



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met on February 24, 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 via Zoom
- Councilman Dennis via Zoom

Absent:

- Councilman Tinnin

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 Chief Jeff Broombaugh, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. February 10, 2025 – Work Session**
 - b. February 10, 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 \$689,486.90.



Motion to approve the consent agenda, the bills, and minutes of the Work Session and Council Meeting on February 10, 2025, was made by Councilman Cook, 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:	Absent

Motion carried.

III. Remarks of Visitors

None

IV. Bids

a. Salt Budget Increase

Public Works Director Michael Christopher presented a staff report that explained the recent weather has required higher-than-expected usage of road salt. Mr. Christopher recommends the current budget of \$90,000 and contract with Consolidated Grain and Barge Co. for road salt be increased to \$175,000.

Motion to approve a budget and contract increase with Consolidated Grain and Barge Co. from \$90,000.00 to \$175,000.00 for road salt 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:	Absent



Motion carried.

i. West Main Street Phase 2 – Change Order #2

Public Works Director Michael Christopher presented a staff report to allow for faster installation and city crews to continue service installations on N 2nd Street, he is asking for a change order increase of \$21,536.40.

Motion to approve the West Main Street Phase 2 – Change Order #2 of \$21,536.40 for service installations was made by Councilman Venz 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:	Absent

V. Ordinances and Resolutions

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4808 – An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; approving the Preliminary/Improvement Plat for 835 American Legion; and establishing an effective date

Building and Planning Director Mark Harris presented a staff report of a Preliminary Plan for The Legion Apartments at 835 American Legion Drive. The Preliminary Plan was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, February 20, 2025. Councilman Cook inquired about stormwater, to which Mr. Harris confirmed stormwater was already addressed by the architect. Councilwoman Templeton asked if an increase in traffic was a concern, to which Chief Wendel shared that there have been no impacts to traffic so far with the additional preschool and apartments on American Legion.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4808 a second time was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Collier.

Vote:

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

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4808 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4808.

Vote:

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

Bill 4808 has finally passed.

Clerk Smith read the following:

Bill No. 4810 – An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, amending Section 370.160 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, regarding seat belts; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.

City Administrator Greg Camp shared a staff report explaining the State of Missouri recently changed State Statutes from secondary to primary offense for seatbelts. Under the recommendation of Chief Wendel, he is asking to amend the city code to reflect the same.

Motion to suspend rules to read Bill No. 4810 a second time was made by Councilwoman Templeton and 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:	Absent

Motion carried. Clerk Smith read Bill No. 4810 a second time.

Mayor Richards called for a vote to finally approve Bill No. 4810.

Vote:

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

Bill 4810 has finally passed.

VI. New Business

A. 2025 Roadblock Schedule

City Clerk Smith presented the 2025 Roadblock Schedule to the Council.

Motion to approve the 2025 Roadblock Schedule was made by Councilman Collier 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:	Absent



Motion carried.

B. Move Council Meeting Dates

- i. **Memorial Day – Monday, May 26, 2025, move to Tuesday, May 27, 2025**
- ii. **Columbus Day – Monday, October 13, 2025, move to Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

Motion to move the Monday, May 26, 2025, to Tuesday, May 27, 2025, and Monday, October 13, 2025, to Tuesday, October 14, 2025, due to the holidays was made by Councilwoman Templeton and was 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:	Absent

Motion carried.

C. Parks and Recreation Board Appointment – Joshua Jones

Mayor Richards presented Joshua Jones for consideration on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion to appoint Joshua Jones to the Parks and Recreation Board was made by Councilman Dennis and was seconded by Councilman Venz.

Vote:

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



Motion carried.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. Mayor and City Council Reports

Councilman Boyer – Commended the Street Department on snow removal and the Water Department on their quick response to a watermain break on Maple Street.

Councilman Wehner – Nothing to report.

Councilman Dennis – Thanked the Street Department on snow plowing. Welcomed the new Parks Board appointment. Shared that the seatbelt code change will help officers with future traffic stops.

Councilman Cook – Good job to all staff through weather events.

Councilman Collier – Admired the hard work of the Fire Department during the Holcim fire. Thanked the Street and Water Departments for moving the City in the right direction.

Councilwoman Templeton – Great job by all departments; everyone has been stepping up and doing good work.

Councilman Venz – Echoed the comments of previous councilmembers. Shared an influx of recent influx of complaints about cars waiting to enter the Club Car Wash and asked if there was anything the City could do. City Administrator Greg Camp and Police Chief Doug Wendel agreed there is not much the City can do, and it is normal this time of year.

Councilman Tinnin – Absent.

Mayor Richards – Complimented the Street Department and Fire Departments on their hard work.

IX. Adjournment

Councilman Boyer 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: Absent

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

3/10/2025

Date - Approved by Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri