



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a work session on April 14, 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 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman Boyer

Councilman Venz

Councilwoman Templeton

Councilman Wehner

Councilman Tinnin

Councilman Dennis via Zoom

Absent:

Councilman Collier

Councilman Cook

Also in attendance:

Mayor Samuel F. Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Building and Planning Director Mark Harris, Recreation and Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Assistant Chief Chuck Boyer, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

City Administrator Greg Camp shared that Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe signed an Executive Order establishing the Blue Shield Program that includes \$10 million in grant funding for training and equipment. To participate in the grant program, a resolution is needed that states the City is a Blue Shield City and is committed to training and safety.

Mr. Camp shared that the City received two good bids for Urban Planning that included the i5 Group and PGAV Planners. The i5 Group met with Mr. Camp and asked questions about what the City was looking for and were addressed in their proposal. Councilman Wehner shared that proposed annexation locations in regards to providing resources should be heavily considered. Councilman Venz was in agreeance, sharing that emergency services need be available to any annexed areas. Councilwoman Templeton stated that we cannot make new land and this process will assist in choosing strategically placed locations, and calling in specialists for this process makes sense.



Mr. Camp shared that there are two big street projects on the agenda tonight: N Mill and 2nd Street parking. West Main will begin milling next week. Councilwoman Templeton questioned the ownership of the retaining all on the other side of the street, to which Public Works Director Michael Christopher stated he does not believe it is ours.

Mr. Camp shared that the Audit report was great. Finance Director Michelle Vaughn stated that two things were found, one from 2017 for a Statement of Pension Liability. Ms. Vaughn shared that this this would ultimately end up costing the City between \$30,000-40,000 a year, and the City already has a statement that shows pension liabilities, so we are leaning towards not doing that. The audit also showed an overage on stormwater, that is a positive thing.

Mr. Camp asked the Council to log into CivicPlus and try voting electronically for the regular meeting, if possible.

III. Adjournment

Councilman Boyer moved to close the Work Session and was seconded by Councilman Venz.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Absent
Councilwoman Templeton:	Aye
Councilman Wehner:	Aye
Councilman Dennis:	Aye
Councilman Venz:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Absent
Councilman Tinnin:	Aye

Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

4/28/2025

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri