



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, met on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, for a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 711 West Main Street, Festus, Missouri.

I. Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman Boyer
Councilman Collier
Councilwoman Templeton
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, 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

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes

- a. September 22, 2025 – Work Session
- b. September 22, 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 \$1,342,759.66.



Motion to approve the consent agenda, the bills, and minutes of the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes on September 22, 2025, was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Correspondence

III. Remarks of Visitors

None

Police Chief Doug Wendel and Jason Daugherty presented Certificates of Commendation to Dispatcher Stephanie Rogers, Detective Tom Cox, Corporal Kelsey Schleusner, Patrolman Jeris Moonier, Patrolman Andrew Noreen, and Patrolman Blake Buehner for their exceptional courage, professionalism and compassion shown during an extremely difficult incident that occurred on May 28, 2024.

IV. Bids

a. 11779 County Road CC Demolition

Motion to approve the demolition contract for 11779 County Road CC to Tubbs & Sons in the amount of \$20,585.00, with authorization for expenditures up to a Not-to-Exceed total of \$50,000.00 was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Aye
Councilwoman Templeton:	Aye
Councilman Wehner:	Aye



Councilman Dennis:	Absent
Councilman Venz:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Aye
Councilman Tinnin:	Absent

Motion carried.

b. Police Department

- i. 2025 Tahoe Purchase
- ii. 2026 Durango Purchase
- iii. Portable Radios
- iv. Basement Antenna

Councilman Venz requested Not-to-Exceeds included in the record regard budget amounts.

Motion to approve the Police Department bids (Not-to-Exceed budget) for:

- i. 2025 Tahoe Purchase from Don Brown Chevrolet for \$54,036.00; and
- ii. 2026 Durango Purchase from Landmark Dodge in Kansas City (state bid) for four Durangos for \$43,787.00 each for a grand total of \$175,148.00; and
- iii. Portable Radios for four radios from Motorola Solutions for \$39,455.50; and
- iv. Basement Antenna from Wireless USA for \$20,954.42,

was made by Councilman Collier and seconded by Councilwoman Templeton.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

c. Public Works – Street Department

- i. 2025 Wheel Loader Purchase



- ii. Shapiro Drive Solar Lighting
- iii. Safe Routes to Schools TAP-2600(616) ROW Design
- iv. South 2nd Street Parking Lot Change Order
- v. 2025-2026 Public Works Salt Bids
- vi. 2025 Bucket Truck
- vii. Stormwater Master Plan

Motion to approve the Public Works – Street Department bids (Not-to-Exceed budget) for:

- i. 2025 Wheel Loader Purchase from McCoy Construction & Forestry for \$170,350.00; and
- ii. Shapiro Drive Solar Lighting for installation with MLSI Trades for \$11,000.00; and
- iii. Safe Routes to Schools TAP-2600(616) ROW Design with TREKK Design Group LLC for \$64,788.03; and
- iv. South 2nd Street Parking Lot Change Order increase with Jokerst Paving & Contracting for \$2,256.00; and
- v. 2025-2026 Public Works Salt Bid with CGB for a budget increase from \$120,000.00 to \$135,000.00; and
- vi. 2025 Bucket Truck purchase from Drake-Scruggs for \$174,642.00; and
- vii. Stormwater Master Plan with HR Green for \$100,000.00,

was made by Councilwoman Templeton and seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

- d. Public Works – Water Department**
 - i. 2025 Single Axle Dump Truck**

Motion to amend the Public Works – Water Department bid for 2025 Single Axle Dump Truck from Viking – Cives & Freightliner for \$214, 656.00, to include a not-to-



exceed of \$235,000.00, was made by Councilman Venz and seconded by Councilman Boyer.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2025 Single Axle Dump Truck from Viking – Cives & Freightliner from Viking – Cives & Freightliner, as amended, for \$214, 656.00, not-to-exceed of \$235,000.00, was made by Councilman Boyer and seconded by Councilwoman Tempelton.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

V. Ordinances and Resolutions

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4852 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, amending Chapter 123 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, related to closed meetings and records, and collection of fees for public record requests; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.

City Administrator Greg Camp reported that this ordinance was brought forward at the request of City Attorney Brian Malone to align with current state statutes. Malone



explained that the ordinance also updates sections that had not previously been amended to reflect past legislative changes. Council requested clarification on Section #20 regarding improper government activities, and Malone stated that this provision authorizes the State Auditor to receive and investigate such reports.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4852 a second time was made by Councilman Collier and seconded by Councilman Wehner.

Vote:

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4852 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4852.

Vote:

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

Bill 4852 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4853 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, amending Chapters 210, 300, 310, 600, 605, and 645 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus to amend certain sections relating to the offense of interference with a first responder, relating business licensing, firework displays, and liquor sales; repealing parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effect date.



City Attorney Brian Malone reported that this ordinance reflects additional updates to statutes. The General Assembly passed legislation creating a misdemeanor offense for interfering with a first responder, amending the definition of emergency vehicles, and modifying fireworks display provisions. It also allows 24-hour alcohol sales during the 2026 FIFA World Cup unless cities opt out by ordinance and prohibits cities from restricting participation of individuals 18 years or younger in certain activities.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4853 a second time was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Templeton.

Vote:

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4853 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4853.

Vote:

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

Bill 4853 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4854 - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Festus, Missouri; Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into And Execute An Agreement With Tubbs And Son



Construction, For The 11779 County Road Cc Demolition; Incorporating Said Agreement As A Part Of This Ordinance; And Establishing An Effective Date.

City Administrator reported this ordinance allows for an agreement with Tubbs & Sons based off the previous bid.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4854 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:	Absent
Councilman Venz:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Aye
Councilman Tinnin:	Absent

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4854 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4854.

Vote:

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

Bill 4854 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4855 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an agreement with the TREKK Design Group LLC for the Safe Routes to School TAP-2600(616) ROW Design; incorporating said agreement as a part of this ordinance; and establishing an effective date.



Public Works Director Michael Christopher reported that the initial design for the project was completed by Heneghan Associates, which reached preliminary approval and environmental clearance. The next phase will involve right-of-way design and acquisition, with TREKK Design Group LLC selected due to its available survey team and experience with federally funded projects.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4855 a second time was made by Councilman Venz and seconded by Councilman Cook.

Vote:

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4855 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4855.

Vote:

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

Bill 4855 finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4856 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute an agreement with HR Green for the



Stormwater Master Plan; incorporating said agreement as a part of this ordinance; and establishing an effective date.

Public Works Director Michael Christopher reported that the stormwater master plan will gather citywide data to identify and document problem areas related to stormwater. Once completed, it will serve as a roadmap to address existing concerns raised by residents and uncover additional issues staff may not yet be aware of. Councilman Wehner inquired about the project timeline, and Mr. Christopher responded that it would take approximately ten months. Councilman Cook requested that Building and Code Director Mark Harris be included in the process.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4856 a second time was made by Councilman Wehner and seconded by Councilwoman Templeton.

Vote:

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4856 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4856.

Vote:

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

Bill 4856 finally passed.



Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4857 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with MLSI Trades for the Shapiro Drive Solar Light Installation; incorporating said contracts and documents as part of this ordinance; and establishing an effective date.

Public Works Director Michael Christopher reported that Shapiro Drive between Bradley Street and Long Street has needed lighting improvements for several years. Due to the high cost of extending electric service, staff identified an affordable option using solar-powered streetlights—the first to be used in the city. The lights will be purchased through Fonroche, with installation provided by their contractor, MLSI Trades.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4857 a second time was made by Councilman Venz and seconded by Councilwoman Templeton.

Vote:

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4857 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4857.

Vote:

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

Bill 4857 finally passed.



VI. New Business

Festival Request - Ladies Night (Festus Main Street Association) on November 8, 2025.

There was no discussion.

Motion to approve the Festival Request for Ladies Night (Festus Main Street Association) on November 8, 2025, was made by Councilman Wehner, seconded by Councilman Venez.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. Mayor and City Council Reports

Councilman Boyer – Congratulated the Police Department on the great job they are doing. It was noted that North Mill Street and the South Second Street parking lot are looking good and will function well once completed.

Councilman Wehner – Noted that urban planners are incorporating these considerations into future planning. The environmental impact was highlighted due to the city being on the precipice of growth, with experts guiding the necessary steps to prepare effectively.

Councilman Dennis – Absent.

Councilman Cook – Noted that the Fire Department has been extremely busy and inquired about the possibility of an open house at the fire station. He also asked about keeping the stop sign at Sunshine, to which the City Administrator replied that an ordinance to amend stop signs will be presented at the next meeting. Parks Director



Josh Whaley confirmed the splash pad is ready for summer, and the Water Department has laid 10,000 feet of line. Trash pickup issues were discussed, with the City Administrator noting that Tiffany with Waste Connections has documented missed pickups and can provide examples if desired. Councilman Cook also mentioned that Resource Officers' vehicles are looking worn. Council welcomed Jen and noted that sales tax collections are trending upward.

Councilman Collier – Council congratulated the Police Department for their work managing the stressful situation last year and expressed hope they are recovering well. Concerns were raised about highway construction and frequent accidents, with discussion on slowing traffic; Chief Wendel recommended moving the shutdown back from the crest of the hill for better sight lines. It was noted that 735 citations have been issued this year between highways 55 and 67.

Councilwoman Templeton – Echoed praise for the Police Department and expressed concern about Highway 55. Between September 8 and tonight, there has been a 43% increase in extra patrols. Chief Wendel clarified they are to keep an extra eye for specific addresses, subdivisions, or businesses that have requested additional surveillance. Regarding the North Mill Street crosswalk in front of Olympia, it was noted that pedestrians are not using it, and Mr. Christopher said he would look into improving signage.

Councilman Venz – Echoed previous comments and inquired about a sign on Third Street; Mr. Christopher responded that they are waiting for work at Jokerst to be completed. Complaints were noted at the intersections of Central and Second by the Baptist Church, and Central and Ridge. The City Administrator mentioned that studies have been done in the past and it may be worthwhile to conduct new studies for these areas. He also expressed excitement for the upcoming Shapiro Drive lighting project.

Councilman Tinnin – Absent.

Mayor Richards – Expressed pride in the Police and Fire Departments, as well as all city departments, noting that the city is very fortunate to have such dedicated employees.

IX. Adjournment

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

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Aye

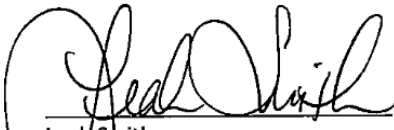


Councilwoman Templeton: Aye
Councilman Wehner: Aye
Councilman Dennis: Absent
Councilman Venz: Aye
Councilman Cook: Aye
Councilman Tinnin: Absent

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

10/27/2025

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri