



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, met on Monday, April 27, 2026, 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 Weekley
Councilman McCarthy
Councilman Dennis
Councilman Moore
Councilman Cook
Councilman Belleville
Mayor Richards

Absent:

None

Also in attendance:

Public Works Director and Interim City Administrator Michael Christopher, City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Building and Planning Director Jim Walker, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the Minutes

1. March 9, 2026 – Closed Session
2. March 17, 2026 – Special Meeting & Closed Session
3. March 23, 2026 – Work Session & Regular Meeting
4. March 30, 2026 – Special Meeting

b. Approval of Bills

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$533,612.86.



Motion to approve the consent agenda, the bills, and minutes was made by Councilman Dennis, seconded by Councilman Boyer.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Weekley:	Aye
Councilman McCarthy:	Aye
Councilman Dennis:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Aye
Councilman Belleville:	Aye

Motion carried.

III. Remarks of Visitors

- a. Zach Murray, 11780 Kingston Drive – Congratulated newly elected officials and encouraged transparency and representation of all residents.
- b. Mary Fakes, 9 Cedarbrook – Spoke regarding the Ward 2 appointment process and requested an open house to meet applicants.
- c. Matt Stout, 1308 N 3rd Street – Expressed concerns regarding transparency and the process for filling the Ward 2 vacancy.
- d. Erica Carter, 14 Ashford Place – Requested the Ward 2 appointment be tabled to allow residents additional input.
- e. Mary Youmans, 921 N 4th Street – Encouraged the Council to table or vote against the Ward 2 appointment and called for change.
- f. Sharon Valish, 4 Glenkee Court – Voiced concerns regarding rushed appointments and encouraged the Council to rebuild voter trust.
- g. Mathew Drinen, 1332 Melvin Drive – Discussed the Ward 2 vacancy process and raised concerns regarding water usage and infrastructure.
- h. John Youmans, 921 N 4th Street – Spoke regarding the Ward 2 appointment process and concerns about the timing of the decision.
- i. Sherman Doyle, 6 Glenkee – Voiced concerns regarding Council actions and the Ward 2 appointment process.
- j. Judy Ivery, 1962 Anchorage Drive – Spoke regarding public participation, transparency, and recall petition efforts.

Due to inclement weather conditions, the meeting was adjourned early.



IV. Adjournment

Councilman Dennis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Belleville.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Weekley:	Aye
Councilwoman Templeton:	Aye
Councilman McCarthy:	Aye
Councilman Dennis:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Aye
Councilman Belleville:	Aye

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

6/22/2026

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri