



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, met on Monday, December 8, 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 Pro Tem Boyer 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
Councilman Tinnin

Absent:

Councilman Dennis

Also in attendance:

City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Building and Planning Director Mark Harris, Police Captain Lewis Pippin, 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. November 24, 2025 – Work Session
- b. November 24, 2025 – Regular Meeting

2. Approval of Bills

Mayor Pro Tem Boyer asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Boyer announced the bills were in the amount of \$849,608.72.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the bills, and minutes of the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from November 24, 2025, was made by Councilman Cook, 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:	Aye

Motion carried.

3. Correspondence

III. Remarks of Visitors

None

IV. Bids

None

V. Ordinances and Resolutions

None

VI. New Business

a. Friday, January 2nd Discussion

City Administrator Camp asked the Council to consider granting an additional holiday on January 2, 2026, that would keep to the same schedule as this year except for next year.

Motion to approve an additional holiday on January 2, 2026, was made by Councilman Collier, 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: Aye

Motion carried.

b. Festival Request – Gals on Main: Galentine’s (Festus Main Street Association) – February 7, 2026

City Administrator Camp reported that the Festus Main Street Association would like to host a Galentine’s event from Mill to Brierton along Main Street on February 7, 2026.

Motion to approve to approve the Festival Request for Gals on Main: Galentine’s on February 7, 2026, was made by Councilman Wehner, 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: Aye

Motion carried.

VII. Old Business

a. Liquor License Request – Baymont Inn (Quality Inn-Jalarambapa, LLC)

Chirag Patel of the Baymont Inn appeared before the Council to answer questions regarding the liquor license application. Councilwoman Templeton recognized progress but remained concerned about approving a license if alcohol could be sold to individuals off the street. Mr. Patel stated that alcohol sales would be limited to registered guests, events, or reservations only. Councilmembers asked about state regulations, monitoring, and past issues; Mr. Patel explained that he took over as manager in August, prior problems were tied to former management, alcohol sales are monitored with 24/7 on-site oversight, room number verification, and employee alcohol training.



Councilmembers discussed enforcement and accountability if violations occur. City Administrator Camp and Attorney Malone explained that violations fall under state licensing and that the City has authority to suspend or revoke a license, with due process for the applicant. Previous building, fire, and lodging issues were noted as resolved and would only be relevant if directly related to alcohol violations. Councilman Wehner thanked Mr. Patel for addressing concerns, and Councilman Venz noted the license is reviewed annually, allowing future concerns to be addressed if necessary.

Motion to conditionally approve the Liquor License Request for Baymont Inn (Jalarambapa LLC), was made by Councilwoman Templeton, 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:	Nay
Councilman Tinnin:	Aye

Motion carried.

VIII. Mayor and City Council Reports

Councilman Collier – nothing to report.

Councilwoman Templeton noted there were several issues with MULES and that the number of tickets issued was not indicative of the amount of work being done. She inquired with Captain Pippin if the situation has improved, to which he responded that it has, stating the department is now online with MHSP and the issue should not occur again. She also thanked everyone for their efforts in moving forward with the parade, noting it was a great event.

Councilman Venz shared that the Christmas Parade was good, just bad timing with the weather. Thanks everyone for the effort.

Councilman Tinnin thanked Barb for the retirement party for Chuck Boyer, it was a good deal.



Councilman Wehner reported that Greg Camp and the Jefferson County Water Authority has a good thing going on and asked Greg to elaborate on that. Greg commented positively on the progress at JCWA and emphasized the importance of keeping everyone informed, explaining that that JCWA is a joint venture with Herky and outlined plans for a master plan follow-up, including increasing production and storage capacity and addressing system chokepoints that impact water production for both communities. These improvements are programmed into the FY 2025–2026 budget. Camp praised JCWA staff for their work, specifically recognizing Jeff, Nick, and the entire team, and noted the need for a generator at the main plant for emergency situations. He added that the cities have not needed to activate wells in several years and that JCWA is managing growth effectively.

Councilman Cook thanked the Library and Public Works Director Michael Christopher for their assistance with the Winterfest sale, expressed appreciation to Elizabeth, congratulated Officer Agee on his promotion to Sergeant, suggested exploring a possible executive order related to data centers due to reliance on the EPA (with attorney review), and thanked Barb and Melissa for their work on Chuck’s retirement. Chief Broombaugh discussed House #2 and the recent ISO rating, explaining that most points were lost in dispatch due to the inability to track call answer and transfer times, resulting in zero dispatch points; he noted the review was strict, staff will follow up, and while the City is currently rated a 4 and narrowly missed a 3, the goal remains to continue improvements toward a rating of 1.

Councilman Dennis – absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyer reported that, in his role as Mayor Pro Tem, he has been asked to assist with various duties on behalf of the Mayor. He provided updates and asked for continued prayers for Mayor Richards and family. He also noted that he judged the Main Street decorations, led the parade (though slower than in past years due to snow, which kept his 1936 Chevy at home), and officiated at Chuck’s retirement, thanking Barb and Melissa for their assistance.

IX. Adjournment

Councilman Collier made a motion to adjourn, 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:	Aye

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

12/22/2025

Date - Approved by Council



Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri