

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
August 16, 2016
7:00 pm**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Thomas Schiermeier from Troop 713

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Schroeder	Councilman Allen
Councilman Steigerwald	Councilwoman Muller
Councilman White	Councilman Krank

EXCUSED

Councilman Hinkle and Councilman Taylor

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

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2016, the Special Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2016 and the Special Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2016. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Attral Hairston – 13108 Crestwood Bend Lane – Mr. Hairston advised that he is the trustee for the Jamestown Homeowners Association and he is concerned that Kemp Homes is only cutting the grass on plats 9, 10 and 11 once a month. Mr. Hairston brought photos of the lots. Mayor McCourt advised that the photos will be passed on to the Code Enforcement Officer.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCourt advised that he met with representatives from Spire (formerly Laclede Gas) today concerning modifications they will be making in late 2017, to underground pipes near Coldwater Creek in the Jamestown Mall area. There will be an informational meeting held on Thursday, August 18th from 5 pm – 7 pm at Hazelwood Civic Center on Dunn Road.

OFFICIALS

None

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/COMMITTEE

1. Councilman Krank advised that the Safety and Loss Prevention Committee met and discussed how to identify the symptoms of a heat stroke, the stump removal job that was recently completed in Harold Evangelista Park, the observation deck and the trail, damage to the comfort station and the most recent park inspection report.

Councilman Steigerwald, the Parks and Recreation Board liaison, was also present and discussed damage to the pitcher's mound caused by standing water and about 100 geese and the marking of dead trees to be cut down during the fall. Councilman Steigerwald also advised that he visited a tennis court that was done by Veejay Construction (the company that was recently awarded the bid to repair Black Jack tennis courts) in the City of Florissant. He stated it was done very well.

Councilwoman Muller complimented the maintenance department on the stump grinding project recently completed and the closing of the park during the project for safety reasons.

Mayor McCourt also briefly attended the meeting and discussed the removal of the brush near the lookout to make it safer and more desirable for individuals to use. The brush will be cut back approximately 5 feet on both sides this fall. He also advised that there will be three (3) new electrical polls replaced in the park, as a part of the Park Grant at no additional cost to the City.

2. Councilman Allen advised that the City's annual festival will be held on Saturday, September 17th from 5 pm – to 9 pm. The fireworks contract has been secured and the band choice has been made. He stated that Councilman Hinkle and Carmen Austell just so happened to recommend the same band by the name of The Foundation Band. They both spoke highly of this band, which is comprised of three (3) Black Jack residents.

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill #1184, entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS was read for the second time. Councilman White moved to place Bill #1184 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman White	yes

Bill #1184 became Ordinance #1097

PENDING LEGISLATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTION:

None

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The City's current "Distracted Drivers" ordinances #1091 and #1092 was not discussed in detail since the requester, Councilman Hinkle, was excused from the meeting. The Mayor stated that the bills cover texting but not the use of cell phones to make calls.
2. Councilman White moved to authorize Mayor McCourt to go forward with the removal of one slab on Kinsley Heights. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilman Schroeder	yes	Councilman White	yes

3. Mayor McCourt advised that the costs associated with repairs to the City's Front Loader/backhoe is \$13,973.00. This amount does not include all cost because other repairs have been made by the Maintenance Department employees. Also, the cost to have the equipment put back together and delivered from Fabick was \$500.00*. As discussed during the July 29, 2016 Special meeting, Mayor McCourt will request that City Engineer, Vijay Bhasin go forward with preparing bid specifications for the purchase of new equipment.

4. Mayor McCourt advised that Paw Patch Animal Clinic will be held on Saturday, September 10th from 2 pm to 4 pm. on the rear lower level of City Hall.
5. Mayor McCourt advised that the annual dues for Municipal League of Metro St. Louis (formerly St. Louis County Municipal League) was submitted in the amount of \$3,963.00.
6. Mayor McCourt advised that Metropolitan Sewer District's 25 year lease for the utilization of the land adjacent to Harold Evangelista Park. (Currently in the 16th year).
7. Councilman Allen advised that Merenda Quarells, Parks and Recreation Board member, also made a recommendation for a band for the City's festival.
8. Mayor McCourt advised that lately he has received a lot of calls about loud music in the park.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Next month the City Council meetings will return to the regular schedule of twice a month.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

THE August 16, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED* DURING THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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