Sons of Lonedell submitted the low bid at \$27,785 within the \$50,000 budget. Recommendation made for a not-to-exceed \$50,000 amount to cover possible abatement costs. Abatement will be handled by a third party. Bid includes demolition and seed/straw.

Police Department:

- Vehicles: Includes one Tahoe (DWI safety grant) and Durangos purchased at state pricing (\$175,148). Chief Wendel noted this brings the fleet to 18 Durangos. Landmark chosen as vendor due to immediate availability.



Councilman Venz asked about performance; Chief stated Durango's handle better and suit department needs.

- Equipment: Replace five portable radios (\$39,455.50, within budget) and repeater antenna for the downstairs area. Councilman Boyer asked about radio lifespan—Chief said old units are retained as backups. Councilman Wehner asked about additional safety needs—Chief said none, replacements only.

Public Works Summary:

- Wheel Loader: \$195,000 split between Public Works and Water; purchase price \$173,500.
- Solar Lighting (Shapiro): Installation challenges with Ameren; moving forward with Fonroche & MLSI—lighting and trades total \$39,328, plus \$11,000 for pole installation. Councilman Venz expressed support.
- TAP Grant – Safe Routes to School: TREKK contracted for ROW clearances; budgeted \$125,000, contract \$64,788. ROW acquisitions by Lock and Mueller.
- Change Order – S. 2nd Street Parking Lot: Added cost for fibers in asphalt, exceeding budget. Councilman Boyer asked if reflective cracking used before; Camp said no, not preferred. Michael Christopher stated fibers are recommended.
- Salt Bids: CGB only supplier able to meet city needs and will deliver directly. Councilman Cook confirmed storage capacity; Christopher said yes and noted flexibility in specifying delivery amounts. Councilman Wehner noted progress after long discussions.
- Bucket Truck: Time for upgrade; bid \$174,642, with Not-to-Exceed \$200,000 for flexibility if costs increase.
- Stormwater Master Plan: Consultant is HR Green to establish a stormwater management blueprint, addressing issues based on citizen input and existing conditions. Councilmen Cook and Wehner emphasized need to ensure codes meet modern environmental standards. Camp stated codes were updated with ICC last year and are consistent with regional standards. Mark Harris noted Festus is ahead of some neighboring cities.
- Dump Truck: Not-to-Exceed \$215,000; bid came in at \$214,656.

III. Adjournment

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

Vote:

Councilman Boyer: Aye

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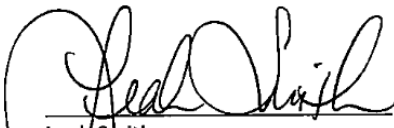
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Councilman Collier:	Aye
Councilwoman Templeton:	Aye
Councilman Wehner:	Aye
Councilman Dennis:	Absent
Councilman Venz:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Aye
Councilman Tinnin:	Absent

Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

10/27/2025

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri