

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
February 10, 2022
6:30 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Krank	Councilman Hinkle
Councilman Grady	Councilman White
Councilwoman Lawson	Councilman Pointer joined at 7:00 pm
Councilwoman Thames	Councilman Miller

The Acting City Clerk attested that a quorum was present. Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ABSENT

None

EXCUSED

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Executive Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor McCourt reported that Occupancy Permits for January were 1 purchased home and 1 rental.
2. He also reported that court revenue was \$3,646.50 and expenses were \$7,125.15 with a negative balance of -\$3,478.65.
3. He is also working on getting some new employees. Public Works currently has 4 maintenance workers with one worker on light duty due to a broken hand. We have one application that looks promising. We have had two applicants for the City Clerk position, one was over qualified and one was under qualified.

OFFICIALS

1. Councilman Grady reported that he and Councilwoman Lawson discussed possible grants available to repair Old City Hall that would be available for the city through the American Build Back Better document that they received last week. We may be able to qualify for a grant under the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program also known as the Mega Project. This is a \$5 billion competitive grant program. We may also be eligible to apply for funding to complete critical large projects that would otherwise be unachievable without assistance. This program is under the Brownfields Remediation Program This is a \$1.2 Billion Dollar program that can be used to clean up contaminated properties. Finally, we will try to apply for a \$ 1 Billion Dollar grant for the Harold j Evangelista Park under the Reconnecting Communities Program. Application will open in the 2nd quarter of 2022.
2. Councilman Hinkle received an email from a citizen on Old Country Estates Drive wanting to know what they need to do for the city to maintain their roads. Mayor McCourt will send him the ordinance to provide the information.
3. Councilwoman Thames spoke to Councilwoman Shalonda Webb of St. Louis County about the old Jamestown Mall Project. She is asking her to come and speak at our council meeting on March 15th.
4. Councilwoman Lawson and Councilwoman Thames spoke with Joell Aguirre from Republic Services to discuss Republic's Industry Updates. Joell Aguirre stated that commercial trash pickup has gone down, and residential trash is 3 times more than before due to the pandemic. Our city has a contract with Republic which secures pricing and service. Each year there is a price increase on July 1. Black Jack has different drivers for yard, recycle and trash pickup.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

Councilman Grady advised that the Parks and Recreation Board met and that they would like to see the Park open right after March 13th, daylight savings time.

COMMITTEE

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Miller moved to change Bill #1280 to Bill #1280.1. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes
Councilwoman Thames	yes	Councilman Miller	yes

Bill #1280.1. Entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE AMENDMENT AND GRANTING A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL WITH REGARD TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT THE CITY'S MAINTENANCE COMPOUND. Councilman Miller moved to place Bill #1280.1 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 Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes
Councilwoman Thames	yes	Councilman Miller	yes

Bill #1280.1 became Ordinance #1190

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Resolution #220201 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Grady as sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes
Councilwoman Thames	yes	Councilman Miller	yes

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution #220201, entitled, A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #220201 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 Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes
Councilwoman Thames	yes	Councilman Miller	yes

Resolution #220201 is hereby attached and made a part hereof.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Review and Consider Bid Specification for a medium duty truck. There were no suggested changes.
2. Mayor McCourt stated that the park is now open every day and that the restrooms are closed and won't be open until weather is permitting.
3. Council Grady stated that the problem property that has been previously discussed was still being worked on.
4. Councilman Grady and Councilwomen Lawson praised the Public Works Department on their removal of the snow.
5. Councilman Miller suggested that we look at a grant writer to help with applications for grants for the city.
6. Councilman Krank moved that the February 15th Council meeting be canceled due to the Council being at the MML legislative council. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor McCourt stated that we are looking at changing the lunch time schedule for City Hall so that staff can take an hour lunch and do away with the fifteen-minute breaks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm

THE February 10th, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE March 15, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina Qualls
Acting City Clerk