

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLACK JACK  
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
November 15, 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
Councilman Schroeder	

**EXCUSED**

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**

Councilwoman Muller moved to allow Patricia Grubb, Administration and Finance Manager to speak. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Patricia explained to the Mayor and the City Council the changes to the staff's health, dental and life insurance coverage that will take effect 12/1/2016. The City will be using Premier Group Benefits as the broker for these services. All three benefits will have an effective date of 12/1/2016 instead of varying dates, employee only coverage for health and dental will be paid at 100% by the City. (dependent coverage will remain at 50%). The average amount saved by employees is \$146.00 per month. The insurance provider will remain United Healthcare. The HRA benefit will be discontinued. (only one employee took advantage of this benefit last year). Life insurance is paid 100% by the City and will remain the same. There will be a budget adjustment during the next City Council meeting to reflect the new budgetary needs.

Premier Group Benefits – Thomas Schweitzer and Patrick Strelow

Both gentlemen provided more information concerning what they will offer the City. Their responsibility will include hiring a third party entity to manage COBRA and FMLA benefits. They provided a sample of the benefits summary that will be distributed to each employee.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor McCourt read a proclamation in its entirety congratulating Christian Embassy Church on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2016. The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. He received a notice from Charter Communications advising of changes to equipment and service fees. The City Clerk will distribute the letter to the City Council members.
2. St. Louis County has begun the process of implementing a countywide 5/8 tax for Law Enforcement, which will be on the April ballot. Black Jack is scheduled to receive \$345,812.77. The City Clerk will distribute the letter to the City Council members.
3. The Missouri Municipal League is requesting that each Mayor choose community-minded citizens to form a Mayor's Advocacy Council for their city. These members would be responsible for reaching out to state legislators upon the Mayor's request. The City Clerk will distribute the letter to the City Council members.
4. Candidacy filing opens on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am and closes on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
5. He distributed pictures of concrete benches to be considered for installation in the rear of City Hall. The purpose to create a barrier between vehicles and the entrance to the building.
6. To date, he has not received a reply from Kemp Homes regarding Kinsley Heights.
7. He requested Daryl Marsaw, Code Enforcement Officer, to take a picture of an "auction" sign located on Kemp's vacant lots and forward it to City attorney, Sheldon Stock. It appears that the lots will be auctioned together at a starting bid of \$208,000.00. Mr. Stock will look into the effect construction vehicles will have on City streets.

**OFFICIALS**

Councilman White advised that he was invited to a forum by State Representative Alan Green to discuss the future of Jamestown Mall.

Mayor McCourt advised that the St. Louis County Planning Commission met the same day to discuss the demolition of the mall.

Councilman Hinkle advised that he attended the same meeting Councilman White attended. Between him and Councilman White, they were able to convey the following; make known that the mall is not located in the City of Black Jack, Black Jack officials have no authority in deciding the future of the mall as a Black Jack official and the littering issue in North County has to be taken care of by the community as a whole.

Councilman Allen advised that Representative Green attended one of their Home Owners Association meetings and was confronted with the littering issue. Councilman Allen advised that it was made known to him as a State Representative, it is his responsibility to address the type of issue.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/COMMITTEE**

Councilman Steigerwald advised that the Parks and Recreation Board met and discussed activities in the park for the coming year. He advised that the tennis courts have been completed, the basketball court is almost completed, the walking trail and the bridge both look great. They also discussed increasing fees for field and pavilion rentals.

Mayor McCourt added that the Maintenance Department is crack sealing in various areas throughout the City this week and will convene with tree limb pick up next week.

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill #1187 entitled, ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, ON THE 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2017 was read for the second time. Councilman Schroeder moved to place Bill #1187 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Bill #1187 became Ordinance #1100

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilman Allen moved to place Bill #1188 under New Business and assigned himself as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill #1188, entitled, AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 11-103 CLOTHING DROP BOXES was read for the first time.

**RESOLUTION:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Councilman Allen moved to approve the employee’s annual renewal for healthcare coverage, including the hiring of Total Administrative Services Corporation (TASC) for Cobra, a privately-owned third-party corporation, to administer procedures and compliance for DOL and HIPPA. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

2. Councilman Allen advised that many residents were pleased with the election polls being held in the Council chambers, as opposed to downstairs because they had never seen the upper level of City Hall. They were impressed with the photos of the City Officials on the wall, the honorary bricks at the entrance and the electronic sign.
3. Councilman White advised that he would like a “sharps drop off box” made available at City Hall. Mayor McCourt advised that there are boxes located at other places in the North County area. Sergeant Kardasz advised that there is a box for medicines located at the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct and a “sharps box” located at Christian Northeast hospital.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Mayor McCourt advised that Officer Chris Pignataro’s father passed away Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a funeral. The burial will be Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery at 1:30 pm.
2. Mayor McCourt requested that the City Council members see Karen Robinson, City Clerk after the meeting tonight.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

THE November 15, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE December 6, 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