

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLACK JACK  
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
Council Chambers  
April 19, 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 7:01 pm.

**ABSENT**

None

**EXCUSED**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**PRESENTATION**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022. The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor McCourt reported there were 27 occupancy permits, 4 purchased, 11 home rentals and 12 apartment rentals.
2. Court report Income \$5,821.50 Expenses \$8,184.68 with a net of -\$2,363.18.
3. The CDBG audit was completed. The only concern that they had was to make sure we have proof that we are furthering fair housing. Mayor McCourt suggested that we ask CDBG detailed questions about usage of our funds.
4. The proposed budget is finished and everyone should have a copy. The schedule will be emailed to each of you tomorrow.
5. Personnel we had two maintenance workers that were hired. On one, we rescinded our offer and the other there were some problems today that will need to be addressed. We have received one application for park ranger.
6. The first report for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) has been submitted. We need to decide on the projects we are going to use the funds for.
7. We are working on the recycling event in the park.
8. We don't have enough maintenance workers to abate grass violations. We are looking at our options.
9. We received 5 bids for the new copier. We haven't looked at the information yet.
10. Mayor McCourt reported that we received our report from Lagers and that it is hard to understand. We need them to come explain it at a meeting in the future.
11. On the Census recount the committee will have a meeting to determine the next steps.
12. Mayor McCourt reported that he and 4 others met with the Governor about Jamestown Mall. The Governor agreed to help if St. Louis County takes over the property from Port Authority. Mayor McCourt stated that it was a very good meeting and that Councilwoman Shalonda Webb did a very good job. Councilwoman Shalonda Webb has a bill that she is trying to get passed so we need to back her.

**OFFICIALS**

1. Councilman White received a call from a concerned citizen on Country Lane Woods about a sidewalk hazard. Mayor McCourt requested that Councilman White ask the citizen to go to the website to fill out "Report a Concern"
2. Councilman White stated that Councilman Grady asked him to join the Old City Hall Committee. Councilman White would like to see a culture center in the building. Mayor McCourt stated that he would like us to use \$200,000 in ARPA funds on rehab of the building,
3. Councilwoman Thames stated that there is a large umbrella on the ground in their subdivision common ground and wanted to know who's responsible to remove it. Mayor McCourt said that it is the subdivision trustees responsibility.
4. Councilman Hinkle stated that Nordell Court is in dire need of repair. The overlay is coming up and that it has been repaired in the past. He has also been getting calls about sidewalk repairs.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS**

Councilman Grady reported that they have a nominee for the Park and Recreation Board, Regina Everett. On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Old City Hall Committee will meet to discuss possibilities for use of the building.

**COMMITTEE**

Councilman Hinkle reported for the Census Recount Committee that per the state and federal guidelines, it would take something short of a miracle to get them to do anything. He has been waiting on a response from our representative. The Census Recount Committee meeting will be postponed until we get an answer.

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS**

Mayor McCourt read the election results, dated April 5, 2022, from the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners for the April 5, 2022 election:

| <u>Official</u>        | <u>Position</u>      | <u># of Votes</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Donald Krank           | Ward 1 Two-year term | 118               |
| Tina Thames            | Ward 1 One-year term | 120               |
| Angela Lawson          | Ward 2 Two-year term | 80                |
| Arnold Hinkle (Winner) | Ward 3 Two-year term | 178               |
| Kenneth McClendon      | Ward 3 Two-year term | 42                |
| Leo Simmons            | Ward 3 Two-year term | 0                 |
| Ronald Pointer         | Ward 4 Two-year term | 102               |

**ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE**

The Acting City Clerk administered the oaths of office to:

Donald Krank  
Tina Thames  
Angela Lawson

Arnold Hinkle  
Ronald Pointer

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| Councilwoman Thames | Councilman Miller  |

The Acting City Clerk attested to the fact that a quorum was present.

### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM**

Councilman White moved to nominate Councilman Hinkle as President Pro-Tem. Motion was seconded. There being no further nominations, Mayor McCourt called for a motion that the nominations cease. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

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

|                     |     |                    |         |
|---------------------|-----|--------------------|---------|
| Councilman Krank    | yes | Councilman Hinkle  | abstain |
| Councilman Grady    | yes | Councilman White   | yes     |
| Councilwoman Lawson | yes | Councilman Pointer | yes     |
| Councilwoman Thames | yes | Councilman Miller  | yes     |

### **PENDING LEGISLATION:**

1. Mayor McCourt stated that we should postpone Resolution #220402. Councilman Krank moved to postpone Resolution #220402. 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 |

2. Councilman Hinkle moved to place Resolution #220403 under Resolutions and assigned Councilwoman Lawson 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:**

Resolution #220403, entitled, A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ENACTMENTS was read in its entirety. Councilwoman Lawson moved to place Resolution #220403 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 #220403 is attached and made a part hereof.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Annual renewals for Business Licenses, Liquor Licenses, Amusement Devices and Short-Term Rentals are in process.
2. Councilman Miller asked if the Rave phone call about limb pickup that the number of times the message is repeated could be reduced. Acting City Clerk Tina Qualls said she would check on this.
3. Councilman Miller would like to see structured programs for the park. Councilman Grady stated that the Park and Recreation Board is working on that.
4. Councilman White wanted to know if Mayor McCourt had an answer on the simple majority. Mayor McCourt said we are waiting on legislation from our attorney.
5. Councilwoman Lawson suggested having a coffee with Black Jack council representatives and Black Jack constituents: Council members have an event for city residents and business operators to attend a public gathering. The goal is to provide an opportunity for the public to interface with the council, communicate ideas, and share concerns on community issues within a structured setting with all the council members in attendance. (Revised Statement)
6. There was discussion about an Appreciation Dinner for our boards and commission members.
7. Mayor McCourt stated that we will be preparing and sending out a newsletter in June.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm

THE April 19, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE May 3, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

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Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tina Qualls  
Acting City Clerk