

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLACK JACK  
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
September 6, 2016  
7:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**EXCUSED**

Councilman Schroeder

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

Mayor McCourt called for a moment of silence for former City Council member Don Rygalski who passed away on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held to set the 2017 Tax Rate. The Public Hearing Handout was made available to the public and Mayor McCourt read the hearing handout. The tax rate for 2017 will be .55 per \$100 of assessed evaluation.

There being no comments from the Council or members of the audience, Councilman White moved to close the 2017 Tax Rate Public Hearing. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

**PRESENTATION**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016. The minutes were approved as amended.

**COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor McCourt advised that the City is considering the purchase of a new limb chipper from Vermeer. He was able to see the demonstration of the equipment. This item will be considered under Miscellaneous Business tonight.
2. Mayor McCourt advised that the City is also considering the purchase of a new Rubber Tire Loader from Caterpillar. He experienced the demonstration of this equipment as well. This item will also be considered under Miscellaneous Business.
3. The company that the City awarded the bid for the back door is having a problem obtaining the door. There is apparently an issue with the size. At this time, we are not sure when the door will be installed. Therefore, the November election will be held in the Council Chambers.
4. There are several requests being considered by the Board of Adjustment. The first meeting is being held tonight to consider the installation of a shed; a request for the installation of a 6 ft privacy fence around the property has been submitted; a driveway installation request will be heard next week and others are coming in the future.
5. Mayor McCourt explained the City's Business License process to the City Council. He advised that there are several business' that have not renewed for the next license year. The City Clerk has sent the appropriate notifications according to the code. The businesses that are in violation have been summoned to court. The Mayor advised that this occurs every year and asked for suggestions from the Council on how to handle the violators after court.

Councilman Hinkle – suggested that the City continue to follow our ordinances and if the violations continue, pad lock the business doors.

Councilman Taylor – suggested pad locking the doors.

Councilwoman Muller – added that whatever procedure the City decides to go forward with; to remain consistent

**OFFICIALS**

None

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/COMMITTEE**

1. Councilman Hinkle advised that as chairman of the Old City Hall Exploratory Committee, he requested and received the most recent inspection report of Old City Hall from the City's inspector, Daryl Marsaw. He will also speak with Vijay Bhasin – City Engineer and Geno McFarland – Maintenance Supervisor. Mayor McCourt advised that Mr. Bhasin is in the process of preparing bid specifications for the electrical work.
2. Councilman Allen advised that the City's festival will be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 9 pm ending with firework. Prior to the fireworks display, there will be a Zumba Boot Camp.

3. Councilman White advised that he attended a meeting that discussed the study of “disparity” done by Griffin and Strong from Atlanta. The study is spear headed by St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger. He advised that the purpose of the study is to prove that disparity exists in the area of awarding contract opportunities.

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilman Allen moved to place Bill #1185 under New Business and assigned Councilman Hinkle 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 White	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Allen	yes		

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill #1185, entitled, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2016 ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI; PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID TAXES ON THE BOOKS OF THE COLLECTOR BY THE COUNTY CLERK OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY was read for the first time.

**RESOLUTION:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Councilman Steigerwald moved to award the purchase of a 2016 Model BC1500 Limb Chipper with NJPA Discount to Vermeer in the amount of \$55,337.00. 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 White	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Allen	yes		

- 2. Councilman Steigerwald moved to award the purchase of a Rubber Tire Loader from Caterpillar from Fabick in the amount of \$87,000.00. 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 White	yes
Councilman Taylor	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman Allen	yes		

- 3. The Mayor and City Council members, discussed the City’s current “Distracted Drivers” ordinances #1091 and #1092. There were no changes made.
- 4. Mayor McCourt advised that the consideration for the contract for the band “The Foundation” for the City’s annual festival will be discussed at a later date.
- 5. Councilwoman Muller advised that the Spanish Lake Senior Fair will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> on the corners of Trampe and Bellefontaine at the church. The event is sponsored by the Spanish Lake Improvement Association.

Councilwoman Muller also advised that she attended a recent Parks and Recreation Board meeting on behalf of the Council liaison, Rick Steigerwald. She stated the meeting was very informative and suggested that once or twice a year, the City Officials should attend other meetings.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

THE September 6, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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