



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on Monday, March 9, 2026, 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 Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Building and Planning Director Jim Walker, Public Works Director and Interim City Administrator Michael Christopher, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Recreation and Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Finance Assistant Miranda O'Haleck, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

Finance Director Michelle Vaughn reported that the City is scheduled for a call with Standard & Poor's for Certificates of Participation (COP) for capital improvement projects on Thursday regarding the City's rating and requested guidance from the Council on how to proceed with financing. Councilmen Cook and Tinnin and Councilwoman Templeton expressed support for holding at the City's current position, and Mayor Richards agreed that the Council would like to pause financing at this time.

Motion to approve pausing COP financing for capital projects was made by Councilman Tinnin, 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.

Council members also discussed several streetlight issues. Councilwoman Templeton asked about lights on North Mill, and Mr. Christopher stated they would be turned on tomorrow once a bucket truck is available. Councilman Venz asked about lights on Shapiro, where installation has been delayed due to an issue with J-bolts and pending data. Councilman Tinnin also asked about the Greyhawk lights and whether solar lights could be installed instead of waiting on Ameren; Mr. Christopher noted that the solar lights on Shapiro are currently being tested to ensure they perform as expected.

III. Adjournment

Councilman Dennis 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 5:45 p.m.

3/23/2026

Date - Approved by Council



Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri