



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a work session on January 27, 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 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

None

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, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Recreation and Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

City Administrator Greg Camp shared the Procurement Policy on tonight's agenda includes a change in the purchasing limits that better aligns with the current prices. The policy accompanies procedures in place for raising the purchasing limits and is designed for now and the future. Councilman Cook inquired about budget items and credit cards to which Mr. Camp confirmed that this policy does not cover items that are not budgeted, and Department Directors have credit cards with the proper policy for usage in place.

Mr. Camp shared that due to a previous agreement with Stifel (Veregy Project), he was unable to get a second opinion for Standard & Poor's rating downgrade. However, the Stifel letter confirmed that a rating downgrade is certain and is not a reflection of City finances, but from a change in the S&P rating methodology. Mr. Camp shared that a debt service payment of \$111,625 is budgeted for this fiscal year, with an outstanding balance of \$325,275 and recommends a budget amendment of the general fund to pay off the



2012 COPs. The Council agreed that they do not want to hinder the future financing needs of the City, especially considering a new firehouse and other large projects.

Mr. Camp shared that the residents along the city right-of-ways may experience land disturbance and temporary removal of property, however, it is to be expected during large scale projects and extended bad weather.

III. Adjournment

Councilman Boyer 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 5:58 p.m.

02/10/2025

Date - Approved by Council



Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri