



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, met on Monday, June 22, 2026, for a Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. and a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 711 West Main Street, Festus, Missouri.

I. 5:50 PM – Public Hearing

A public hearing to seek public input regarding a rezoning from R-3 to E-2 (Attached One Family) at 1235 Hill Rd.

Mayor Richards opened the Public Hearing for the rezoning at 5:50p.m.

Building and Planning Director Jim Walker presented his report. David Ginsburg, owner of 1235 Hill Road, was present via Zoom.

Mayor Richards asked if there were any citizens who wished to speak. Councilman Belleville and Councilman Dennis both asked questions regarding the property. No citizens spoke on the property.

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Boyer.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:56 p.m.

II. Call to Order

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:



Councilman Boyer
Councilman Weekley
Councilman Dennis via Zoom
Councilman Moore
Councilman Belleville
Mayor Richards

Absent:
Councilman McCarthy
Councilman Cook

Also in attendance:

City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Building and Planning Director Jim Walker, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, Recreation and Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Parks Director Josh Whaley, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

Pledge of Allegiance
Recited

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the Minutes

- 1. April 27, 2026 – Work Session & Regular Meeting**
- 2. April 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 \$915,430.18.

c. Correspondence

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

Vote:

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



Motion carried.

IV. Remarks of Visitors

- a. Mary Fakes, 9 Cedarbrook – Discussed lack of trust and betrayal of Council.
- b. Erica Carter, 14 Ashford Place – Stated the \$4.5 mil for barn should be used for State Audit.
- c. Sherman Doyle, 6 Glenkee Court – Wants answers for trees being cut; recall not over.
- d. Christy Stites, 911 Burgess – Asked for update on traffic study; Ward 2 vacancy.
- e. Judy Ivery, 1952 Anchorage Drive – Complaints about empty space next to library, splash pad and barn.
- f. Cheryl Hagerty, 11755 Game Cemetery Road – Shared not against growth; back out of deal.
- g. Rozilyn Daniels, 16 Glenkee Court – Discussed nothing done about complaint forms; no communications about buyouts; asked for paint on turn lanes next to Arby's.

V. Bids

None

VI. Ordinances and Resolutions

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4884 – An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, rezoning a parcel within the City of Festus located at 1235 Hill Road (Jefferson County Parcel Identification Number 18100101001002) from the R-3 Single-Family District to E-2 Clustered Home Single-Family District; directing the City Clerk to update the zoning map of the City; and establishing an effective date.

Building & Planning Director Jim Walker reported that the property at 1235 Hill Rd. is a single-family dwelling, but has been vacant and has a history of code violations. This new owner has shown cleanup progress and is currently undergoing extensive renovations; the applicant is seeking to rezone the property to E-2 (Attached One-Family) to allow for the possible future development of townhouse-style homes, with all applicable building and zoning codes remaining in effect.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4884 a second time was made by Councilman Boyer and seconded by Councilman Moore.

Vote:



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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4884 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4884.

Vote:

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

Bill 4884 finally passed.

VII. New Business

a. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires	Appointed/Reappointed
Tom Whitener	Board of Adjustment	2031	Reappointed
Bryant Allen	Planning & Zoning	2030	Reappointed
Bryant Allen	ICC Appeals	2030	Reappointed
Steve Stoll	Library	2029	Reappointed
James Pacino	Library	2029	Appointed
Al Siebert	Library	2027	Appointed
Rhonda Gerstner	Tourism	2029	Reappointed
Kirk Mooney	Tourism	2029	Appointed
Andy Held	Tourism	2029	Appointed
Kim Wehlman	Police	2029	Reappointed
Barb Machalek	Festus Housing Authority	2030	Reappointed
Tim Wade	Park	2029	Reappointed
Gina Otto	Park	2029	Reappointed
Ken Strathmann	Park	2029	Reappointed



Councilman Belleville discussed board and commissions, noting that a previous effort previously generated little to no public interest. Staff is working on adding more boards and commission information online to encourage greater community participation.

Motion to approve the Board and Commission Appointments and Reappointments, was made by Councilman Dennis, seconded by Councilman Belleville.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

b. Festus Farmers Market – Request to extend market to Wednesdays

Tricia Nelson and Amy Wilson of the Festus Farmers Market asked to extend the market to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month between 2:00-8:00pm, including set up and tear down. Councilman Dennis asked if the auto garage street would be impacted to which Ms. Nelson stated it would not.

Motion to approve the extension of the Festus Farmers Market to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, was made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Belleville.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

c. Annual Liquor License Renewals



Chief Wendel shared that there are no issues with any liquor licenses at this time to prevent renewal.

Motion to approve the renewal of annual liquor licenses, was made by Councilman Dennis, seconded by Councilman Boyer.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

a. Fireworks Sales License – Jake’s Fireworks

Building and Planning Director Jim Walker shared that the stand is waiting on an occupancy inspection. Council discussed location of the tent, firework items and restricted times for use.

Motion to conditionally approve a Fireworks Sales License for Jake’s Fireworks pending occupancy inspection, was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Weekley.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

a. Fireworks Sales License – Richard’s Produce



Joe Figge of Richard's Produce shared this location is at 1121 Bridgewater Circle, off of Shapiro and across from Texas Roadhouse.

Motion to conditionally approve a Fireworks Sales License for Richards Produce pending occupancy inspection, was made by Councilman Belleville and seconded by Councilman Moore.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

IX. Mayor and City Council Reports

Councilman Boyer appreciated what Councilman Belleville shared about use of fireworks this time of year; not good for PTSD.

Councilman Weekley inquired about the batting cage; Parks Director Josh Whaley shared that the delay was caused by a lawsuit and turf and maintenance is not currently in the parks budget.

Councilman Moore echoed Councilman Belleville regarding boards and commissions involvement from residents; explained difference between agenda and packet and where to find them online; inquired about walking path for kids to walk to school along Hillsboro Road and railroad.

Councilman Belleville reported residents concerns about traffic safety and speed limits along Gamel Cemetery.

Councilman Dennis shared concerns over e-bikes around the city, maybe time to present an ordinance regarding the same; the City has an independent audit every year and report to state every March which are available on the website.

Mayor Richards nothing to report.



X. Adjournment

Councilman Boyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Vote:

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

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

7/13/2026

Date - Approved by Council



Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri