

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLACK JACK  
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
May 4, 2021  
7:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilman Miller	Councilman Hinkle
Councilman Grady	Councilwoman Lawson
Councilman Pointer	Councilman Krank
Councilman White	

The City Clerk attested that a quorum was present. Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**ABSENT**

None

**EXCUSED**

Councilman McClain

Mayor McCourt moved to amend the agenda by adding under Unfinished Business, consideration to Sustain or Override a Veto of Bill #1124/Ordinance #1167. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Councilman Hinkle, President Pro-Tem, instructed the City Clerk to enter the Mayor's veto letter into the record of the meeting.

**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 20, 2021. The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor McCourt advised that Court revenue for April was \$4,867.00, the expenses were \$12,269.26 for a negative net amount of \$7,402.73.
2. For the month of April, occupancy permits were issued for three homes purchased, seven homes rented and seven apartments.

**OFFICIALS**

1. Karen Robinson, City Clerk/Executive Assistant to the Mayor, advised that going forward, all meetings held by the City will be posted on the City's website and the electronic sign. She also advised that since January, every 2-3 weeks, the City has posted informational facts on several social media platforms to keep the residence informed. Mayor McCourt requested that the City Council send any suggestions they would like posted.
2. Councilman White advised that he attended a zoom meeting held by Shalonda Webb, County Council member. The discussion surrounded public property taxes. She provided the County Treasurer's information for anyone that had questions or concerns. Jake Zimmerman (314) 615-4954

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS**

None

**COMMITTEE**

Councilman Grady advised that he has met three times with representatives from Corinthians Christian Academy CCA, in reference to purchasing Old City Hall. They will be presenting information at the next regular City Council meeting and should have an appraisal at that time. Also, Chief Corbin of Black Jack Fire Protection District has advised that a gentleman by the name of Michael Barnes has also expressed interest. Councilman Grady advised that he has not heard from Mr. Barnes yet.

Councilman Grady advised that the Parks and Recreation Board will meet on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and will discuss the opening of Harold Evangelista Park.

Mayor McCourt advised that Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) will have access to the Park to conduct soil testing in reference to Coldwater Creek.

### **SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Hinkle moved to accept Substitute Bill #1256S. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Bill #1256S, entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13-29 LIMITING THE TIME FOR THE OPERATION OF LAWNMOWERS OR SIMILAR MECHANICAL APPARATUS was read for the second time.

Councilman Krank moved to place Bill #1256S on its passage. Motion was seconded.

Councilman Hinkle moved to amend line 43 to change the times to Monday-Saturday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday and holidays 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Councilman Krank moved to place amended Bill #1256S 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 Miller	yes	Councilman Grady	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1256 became Ordinance #1169

2. Bill #1257, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 20-4, 20-411.1, 20-412, 20-413, 20-414, 20-416, 20-417, 20-418, 20-419, 20-420.1, 20-422, 20-423, AND 20-424 OF, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 20-425 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the second time. Councilman Miller moved to place Bill #1257 on its passage. Motion was seconded

Councilman Hinkle moved to postpone further discussion of Bill #1257. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

3. Bill #1258, entitled, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE ROAD KNOWN AS KINSLEY HEIGHTS DRIVE AND ACCEPTING SAID ROAD FOR MAINTENANCE, WHICH ROAD IS LOCATED WITHIN JAMESTOWNE SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI was read for second time. Councilwoman Lawson moved to placed Bill #1258 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 Miller	yes	Councilman Grady	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1258 became Ordinance #1170

4. Bill #1259, entitled, AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, AMENDING SCHEDULE IX OF DIVISION 4 OF ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the second time.

Councilwoman Lawson moved to amend Bill #1259 by removing certain streets: Country Club Court, Paddock Ridge Court, Alderwood Drive, Cloverbrook Drive and Northridge Hills Court. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Mayor McCourt broke the tie with a “yes” vote.

Motion to amend Bill #1259 passed.

Councilman Hinkle moved to place amended Bill #1259 on its passage. Motion was seconded. A poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Mayor McCourt broke the tie with a “no” vote.

Motion to pass Bill #1259 failed

5. Shall Bill #1259/Ord pass the objections of the Mayor thereto notwithstanding. A poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	no	Councilman Hinkle	no
Councilman Miller	no	Councilman Grady	no
Councilwoman Lawson	no	Councilman Pointer	no

The Mayor’s veto of Bill #1259 is sustained.

#### **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS**

Mayor McCourt read the election results, dated April 19, 2021, from the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners for the April 6, 2021 election:

<u>Official</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
Ann Wright	Treasurer Two-year term	537
Forestrel McClain	Ward 1 Two-year term	125
Bill Miller	Ward 2 Two-year term	74
Angela Lawson	Ward 2 One-year term	77
A J White	Ward 3 Two-year term	146
Leo Simmons	Ward 3 Two-year term	92
Rodney Grady	Ward 4 Two-year term	120

Voter turn-out was approximately **14.37%** citywide turn out for the election.

**ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE**

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to:

Ann Wright  
Bill Miller  
Angela Lawson  
Rodney Grady

Forestrel McClain’s oath was administered on April 29, 2021 in the City Clerk’s office, due to scheduling conflicts.

A J White advised prior to the meeting that he would have to leave at 7:45 pm. Mr. White left prior to the administering of the oaths. He was advised to come to City Hall tomorrow, May 5, 2021 to be sworn in by City Clerk, Karen Robinson.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilman Pointer	Councilman Krank
Councilman Hinkle	Councilman Grady
Councilwoman Lawson	Councilman Miller

The City Clerk attested to the fact that a quorum was present. Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

Councilman White and Councilman McClain were both excused.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM**

Councilman Miller 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.

Councilman Krank moved that the nominations cease. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

A poll on the nomination of Councilman Hinkle as the President Pro-Tem by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1261 under New Business and assigned Councilwoman Lawson as the sponsor and Bill #1262 under New Business and assigned Councilman Hinkle 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 Miller	yes	Councilman Grady	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Bill #1261, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20-35 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION was read for the first time. (Councilwoman Lawson)
2. Bill #1262, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LOTS IN TRAILWOODS SUBDIVISION BY THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time. (Councilman Hinkle)

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Councilman Krank moved to appoint Linda Rodenbaugh to the Traffic Commission. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Miller	yes	Councilman Grady	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes

2. Mayor McCourt advised that the annual Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. Mayor McCourt advised that the annual renewals for Business Licenses, Liquor Licenses, Amusement Devices and Short-Term Rentals are still coming in.
4. Mayor McCourt advised that City Hall will be open for appointments only with the staff. The lobby will remain closed.
5. Councilman Miller moved to discuss Bill #1257 at the next City Council meeting.

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Miller	yes	Councilman Grady	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes

6. Councilman Grady advised that there is an issue in Trailwoods subdivision with the parking of commercial vehicles. He suggested putting an ordinance in place to provide some guidance. Mayor McCourt advised that he has requested the City Council to review an ordinance for the last two months for this issue.

7. Councilman Hinkle thanked the City Clerk, City Council, Director of Public Works and the police for their collaborative efforts concerning Black Jack Automotive. They simply did not want to follow the City's ordinances and now they have left after multiple letters and conversations.
8. Councilwoman Lawson advised that she reached out to the City's Republic Services contact concerning trash not being picked up on Northridge Hills. She advised that it was a pleasant conversation with the City's representative.

Councilman Miller requested that the Code Enforcement Officer does not write code violations for trash cans being out past the allotted time.

9. Mayor McCourt advised that there is an issue with a food service business in Black Jack Court. They've been advised to shut down. The code of ordinances does not allow for the type of business they are running. Furthermore, they have been operating without a business license.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



THE May 4, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE May 18, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING.

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Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen E. Robinson, MRCC-S/CMC  
City Clerk  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor