

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
March 15, 2022
7:00 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
Councilwoman Thames	Councilman Miller

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

ABSENT

None

EXCUSED

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

St. Louis Councilwoman Shalonda Webb provided an update on her 2022 Priorities: Jamestown Mall, Food Insecurities, Reduction of Crime and Economic Development. Jamestown Mall Timeline Approach: Winter 2022 Initiation of Market Analysis and Advisory Committee Formation, Winter-Spring 2022 Initial Screening of Land Use Scenarios, Spring – Summer 2022 Final Screening of Land Use Scenarios, Summer – Fall Conclusion and Final Report. Councilwoman Webb stated that she hoped by the end of 2022 demolition would be scheduled. In March there are 6 town halls scheduled for residents to learn more about how federal funds can be spent to recover from the pandemic. Evolve is sponsoring a campaign on ARPA spending “Closed MOUTHS Don’t Get FED”.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Special Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2022. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor McCourt reported there were 23 new occupancy permits issued 2 purchased, 3 home rentals and 18 apartments.
2. Court report Income \$4,186.50 Expenses \$7,516.73 with a net of -\$3,330.23.
3. Public works is working on filling potholes with a new material that is suppose to permanently fix them.
4. We hired a process server for serving notices on 4 problem properties, to see how it will work. One appeared in court. Now the judge can issue warrants for those that did not appear.

OFFICIALS

Councilman White attended the ARPA meeting at the 367 Library. He entertained questions about getting the Jamestown Mall demolished.

Councilman Hinkle is concerned that the caution sign was removed due to aesthetics from the bend on Old Halls Ferry Road. He would like to see that put back up. Councilman Hinkle is concerned with the trash on New Halls Ferry and Parker. Councilman Hinkle has stressed to residents that they need to call STL county so that they have a record of the complaints.

Council Pointer has a complaint about derelict cars at 5422 Trailbend. Police have addressed it.

Councilwoman Thames has attended several of the Great North County Events. She encouraged others to attend. Councilwoman Thames would like to see attendance as a group.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

Councilman Grady reported that the Parks and Recreation Board met on March 14th and they elected a new chairperson, Pearlie Morris. They voted to open the park and pavilions on May 1st. They want to give the Public Works department time to get everything ready. They discussed that there will be some events this year at the park, there will be more to report after the next meeting. There are two members of the committee that can no longer serve so there is a need to find a couple of new members.

Councilman Krank reported on Planning and Zoning Commission. There is a CUP for 4960 Parker Road to become Bar and Grill. The public hearing is March 23 it may have to be rescheduled due to the owners not being available.

COMMITTEE

Councilman Hinkle stated that the personnel committee met. They discussed about how it is hard to fill the vacancies in the city.

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Resolution #220301 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Krank as the sponsor, Resolution #220302 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Miller as the 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 #220301, entitled, A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET was read in its entirety. Councilman Krank moved to place Resolution #220301 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 #220301 is attached and made a part hereof.

2. Resolution #220302, entitled, SALARY/WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 was read in its entirety. Councilman Miller moved to place Resolution #220302 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

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Mayor McCourt asked the council if there were any changes to the bid specifications for Violation Grass Cutting, there were no changes.
2. Mayor McCourt asked the council if there were any changes to the bid specifications for survey of Norman C. McCourt Park there were no changes.
3. Mayor McCourt asked the council if there were any questions on the bids for the purchase of a Medium Duty Truck.

Mayor Norman McCourt entertained a motion to allow Kittrel Braselman to speak. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Kittrel Braselman explained the difference in the trucks. One is ready to go the other two bids would have to be built so would be 7 months or longer. There were questions raised as far as gas vs diesel, Vbox spreader, upkeep of our current trucks, trade ins and warranty.

Councilman Krank moved to accept the bid of \$91,720 by Victory Lane Ford. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	no
Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	no
Councilwoman Thames	yes	Councilman Miller	yes

4. Mayor McCourt advised that the contract with St. Louis County Police will need to be voted on after the budget meeting.
5. Mayor McCourt advised that the 2nd renewal for Vehicle and Equipment Repair with St. Louis County will be renewed.
6. Mayor McCourt advised that the 2nd renewal for Fuel Sale Contract with St. Louis County will be renewed.
7. Mayor McCourt advised that the MO Rural Services Workers Compensation bill has been paid.

8. Mayor McCourt advised that Spring Tree Limb pickup will begin Monday, April 4, 2022.
9. Mayor McCourt asked the council if there were any changes to the Public Works Maintenance Supervisor job description and there were no changes.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm

THE March 15, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE April 5, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina Qualls
Acting City Clerk