

**AMENDED
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
March 21, 2023
7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Krank
Councilman Grady
Councilwoman Lawson
Councilwoman Thames

Councilman Hinkle
Councilman White
Councilman Pointer
Councilman Miller

The 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

Annual Crime Statistics for 2022 – Sergeant Frank Kardasz

Sergeant Frank Kardasz provided a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the crime statistics for 2022. He provided a breakdown of the Data in a report. A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Mayor and City Council members and a copy has been filed. Sergeant Kardasz also provided an update on the car thefts in the area. Sergeant Kardasz advised that there have been extra measures taken to assist in the investigations into shootings that have happened in Black Jack.

Councilman Grady stated that there was a meeting in the County regarding a Crime Task Force and He asked will Black Jack be included in the meeting. Sgt Kardasz was unaware of these meetings, but there are Crime units involved in the area.

Councilman Grady stated that the Black Jack police are on top of things, and he did not want Black Jack to be left behind. Councilman Grady also said in comparison with surrounding areas Black Jack is a safe place to live.

Councilman Hinkle commended the police for placing the communities protection as a priority.

Mayor McCourt informed the Council that Councilwoman Lawson requested Henry Willis, resident of the Barrington Downs subdivision), to briefly speak about a city resident, Lamont Mitchell, who Councilwoman Lawson recommended be recognized for his leadership and community involvement as the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri and Jurisdiction, F. & A. M.

Mr. Willis asked the Mayor and Council to provide Mr. Lamont Mitchell, a resident of Black Jack a Proclamation on his outstanding service to the community.

Mayor McCourt agreed that the Proclamation will be done. And to provide the City Clerk with contact information.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023.

Councilwoman Lawson moved to add to the minutes of March 7, to include that the City Council was also introduced to the Missouri House of Representatives. 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

Councilwoman Lawson motioned to approve amended minutes of March 7, 2023. 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

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Stephane Jimerson informed the Council that she has been having problems with young adults jumping over her fence. On Monday, March 6th they damaged the fence by kicking out 5 panels of
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her fence. The kids ages are 12-17. Mayor McCourt asked Sgt. Kardasz to look into it and review video footage. Sgt. Kardasz will speak to Jury School administration to assist with the problem. Mayor McCourt asked, Sgt. Kardasz to keep him informed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCourt informed the council that the Flock Cameras are in process of being installed. The cameras should be installed in the next 2 weeks.

Mayor McCourt stated that the Norman C. McCourt Park Bid has been accepted, but he would like the Council to approve Ideal Landscape Construction as the lowest bidder, but do not accept contract because their bid is about \$80,000.00 higher than originally estimated. By state statute we can request changes for 10% of the bid.

Mayor McCourt informed the City Council they will have to decide what to do with the roofing on the City Hall building. The Solar Panel will have to be removed and the roof will need to be replaced. He stated that there are several leaks throughout the building that need repair.

Councilman Hinkle asked what the revenue with the solar panels were. Mayor McCourt stated that Black Jack has a 25-year contract. Mayor McCourt also stated any overage in the electrical generation goes into the grid.

Mayor McCourt stated he has received the audit from the auditor and will be reviewing the documents and will provide information at the next meeting.

OFFICIALS

Councilwoman Lawson stated she observed the March 9th court hearing it was well run and professional.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

None

COMMITTEE

Councilman Grady suggested that the workout equipment be eliminated for the Norman C. McCourt Park since there is equipment at the Evangelista Park.

Councilman Grady stated City Hall Building Committee met regarding the Old City Hall building. To maintain the building, it is at a cost of \$5,500.00 year.

Councilman Grady informed that there will be a family event hosted by Fire Department on April 1, in the Evangelista Park from 12:00 pm -4:00 pm.

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1298 under New Business and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor, Resolution # 230203 under New Business and assigned Councilman Grady 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	Councilman Miller	yes

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading of Bill #1298, entitled, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 907 ALLOWING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE CITY'S ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DETERMINING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

Mayor stated that there was one error in Bill # 1298 that did not include the Treasurer and it will be added at the next meeting. It was suggested to use the same percentage.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #230203 entitled, A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST THE 2022-2023 FISCAL BUDGET.

Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #230203 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

Councilman Krank stated that the Resolution number was incorrect.

Councilman Krank Motion to change the resolution number to 230301.

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

Councilman Krank moved to correct Resolution number 230203 to 230301.
Motion seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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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 #230301 entitled, A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST THE 2022-2023 FISCAL BUDGET.

Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #230301 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

Mayor McCourt stated he would like the council to approve Ideal Landscape Construction as a vendor and not accept the current Bid amount.

Councilman White wants to table the park bid because of the non-participation of minorities.

Councilman Grady suggested that the contract can be amended to include a 25% of minority contractors.

Councilman Hinkle stated that it is up to the general contractor to hire sub-contractors if the general contractor cannot locate minority sub-contractors, they should inform the board.

Mayor McCourt informed the Council that the RFP has to go out to all bidders if they wanted to amend the contract to include the 25% minority revision.

Councilman Krank suggested for future contracts we will enter the stipulation of 25% requirements for minority sub-contractor.

Councilman Grady motion to accept the bid, Ideal Landscape Construction, but not approve the contract.

Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Mayor McCourt informed the council that the Municipal Housing Agreement has increased the housing for prisoners from \$30.00 to \$50.00 a day.

Councilwoman Lawson moved to approve the increase of the cost of Municipal Housing Agreement to \$50.00 per day.

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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

Mayor McCourt stated that the renewal contract service for Zoom is due for \$149.90.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the renewal Zoom service contract for \$149.90.
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

Mayor McCourt stated that the renewal on a three-year agreement with RAVE for \$5,000.00. Mayor McCourt authorized the payment to RAVE.

Mayor McCourt informed the council that the 2023 Spring and Fall Tree Limb pick up schedule will be done at the same time.

Mayor McCourt stated that the next council meeting is on April 4, 2023 which is election day.

Councilwoman Lawson moved to cancel April 4, 2023 Council meeting.

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

Mayor McCourt stated that the 2nd reading of Bill # 1298 must be done by the April 18, council meeting before the swearing in of officials.

Councilwoman Lawson asked the Council to consider having them give Mr. Mitchell the proclamation at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor McCourt stated that proclamation can not be issued twice.

Councilman Grady suggested that the council can take a picture with Mr. Mitchell with his proclamation at the next City Council meeting.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 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 Y. HINES
City Clerk