

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
May 17, 2016
7:00 pm**

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Schroeder	Councilman Allen
Councilman Steigerwald	Councilman Taylor
Councilman Krank	Councilman White
Councilman Hinkle	

EXCUSED

Councilwoman Muller

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

1. A public hearing was held to review and discuss the 2017 Annual City Budget. Pat Grubb, Administration and Finance Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the City's proposed budget, along with the assistance of Rose Smith, Administrative Assistant.

Councilman Steigerwald asked about a revenue change that occurred last week. Mayor McCourt advised that the City will receive approximately \$32,000 - \$48,000 less revenue for the next fiscal year.

There being no further comments or questions, Councilman Taylor moved to close the 2017 Budget Public Hearing. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

2. A public hearing was held to review and discuss the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for 2017. The Public Hearing Handout was made available to the public. Mayor McCourt read a portion of the handout and the entire Public Hearing notice. He advised that the funds are primarily used for residential repairs. Last year the City opted to use a portion of the funds to demolish a vacant home.

There being no comments or questions, Councilman Hinkle moved to close the CDBG Public Hearing. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

PRESENTATION

Todd Streiler – Streiler Planning, LLC - Provided an overview of the City’s 2016 Comprehensive Master Plan and distributed an updated color coded Future Land Use Map. He advised that there were several Black Jack residents and business owners that were an intricate part of the committee that assisted with the Master Plan for approximately 12 months. The plan will assist with making development decisions for the City. It will also assist when the City applies for certain grants, as it outlines the highlights of the City and some of the challenges the City may face. The Master Plan will be available on the City’s website.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2016. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MAYOR’S REPORT

1. Mayor McCourt advised that during the last St. Louis County Municipal League meeting, St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District advised that they will be installing electronic meter readers. The City of Black Jack will be the first municipality to receive them. The installation will take place on Rolling Hills, Jamestown Ridge and on Parker Road right outside of the City limits.
2. The City is having an issue obtaining bids for projects in the City. Recently, we received one bid for the LED Monument Sign but it was received after the deadline, one bid received for the 4 x 2 ATV (it was returned unopened because the job exceeds \$5,000.00) and we did not receive any bids for the repairs to the lower level door of City Hall. He advised that he will speak with Sheldon Stock, City Attorney and other municipalities to try to determine the problem.
Councilman Hinkle suggested that we consider changing the method of advertisement and Councilman White inquired about the vendors that are sent the bid specifications.

OFFICIALS

None

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/COMMITTEE

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Allen moved to place Bill #1181 under New Business and assigned Councilman Krank as the sponsor and Resolution #160501 under Resolution and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes		

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill #1181, entitled, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR USE IN GUIDING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AND PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time.

Councilman Krank moved to suspend the rules and allow for the second reading of Bill #1181. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes		

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Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes		

Bill #1181 became Ordinance #1094

RESOLUTION:

Resolution #160501, A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI ACKNOWLEDGING AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF POLICE SERVICES FOR THE CONTRACT YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 was read in its entirety. Councilman White moved to place Resolution #160501 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes		

Resolution #160501 is attached and made a part hereof

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Councilman Steigerwald moved to award the bid for a new multifunctional copier to Copying Concepts in the amount of \$3,450.00, including \$900.00 for the cost of the stapler function. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes		

2. Councilman Krank moved to approve the 2017 City of Black Jack Budget, which includes revenue of \$2,980,025.00 and expenses in the amount of \$2,979,308.00. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes		

3. The Mayor and the City Council reviewed the bid specifications for Park Grant Improvements.

Councilman Steigerwald moved to allow Merenda Quarells, a member from the public, to speak. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

Ms. Quarells expressed her desire, which is in agreement with some of the City Council members, to see one of the tennis courts turned into an additional basketball court but specifically for children. She also advised that she travels to Creve Coeur and Kirkwood to play tennis because the City's tennis courts are not in good shape, the material of the courts is not good and she would like to see a wall installed on the tennis court so an individual can play tennis alone.

There were suggestions and corrections made by the Mayor and City Council. Mayor McCourt asked Councilman Steigerwald to detail the changes/suggestions and forward them to him and Vijay Bhasin, City Engineer/Director of Public Works.

4. Councilman Krank moved to appoint Merenda Quarells to the Parks and Recreation Board. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes		

5. Councilman Krank moved to re-appointment members to Boards and Commissions as presented by Mayor McCourt. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes		

6. Mayor McCourt advised that Pursuant to the City's Code of Ordinances, there will not be a City Council meeting on the first Tuesday in June.
7. Mayor McCourt advised that he has suggested to Deborah Pitchford with the Missouri Census Bureau that the Urban League and Better Family Life may have individuals that could assist with the census for the Black Jack area. He expressed great concern with the City obtaining an accurate count. Councilman Steigerwald was asked to work with Deborah Pitchford and the City Clerk was asked to forward Ms. Pitchford's contact information to Councilman Steigerwald.
8. Councilman Steigerwald suggested to everyone to check the internet speed that they requested from their individual carriers, against the internet speed they are actually receiving. He has AT&T and found out he was paying for a higher speed but was in fact receiving a lower speed.
9. Councilman Allen advised that the St. Louis Post Dispatch has been required to detail their billing for home delivery of their paper. It was noted that they have been charging residents for internet service. However, if you purchase the paper elsewhere, you are not charged this fee.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

THE May 17, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE JUNE 21, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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