

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLACK JACK  
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
Council Chambers  
April 5, 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 Grady  
Councilwoman Lawson  
Councilwoman Thames

Councilman White  
Councilman Pointer  
Councilman Miller

The Acting City Clerk attested that a quorum was present. Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**ABSENT**

None

**EXCUSED**

Councilman Hinkle

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**PRESENTATION**

Sergeant Kardasz and Chris Pignataro gave a 2021 Crime Presentation. Total calls for service were 3926 of those, not all resulted in a case. Number of Arrests was 29, Tickets issued were 439, and Crimes 307. Motor vehicle theft is mainly due from people leaving their cars running. Overall, numbers are down.

JaVonna Harris and DeRon Miller presented their proposal in putting a child development center in Old City Hall. An estimate of \$43,950 was given in repairing Old City Hall to get it ready to use as a child development center. They have a startup grant from DESE of \$30,000. They have 3 months to spend the grant of \$30,000. The City of Black Jack would be responsible for the remaining \$13,950.

Mayor McCourt stated that due to the absence of Councilman Hinkle we need to appoint a temporary President Pro Tem for tonights meeting.

Councilman Krank moved to appoint Councilman Grady as temporary President Pro Tem. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022. The minutes were approved as distributed.

**COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Item 3 in miscellaneous for employing an independent Census taker is not feasible to do at this point due to state statutes.
2. The CDBG audit is April 6, 2022, which is being performed by the St. Louis County Office of Community Development.
3. Mayor McCourt is reviewing information on what constitutes a quorum, and will report on that when all information is gathered.
4. We have received our Lagers report and we will need them to come to explain it.
5. The 2022-2023 budget is being prepared and we will be sharing that information soon. .
6. Personnel, we have 2 new maintenance workers that will be starting soon. We are still looking for a City Clerk and a part time person to help with grass violations.
7. We are working on the recycling grant. It will be a 3 hour project and we will need 9 volunteers to work the event.
8. ARPA report is due April 30<sup>th</sup>.
9. We are looking into municipal court options.

**OFFICIALS**

None

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**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS**

Councilman Krank, reported the Planning and Zoning meeting was held on March 23, 2022 and that the conditions outlined for the “Mist Bar and Grill CUP” was approved.

**COMMITTEE**

Council Grady reported that the Park and Recreation board will have a meeting on Monday. We will be working on upcoming events for the park.

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #220401 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Pointer as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Resolution #220401, entitled, A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET was read in its entirety. Councilman Pointer moved to place Resolution #220401 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Resolution #220401 is attached and made a part hereof.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Bids for the Survey for the Norman C. McCourt Park were received, Horner & Shifrin for \$10,000 and 30 days to complete, Surveying & Mapping, LLC for \$17,500 and no precise time to complete and SWT Design for \$12,950 and 30 days to complete.

Councilman Miller moved to accept Horner & Shifrin’s bid of \$10,000 and 30 days to complete. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

2. The Conditional Use Permit at 4960 Parker Road “The Mist Bar & Grill” was reviewed and there are 30 days to receive any complaints from Council members or residents. There are 14 items on the CUP that need to be completed or complied with.
3. The RFP, for employing an independent Census taker, will not be done.
4. One of the tennis courts will be turned into a pickle ball court. This project will begin soon.
5. Councilman Miller was concerned about sidewalk repairs. There was a discussion and Mayor McCourt stated that our plan is to have our maintenance department to do the repairs.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

THE April 5, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE April 19, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

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Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tina Qualls  
Acting City Clerk