



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met on January 13, 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 Richards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

- Councilman Boyer
- Councilman Collier
- Councilman Venz
- Councilman Cook
- Councilwoman Templeton
- Councilman Wehner
- Councilman Tinnin
- Councilman Dennis via Zoom

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Public Works Director Michael Christopher, Building and Planning Director Mark Harris, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Recreation and Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. December 23, 2024 – Regular Session**
- 2. Approval of Bills**
- 3. Correspondence**

Mayor Richards asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Richards announced the bills were in the amount of \$1,354,869.13.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the bills, and minutes of the Council Meeting on December 23, 2024, was made by Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Collier.



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.

III. Remarks of Visitors

IV. Bids

a. Water Department

i. Shoring Equipment

Public Works Director Michael Christopher gave a staff report explaining the need for new trench equipment that is inflatable and allows the hole to be wide enough for two men to work easier. The Water Department received a \$7,500.00 MIRMA grant, and the department will cover the difference. Mr. Chistopher recommends the bid from Shulte Supply for a total of \$9,700.00.

Motion to approve the Shulte Supply bid for Smartshore Trench Equipment for \$9,700.00 was made by Councilman Collier and seconded by Councilman Boyer.

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.

ii. Steel Plates



Public Works Director Michael Christopher presented a staff report that explained the need for 3 steel plates during trench work that would replace gravel and rock during road work. The Water Department budgeted \$10,000.00 and Mr. Christopher recommends the bid from Luby Equipment for \$8,030.00.

Motion to approve Luby Equipment bid for three Street Steel Plates at \$8,030.00, was made by Councilman Venz and 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.

b. Police Department

i. Durango Equipment

Police Chief Doug Wendel presented a staff report requesting new vehicle equipment that will outfit the recently purchased Durango's. Chief Wendel recommended the second lowest bid from Public Safety Upfitters for \$36,119.00, because the lowest bid by Galls was unable to supply several of the items requested in the bid specifications.

Motion to approve the Public Safety Upfitters bid for \$36,119.00 for the Durango Equipment Purchase, was made by Councilwoman Templeton and seconded by Councilman Tinnin.

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.

ii. Mobile Radios

Police Chief Doug Wendel presented a staff report requesting mobile radios to supply the two new officers in the traffic unit. He recommends the bid from Motorola for \$14,540.36.

Motion to approve the Motorola bid for \$14,540.36 for two mobile radios, was made by Councilman Boyer and 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.

iii. In Car/Body Camera Video System

Police Chief Doug Wendel presented a staff report requesting in car and body cameras for two new officers in the traffic unit. After reviewing the two bids, he recommends the Motorola bid at \$28,235.01.

Motion to approve the Motorola bid for \$28,235.01 for two In Car/Body Camera Video System, was made by Councilwoman Templeton and seconded by Councilman Wehner.

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.

V. Ordinances and Resolutions

None

VI. New Business

A. Festival and Parade Request – Taytro’s Mardi Gras Parade – March 1, 2025

Luke Tetrault from Taytro’s explained the parade will include over 30 floats and will be set to start on Third Street and is requesting four hours of roadblocks. Entertainment will include Steve Ewing, tent for kids, and hotels offering discount pricing with shuttles. Councilman Collier asked if Mr. Tetrault has contact neighboring businesses, which he says he has for most and is still working towards all businesses being notified.

Motion to approve the Parade Request for Taytro’s Mardi Gras Parade on March 1, 2025, was made by Councilman Venz and seconded by Councilman Wehner.

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.

B. Old Business

None

C. Mayor and City Council Reports

Councilman Boyer – Thanked the Street Department on their ice and snow removal. He received lots of compliments from residents.

Councilman Wehner – Shared that he just became a grandpa. He appreciates all the service members, including NICU nurses who make a big difference.



Councilman Dennis – Recognized everyone who worked hard after the significant weather event that we just experienced.

Councilman Cook – Asked for an update on Pounds Road. Mr. Camp shared that a third party was doing work for Charter and hit the Jefferson County Public Sewer District sewer line. Repairs were made on everything except the asphalted road, which our Street Department will fix this week pending weather cooperation. Mr. Camp also shared an update on vetting traffic firms to address the stop sign on Huber Street and parking on Benton Drive.

Councilman Cook asked if the City has considered getting more one ton trucks to plow subdivisions so there are more opportunities with less experience and manpower to drive them. Public Works Director Michael Christopher shared that he has been working towards adding more trucks to his fleet. Mr. Camp shared that Mr. Christopher has the ability to declare a snow emergency that requires vehicles to come off the streets, which is something to consider in the future.

Councilman Cook inquired about street lighting, sharing that many streets throughout the city are dark. Mr. Christopher agreed and is still working on lighting throughout the city, including solar options.

Councilman Collier – Thanked the street crew for their good job during a stressful weather situation.

Councilwoman Templeton – Agreed with Councilman Collier, but especially on Main Street. She asked for a timeline on patch work that is needed from plows, to which Mr. Christopher said crews were washing trucks and planned to complete patchwork soon.

Councilman Venz – Echoed Councilwoman Templeton’s remarks. He asked to clarify the costs on lighting throughout the city, to which Mr. Camp shared that it depends on if the light belongs to the City or Ameren. Councilman Venz wishes to upgrade lighting where necessary.

Councilman Tinnin – Agreed with previous council comments regarding the good work on snow removal.

Mayor Richards – Felt that the information that the City put out regarding plows and parking assisted in street crews plowing. He is proud of the City and street crews who did a great job during the weather storm.



D. Adjournment

Councilman Cook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Collier.

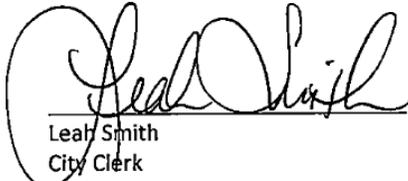
Vote:

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 meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

1/27/2025

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri