



FESTUS TOURISM COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Par Parsons at 3:00 p.m. at Festus City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Hohmeier, Rhonda Gerstner, Jeff Adams, Mike Cage, and Pat Parsons.

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Pat Parsons entertained a motion to approve agenda.

MOTION: Mike Cage

SECONDED: Jeff Adams

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Parsons entertained a motion to approve minutes from the June 24, 2025 meeting.

MOTION: Jeff Adams

SECONDED: Rhonda Gerstner

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF FUNDING REQUESTS:

Presentations were presented in the order listed below:

	Requester	Funding Application Request Description	Event Date	Funding Request
1	Jim Berger	Award Presentation to Mayor Mike Cage – St. Louis Hall of Fame		
2	Michael Christopher	Enclosed Utility Trailer, Cones & Barricades for Special Events	N/A	\$9,959.00
3	Tracy Johnson	Juneteenth Homecoming	06/19/26	\$3,000.00
4	Kirk Mooney	Twin City Days	09/10/26	\$35,000.00
5	Kimberly Rushing	Worship in the Park	TBD	\$10,000.00
6	Courtney Wisely	Fall & Winter Productions (Tik, Tick...Boom)	11/20/25	\$9,900.00
7	Courtney Wisely	Finding Nemo, Jr.	03/12/26	\$5,000.00
8	Lara Dane	Festus Art & Music Festival	05/02/26	\$24,200.00
9	Tricia Nelson	Festus Farmer Market 2025	Oct-25	\$1,260.00
10	Tricia Nelson	Festus Farmer Market 2026	Apr-26	\$6,000.00
11	Tricia Nelson	Gals on Main; A Galentine's Day Stroll 2026	02/07/26	\$10,000.00
12	Justin Lenhard	Lenhard Christmas Family Light Show	12/05/26	\$14,195.98
13	Jen Wynn	Twin City Mardi Gras Parade & Celebration	02/14/26	\$30,000.00
14	Andrew Held	Bottleneck Bridge Ride	10/18/26	\$12,700.00
15	Vincent Borgmann	Sigurbloot – NOT PRESENT	04/11/26	\$16,000.00
16	Denny Foster	Streetfest	10/10/26	\$25,000.00
17	Jason Portz	George Portz Traditional Music Festival	09/26/26	\$25,000.00
18	Barb Lowry	Mardi Gras Day Two – Pet Parade	02/15/26	\$7,800.00
19	Barb Lowry	Food Trucks & Music at Turtle Cove	May-26- Nov-26	\$3,850.00
20	Barb Lowry	Firecracker Festival Drone Show	06/26/26	\$20,000.00 \$30,000.00
21	Barb Lowry	Firecracker Festival Entertainment	06/27/26	\$25,000.00
22	Barb Lowry	Movies in the Park Summer	2026	\$3,250.00
23	Barb Lowry	Camp Crites – Re-budget to 2026	11/07/26	\$1,050.00
24	Barb Lowry	Winterfest	12/05/26	49,600.00
25	Greg Camp	Overtime Allocation for Special Events & Tourism	FY25-26	\$34,200.00
		TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTS		\$391,964.98

REPORTS: - Set Next Meeting Date

Vaughn suggested 6/1/26, 6/8/26, or 6/15/26 for the next funding meeting. However, Pat Parsons stated she would be gone those three weeks. It was then discussed to come back with dates for May 2026 since July starts the beginning of the city budget.

The approval meeting for this round is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Adams and seconded by Rhonda Gerstner, motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4.51pm.

