

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
May 2, 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	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:

None

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor McCourt read in its entirety a Proclamation recognizing President Pro Tem Arnold Hinkle, for being the first African American Elected Mayor of the City of Black Jack.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023. The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

Essie Calhoun congratulated Mayor McCourt on his retirement. And welcome the Mayor elect Arnold Hinkle to the position.

Roger Ellison from the Black Jack Fire Department thanked Mayor McCourt for his service to the Black Jack community and welcomed elect Arnold Hinkle as Mayor.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

1. Mayor Norman McCourt reported in March there were 7 occupancy permits issued 5 were purchased homes, 2 Rentals and 0 Apartments.
2. Mayor Norman McCourt reported in April there were 17 occupancy permits issued 8 were purchased homes, 9 Rentals and 0 Apartments.
3. Mayor Norman McCourt informed the Council that the Pickle Ball Court has been completed and ready for use.
4. Mayor McCourt also stated that the electrical wires in the park have been vandalized. The wiring to the meters was cut to the pavilions which are supplied to the comfort stations.
5. Mayor McCourt thanked the Council, Staff, and the residence of the City of Black Jack for all their support and guidance.

OFFICIALS:

Councilman Hinkle thanked Mayor McCourt for his leadership and expressed his appreciation for all he has done for the city of Black Jack.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:

None

COMMITTEE:

Councilman Grady stated that the Park and Rec committee will be meeting this Monday May 8, to find a solution to the vandalism throughout the park.

Councilman Pointer stated that the Financial oversight committee will meet quarterly instead of monthly.

SPECIAL COUNSEL:

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill # 1299, under New Business and assigned to Councilman Krank 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

First reading, Bill # 1299 entitled. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1205 AND CLARIFYING COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO THE CITY'S ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DETERMINING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

Councilman Krank motion to suspend the rules to allow for Bill #1299 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	Councilman Miller	yes

Second reading, Bill # 1299 entitled. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1205 AND CLARIFYING COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO THE CITY'S ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DETERMINING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

Councilman Krank moved to place Bill # 1299 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

Bill #1299 became Ordinance 1206

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor McCourt informed the council of the certified election results.
 4 Year Term Mayor
 Kenneth McClendon 219 votes, Arnold Hinkle 569 votes, Leo Simmons 27 votes.

2 Year Term Treasurer
 Ann Wright 766 votes.

2 Year Term City Council
 Ward 1 Tina Thames 164 votes,
 Ward 2 William Miller 143 votes,
 Ward 3 AJ White 310 votes,
 Ward 4 Rodney Grady 149 votes.

Mayor McCourt requested to take a recess at 7:20 pm meeting reconvened at 7:25 pm.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to:

- Tina Thames
- Bill Miller
- A J White
- Rodney Grady
- Ann Wright

Dr. Lynn Beckwith administered the oath of office to Arnold Hinkle Mayor of City of Black Jack.

Mayor Hinkle expresses his gratitude to the council, citizens of Black Jack and everyone that has guided and supported him.

Mayor Hinkle requested Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Mayor Hinkle asked were there any nominations for the position of President Pro-Tem.

Councilman Pointer moved to appoint Councilman Grady as President Pro-Tem.

Councilman Krank moved to close the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Hinkle called for a motion that the nominations cease.

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

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

Mayor Hinkle announced that Councilman Grady has accepted the position of President Pro-Tem.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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PENDING LEGISLATION:

Resolution #230501 entitled, A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST THE 2022-2023 FISCAL BUDGET.

Councilman White moved to place Resolution #230501 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		

RESOLUTIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mayor Hinkle read in its entirety a Proclamation presented to the Former Mayor Norman C. McCourt recognizing his 40 years of loyalty and personal dedication to the Citizens of the City of Black Jack and North St. Louis County.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm

THE APRIL 18, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MAY 2, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING.

Arnold D. Hinkle , Mayor

ATTEST:

Allicia Y. Hines
City Clerk