

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
Council Chambers
May 03, 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

THE ENTIRE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE ON APRIL 26, 2022

Mayor McCourt opened the public hearing.

A public hearing was held to review and discuss the proposed 2023 Annual Fiscal Year Budget. Tina Qualls, Benefits and Finance Manager, thanked the City Officials and the staff for their assistance with the Budget. She gave a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the City's proposed budget for 2023.

There were no public comments on the Budget.

Councilman Hinkle made a motion to remove the uniform budget for the public works department. He withdrew his motion and amended it to take out the cost of the uniform company. The motion to amend 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	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes
Councilwoman Thames	yes	Councilman Miller	yes

Councilman Hinkle made a motion to remove the uniform budget as amended for the public works department. Motion was seconded and failed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Councilman Hinkle moved to close the 2023 Budget Public Hearing. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

PRESENTATION

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2022. The minutes were approved as amended.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Carl Raab at 17 Rolling Hills voiced his concern about the problems with with motorcycles and cars speeding on his street, problems are on the weekend when residents have guests.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Bill #1283 for the quorum is on the agenda tonight
2. Budget we will vote on the proposed budget this evening.
3. Recycling Event is scheduled for July 9th. We will need several people to work the event.
4. Phase 2 in the Norman C. McCourt park.
5. Pickle Ball, we are in the process of finding a company to paint the court.
6. Grass Cutting we received one bid. Mayor Norman McCourt entertained a motion to allow Kittrel Braselman to speak. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Kittrel Braselman, stated that Dependable Lawn Care bid to cut grass violations and city property. Dependable Lawn Care will cut grass violations and the land adjacent to City Hall. Mayor McCourt said we would need to call a special meeting to approve the contract.
7. Mayor McCourt tracked the number of complaint calls he has received in the last month. 3 grass needs cut, 6 parking on grass, 4 vehicles and boats in front of houses or parked on grass, 2 large trucks parked in front of house, 8 dog running loose, 3 houses needing painting or repair.
8. Court report Income \$6,418.00, Expenses \$8,576.49 with a net of -\$2,158.49.

- 9. There were 18 occupancy permits issued in April. 2 Purchased, 4 Rentals and 12 apartments.

OFFICIALS

Councilman Hinkle received a call from a resident about a false alarm. The alarm went off while she was out of town. She felt it was unfair to be fined when the police set it off when checking the house. He would like the Council to review the ordinance on false alarms.

Councilman Hinkle reported that the uneven sidewalks where the asphalt was added to make it more even, he doesn't like the looks of it. Mayor stated that it was temporary and that they would be replaced when we do the next contract.

Councilman White commended Kittrel Braselman on how he handled Mr Wentz's sidewalk concern.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

Councilman Grady stated that the Park and Recreation Board will meet on Monday, May 8th. He wanted to know the status with the pickle ball court being striped. He also wanted to know when the equipment for the movie night at the park could be purchased. Old City Hall building committee met. They are considering two options, the Kiddie Day Care and Mr Welding from JB Company that is interested in buying the building to put in a Dollar General that will also have a meat counter and fresh produce.

COMMITTEE

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1283 under New Business and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor, Resolution #220402 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Grady 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:

Bill #1283, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BLACK JACK CITY CODE RELATING TO MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS was read for the first time. (Councilman White)

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #220402, entitled, SALARY/WAGE FOR CERTAIN CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022. Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #220402 on its passage. Motion was seconded by Councilman Krank 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 #220402 is attached and made a part hereof.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Councilman Grady moved to approve the 2023 City of Black Jack Budget, including the Capitol Budget. 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. The Mayor feels we should have someone to come and explain the CDBG contract. It was suggested by Councilman Pointer that we formulate some questions before they come to get answers.
3. Review and consider selling of real estate by the City. We have 3 lots that we can sell. It was suggested that we talk to a real estate person.
4. Grass bid, we will have a special meeting to review the contract and insurance information.
5. Councilwoman Thames recommended that we offer all the full and part time employees premium pay for recognition of what they do for the City. She stated that it would be good for morale, as well as retention. Some cities have gotten attorney opinion that it is legal to provide premium pay for their employees as long as the amount is the same. It's not based on the employee pay. For example, Bridgeton gave their full and part time employees premium pay last November and December and they are planning to do it again once they receive the next ARPA payment. It is her suggestion that we offer our city employees an amount we agree to for retention, as well as, to show our appreciation. Mayor McCourt said in June we will start discussions on what we will use our ARPA funds for.

6. Councilman Hinkle stated that residents have some concerns about pickle ball and the noise. He asked Councilman Grady to bring it to the Park and Recreation Board.
7. Councilwoman Lawson would like the council to discuss some of the items that have been brought up in our council meetings.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm

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

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pat Grubb
Acting City Clerk