



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on Monday, November 10, 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, Deputy City Clerk Jen Filkins, Finance Assistant Miranda O'Haleck, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Public Works Director Michael Christopher, Building and Planning Director Mark Harris, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, Police Chief Doug Wendel, and City Attorney Brian Malone

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

City Administrator Greg Camp opened the meeting by outlining the Council agenda items.

He introduced two Public Works ordinances: the Street Master Plan with TREKK Design Group LLC and Right of Way (ROW) Acquisition services with the Lochmueller Group.

Mr. Camp also presented a Parks Department project, noting that a single bid had been received from Meyer Contracting for the Jokerst Park pickleball court concrete sidewalk and steps, totaling \$25,778.13. The bid came in under budget, allowing surplus funds to be allocated to other Park projects.



Two voluntary annexations were discussed. The first, at 11355 Pounds Road, was requested by the current property owner to consolidate adjacent property already in Festus City limits. The second, north of U.S. Highway 67 west of County Road CC, was requested by a developer interested in bringing a data center to Festus.

The Council reviewed the second amendment and renewal agreement with All Seasons Maintenance Services LLC. While minor complaints about right-of-way maintenance and abatements were noted, the company is responsive and addresses concerns promptly. Greg Camp recommended continuing the partnership, citing the difficulty of finding companies capable of managing the city's scale.

Public Works Director Michael Christopher provided details on the TREKK Street Master Plan, highlighting Missouri TAP focus areas such as Sunshine Drive for safety improvements, crossings, and beacons. Construction is projected for 2027–2028. Mr. Camp noted TREKK will help develop an ADA transition plan, ensuring a prioritized list of improvements. Councilman Dennis commended the city's proactive approach to ADA compliance.

Discussion shifted to data centers. Mr. Camp reported that Festus is working with developers Clayco / CRG to potentially bring a data center to the city. There is no user yet, nor site plans been submitted, and no non-disclosure agreements. The developer has applied for rezoning under Festus's new data center standards. City Attorney Brian Malone noted that future steps will include sound and light studies, site plan review, and community input, among other steps. The Planning & Zoning meeting for rezoning is scheduled for 11/20/25, with a City Council hearing on 11/24/25.

Councilman Cook shared research on data centers, and highlighted potential revenue benefits to the school district, community college, and the city. He also recommended Senate Bill 4 as a resource for understanding data center regulations. Mr. Camp emphasized that the city is proceeding deliberately to protect residents' interests.

The conversation returned to ROW acquisition services. Michael Christopher explained how the Lochmueller Group will assist with Safe Routes to School initiatives, developing ROW designs and acquiring necessary property.

Finally, Mr. Camp reviewed the city's financial report, noting positive revenue trends and increased sales tax collections. Some follow-up will be conducted on the top 10% of remitters, and overall, Festus's economy is performing well compared to last year's budget. He concluded that the city should have its individual health insurance rate after a meeting on 11/17/25.



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 5:58 p.m.

11/24/2025

Date - Approved by Council

Prepared by: Jennifer Filkins, Deputy City Clerk