

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
March 07, 2023
7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

ABSENT

None

EXCUSED

Councilman Miller

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 07, 2023.

Councilwoman Lawson moved to approve the amended minutes of February 7, 2023 to correct the spelling of Bielefeld Drive. Councilman Hinkle moved to add an apostrophe S on the word resident and insert an **a** between happened a couple of times. 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		

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McCourt stated that he had met with SWT Designs on the bids for Norman C. McCourt Park. The estimated bids were slightly higher than the original RFP. There were a couple of inconsistencies with the bids, and he requested they review them.

Mayor McCourt has received the audit from the auditor and will be reviewing the documents.

Mayor McCourt asked the council for a second reading of Bill # 1297 because it was not received until March 7, 2023 and it has a deadline date of March 23, 2023. This bill reaffirms the gross receipts tax from Spire.

OFFICIALS

Councilman Hinkle stated that the council attended a meeting at the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis in the city of Olivette Mo, where there was a presentation regarding the use of Flock Cameras. They also attended the MML Legislative Conference in Jefferson City where they received information on changes being considered for Senate Bill 5. They had the opportunity to speak with State Representative Allan Gray, State Senator Angela Mosley, and State Representative Richard Brown from Kansas City. The Council and the Mayor were also introduced on the Senate floor and the House of Representatives.

Councilman White stated that he had a concern on Senate Bill 625 that the city does not require a permit for an inspector to inspect electrical work.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

COMMITTEE

Councilman Grady stated that the Old City Hall Building Committee met today to go over the options they have regarding the Old City Hall building. One potential buyer opted out for the building and the other buyer will submit a letter of intent to purchase by Monday. March 13, 2023.

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1296 under New Business and assigned Councilwoman Thames as the sponsor, Bill #1297 under New Business and assigned Councilwoman Lawson as the sponsor.

Motion 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		

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill #1296, entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR TREE REMOVAL SERVICES WITH GAMMA TREE SERVICE, LLC first reading

Mayor McCourt requested a motion to read Bill 1296 for a second time.

Councilman Hinkle motion to suspend the rules to allow for Bill #1296 second reading
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		

Councilwoman Thames made the motion to placed Bill #1296 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		

Bill #1296 became Ordinance 1203

Mayor McCourt requested a motion to read Bill #1297 as an emergency bill.

Councilman Grady motion to approve that Bill # 1297 as an emergency Bill.

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		

Bill #1297, entitled AN ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX TO BE IMPOSED UPON UTILITY CORPORATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, AND AMENDING SECTION 10-62 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO SAME. First reading.

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

Councilwoman Thames moved to suspend the rules to allow for Bill #1297 second reading. 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		

Councilwoman Lawson made the motion to place Bill #1297 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		

Bill #1297 became Ordinance 1204

RESOLUTIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor McCourt informed the Council that the MO Rural Services Work Comp Ins Trust will be paid this month.

Mayor McCourt will have more information regarding the Norman C. McCourt Park Bids at the next Council meeting.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

THE MARCH 7, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MARCH 21, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

ALLICIA HINES
City Clerk