

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
October 4, 2016
7:00 pm**

ROLL CALL

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

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

EXCUSED

Councilman Schroeder 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

John Maslowski, VP of Renovate America, spoke with the Mayor and City Council concerning a program called HERO, which is Home Energy Renovation Opportunity. HERO has partnered with the Missouri Clean Energy District. The purpose is to allow residents and businesses to invest in their property by purchasing energy efficient products. He distributed a detailed booklet that further explains the program and its connection with PACE – Property Accessed Clean Energy.

His request is that the City consider passing an ordinance to join the Clean Energy District, which will allow the residents to take advantage of the program. Other cities that have already joined includes; Hazelwood, Ferguson plus over 60 others. There is no cost associated to being a member.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2016 and Phone Poll Minutes of September 15, 2016. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Sylvia Brown – 13134 Brendan Wood. Ms. Brown inquired about the City’s emergency preparedness in case of a terrorist attack. Mayor McCourt advised that City has a Cooperative

Agreement with St. Louis County, which is connected with FEMA and SEMA. Sergeant Frank Kardasz also added that under the requirement of FEMA, there are several emergency sites available in case of a catastrophic event, however those locations change depending on the type of emergency.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Advised that for the month of September there were 8 residential occupancy permits issued and 8 apartment occupancy permits issued.
2. For the remainder of this season, the pavilions in Harold Evangelista Park will not be rented due to the electrical work being done in the park.
3. He received a letter from Charter advising that effective October 26th, they will be dropping FOX sports Midwest channels 226-229.
4. He received the profit and loss comparison report for the City; we are where we were at this time last year. The report will be distributed to the Council tomorrow.
5. He received an email from Ameren Missouri advising that beginning September 27th their monthly bill will now have a new print line that indicates taxes that are charged for non-service fees. He read the email in its entirety into the minutes.
6. The new back door and the flooring has been installed.
7. The message board will be installed within the next two weeks.
8. He requested that the City Officials provide him with items they would like to discuss during the City's fall retreat. The retreat will be sometime in November.
9. Under Miscellaneous Business tonight, he would like to discuss the sale of one of the City's very old jeeps.
10. He will speak with Randy Gardner concerning the sale of the City's media department equipment. The City will maintain a minimal amount for City use.

OFFICIALS

Councilman Steigerwald advised that he has prepared a letter to be sent to the residents of Rose Garden Estates concerning the upkeep of common ground for discussion and he also submitted the monthly Park inspection report.

Councilman Krank advised that he and Councilman Steigerwald toured Ameren Missouri's Solar Energy Center, located in O'Fallon, MO. They were able to share the City's experience with solar panels, since we've had them installed now for four years.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/COMMITTEE

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTION:

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. Councilman Steigerwald moved to go forward with submitting the letter/agreement to Fred Kemp concerning Kinsley Heights. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

- 2. Councilman Steigerwald moved to approve the agreement with Civic Plus for a scheduled 5% increase. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

- 3. Mayor McCourt advised that the City’s annual Spooktacular event will be held on Monday, October 31st at the North County Recreation Complex at 6 pm. Councilman Allen added that the next Special Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13th to finalize everything for the event.

- 4. Councilman White moved to go forward with the sale of the City’s 1996 Chevy Jeep. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote;

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

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

THE October 4, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE October 18, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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