

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
March 15, 2016
7:00 pm**

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll and the following members were present:

Councilman Taylor	Councilman Schroeder
Councilman Krank	Councilwoman Muller
Councilman Steigerwald	Councilman Allen
Councilman Hinkle	

EXCUSED

Councilman White

The City Clerk attested to the fact that a quorum was present. Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

Memorial Bricks Announcement – Mayor McCourt and Councilman Allen, City Council President Pro-Tem, presented Memorial Bricks Certificates to seven individuals that have served the City in various capacities. Mayor McCourt advised that it is by the efforts of these individuals and others that the City functions at the level of professionalism. The memorial bricks for each recipient were installed at the entrance of City Hall. The recipients included:

1. *Larry Hensley* – Served the City as a community volunteer on the BTN Board (Broadband Television Network), which was before Charter Cable. He currently serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission – total years of service to the City exceed 15 years.
2. *Sean O'Malley* – A City of Black Jack Police officer for over 16 years
3. *Bill Oliver* – Resident for over 30 years; volunteered on the Parks and Recreation Board for over 15 years and on the St. Louis County Municipal League Parks Board for eight (8) years. The City was recently awarded a park grant.
4. *Karen E. Robinson* – Staff member for 15 years and City Clerk for 14 years
5. *Eugene McFarland* – Staff member for 15 years and Public Works Supervisor for two (2) years
6. *JeHoward Primus* – Staff member for 15 years – former laborer
7. *John E Taylor* – Volunteer and Council member for 15 years

Councilman Krank moved to take a 15 minute recess. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Adjourned at 7:18 pm

The City Clerk called the roll and the following members were present:

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Councilman Krank	Councilwoman Muller
Councilman Steigerwald	Councilman Allen
Councilman Hinkle	

EXCUSED

Councilman White

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PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2016, the Phone Poll Minutes of March 2, 2016 and the Phone Poll Minutes of March 3, 2016. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Carmen Watkins-Austell – 4307 Bielefeld. Ms. Watkins-Austell advised that she has been a resident of the City of Black Jack for 20 years and she is running for a City Council seat for Ward 2 April 2016.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor McCourt advised that last week there was a ruptured sewer line in Harold Evangelista Park but it has been repaired.
2. Charter Communications is changing their video line up. He forward the letters to the City Clerk to distribute copies to the City Council members.
3. The City is currently accepting applications for spring and summer field allocations for Harold Evangelista Park. Applications should be submitted to the City, they will then be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Board for consideration.

OFFICIALS

Councilman Steigerwald advised that he attended a meeting held by St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District. The discussion was concerning proposition Y and S, which will be on the April ballot. If the proposition passes, sewer bills will increase by means of a bond issue, which will allow gradual increases. If propositions do not pass, sewer bills will still increase but at a more rapid pace. The purpose of the increase is to make billions of dollars of necessary sewer line repairs.

1. Councilman Steigerwald advised that the Parks and Recreation Board met and discussed the budget for Activities in the park, reviewed and discussed the most recent park inspection and discussed a membership with the National Park Association to obtain grants.
2. Councilman Steigerwald attended the Safety and Loss Prevention Committee meeting on behalf of Councilman Krank. The committee discussed safety in the workplace, spring season preparation and discussed the upcoming Department of Natural Resources inspection of the City.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/COMMITTEE

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Allen moved to place Resolution #160302 under Resolution and assigned Councilman Steigerwald as the sponsor and Resolution #160303 under Resolution and assigned Councilman Taylor as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Allen	yes		

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTION:

1. Resolution #160302, entitled, SALARY/WAGE FOR A CERTAIN EMPLOYEE was read in its entirety. Councilman Steigerwald moved to place Resolution #160302 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Allen	yes		

Resolution #160302 is attached and made a part hereof

2. Resolution #160303, entitled, Fiscal 2016 Adjustments to Revenue was read in its entirety.

Councilman Steigerwald moved to amend Resolution #160303 by changing G5460 – Miscellaneous adjustment amount from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00 and change the total adjustment amount from \$41,400.00 to \$40,900.00. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Allen			

Councilman Taylor moved to place Resolution #160303 on its passage as amended. Motion was seconded and pass when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Allen			

Resolution #160303 is attached and made a part hereof

MISCELLENEOUS

1. The Mayor and City Council reviewed the Bid Specifications for Digital Multifunctional Black and White Copier/Printer/Scanner. There were no suggested changes
2. Councilman Krank moved to appoint Carmen Watkins-Austell to the Emergency Management Committee. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Allen			

3. Councilman Steigerwald moved to approve the contract with Lashly & Baer, P.C. to provide legal services for the City of Black Jack as Special Prosecuting Attorney. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Allen			

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

THE MARCH 1, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING
THE APRIL 5, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen E. Robinson, MRCC-S/CMC
City Clerk