

HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INVITED TO JOINED VIA ELECTRONIC SIGN AND THE CITY'S WEBSITE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
February 16, 2021
7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Miller	Councilman McClain
Councilman Grady	Councilwoman Lawson
Councilman Pointer	

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

Councilman White	7:12 pm arrival
Councilman Krank	7:14 pm arrival
Councilman Hinkle	7:35 pm arrival

ABSENT

None

EXCUSED

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

1. Sergeant Frank Kardasz gave a presentation of the Annual Crime Statistics Report for 2020. The report is in the records.
2. Pat Inchiostro from Crane provided a comparison on rates, per the Mayor and City Council members request, for Property, inland marine and crime coverage.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCourt's report is hereby attached and made a part hereof.

Mayor McCourt request that Kittrel Braselman, Director of Public Works, provide an update on the recent snow plowing events. Mr. Braselman advised that the Public Works department has been plowing for 48 hours non-stop. The results are not as noticeable because it has been snowing almost non-stop and the cold is a big issue. The products that are being used on the streets are not as affective in temperatures below 20 degrees. The blades on the snow plows are rubber, therefore removal is not as effective as metal blades; however metal blades destroy the pavement. Also, Mr. Braselman advised that he ordered his staff not to plow cul-de-sacs that had vehicles parked in them to prevent possibly damaging someone's vehicle. Once the temperature rises, they will apply chemicals as necessary.

Councilman Grady commended Mr. Braselman and his staff for a job well done and asked if there was a way to provide outside assistance in times when snow and cold are so persistent.

Mayor McCourt advised that this option was considered several years ago and found that it was too costly.

Councilman Krank agreed with Mayor McCourt that it is very expensive and added that the vendors wanted to be on a retainer; meaning that even when there wasn't a need to plow, they should be compensated. Also, they would only provide assistance if a certain amount of snow needed to be plowed.

OFFICIALS

None

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

None

COMMITTEE

Councilman Grady advised that the Parks and Recreation Board met and discussed an opening date for Harold Evangelista Park and will continue discussion at the March 8th meeting; discussed the rebuilding and a new location for the Lookout that will be torn down because of the excessive damage; and discussed the survey for Heritage Park. The survey is available on the City's website.

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Councilman Krank moved to award the bid for Micro-Surfacing to Missouri Petroleum Products Company in the amount of \$134,660.00. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

2. Councilman Krank moved to appoint Perry Coleman from Ward 2 to the Board of Adjustment. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

3. Councilman Hinkle congratulated Perry Coleman on being appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE March 16, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen E. Robinson, MRCC-S/CMC
City Clerk
Executive Assistant to the Mayor