



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met on February 10, 2025, for a Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m. and a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 711 West Main Street, Festus, Missouri.

**Public Hearing regarding the following real property annexations of:**

**1. 11780 County Road CC – Twin City Church of Christ**

Mayor Richards opened the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor Richards asked if there were any citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed annexation.

No citizens expressed their willingness to speak.

Mayor Richards closed the Public Hearing at 5:57 p.m.

**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

Absent:

Councilman Dennis

Also in attendance:

Mayor Samuel F. Richards presided over the meeting, 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 Assistant Chief Chuck Boyer, and City Attorney Brian Malone.



**Pledge of Allegiance**

Recited

**II. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. January 27, 2025 – Work Session
- b. January 27, 2025 – 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 \$769,580.80.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda, the bills, and minutes of the Work Session and Council Meeting on January 27, 2025, was made by Councilman Wehner, seconded by Councilman Cook.**

**Vote:**

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

Motion carried.

**III. Remarks of Visitors**

None

**IV. Bids**

None

**V. Ordinances and Resolutions**

Clerk Smith read the following:

**Bill No. 4809 – An ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Festus, Missouri; annexing to the City certain Real Property described herein; determining that said annexation is reasonable and necessary to the proper development of said City; and that the City has**



the ability to furnish normal municipal services to the area to be annexed; and specifying the new boundary lines to which the city limits are extended by reason of said annexation.

Councilman Tinnin asked for clarification on which area along County Road CC this included. Mr. Camp shared this was one of the last properties along County Road CC that has applied for annexation.

**Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4809 a second time was made by Councilman Collier and seconded by Councilman Venz.**

**Vote:**

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4809 a second time.

**Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4809.**

**Vote:**

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

Bill 4809 has finally passed.

**VI. New Business**  
None



**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. Mayor and City Council Reports**

**Councilman Boyer** – Nothing to share.

**Councilman Wehner** – Stated that the annexation along Highway 67 and the rate the City is growing, there may be a concern with infrastructure especially with the current political climate, and the City should consider proceeding in a conservative way.

**Councilman Dennis** – Absent.

**Councilman Cook** – Shared that there has been an influx of trash service complaints and asked if the City could look into doing something else. Mr. Camp responded that he recently reviewed the contract and stated that it would be worthwhile to solicit other bids when the contract expires in 2026.

Councilman Cook also expressed concern over traffic safety at Crites Park with the splash pad and inclusive playground coming this summer. He also shared concern with the mulch wash out on other playgrounds, to which Mr. Camp shared that the City is working towards replacing all the mulch. Councilman Cook asked to look into drainage culverts around Crites Park that would drain into the creek and prevent large sitting water in spots.

**Councilman Collier** – Congratulated the Library on their Souper Bowl win. He shared that our Library is an amazing facility, who hosts many programs for the community and wishes to promote them more.

**Councilwoman Templeton** – Congratulated the Library on their Souper Bowl win and echoed the same remarks on trash services.

**Councilman Venz** – Congratulated the Library on their Souper Bowl win.

**Councilman Tinnin** – Inquired with Chief Wendel on the towing contract, to which Chief responded that he had no interest in bringing any tow contracts back to the Council. Councilman Tinnin shared that he had not noticed a trash problem until the last six months.

**Mayor Richards** – Shared the City bought a table for the Cultural Diversity Luncheon on February 22, 2025, and if anyone is interested to let him know.



**IX. 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:	Absent
Councilman Venz:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Aye
Councilman Tinnin:	Aye

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

2/24/2025

Date - Approved by Council



Leah Smith  
City Clerk  
City of Festus, Missouri