

**AMENDED
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
Council Chambers
May 16, 2023
7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

ABSENT

None

EXCUSED

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

The Director of Publicwork Mr. Kittrel Braselman requested to purchase a replacement truck bed for Truck # 2. Mr. Braselman provided pictures of truck bed and stated that the bed was badly rusted and has been repaired many times. Mr. Braselman informed the Council that it would cost \$18,911.00 to replace the bed.

Mayor Hinkle asked Mr. Braselman to provide the company that he will be considering for purchasing the truck bed.

Mr. Braselman stated that Knapheide Truck Equipment was chosen for their bid of \$18,911.00. In addition he stated that the bed is stainless steel and the style will be AR400. This style can also load rocks and gravel without damaging the bed.

Councilman Pointer asked what type of warranty was offered for this equipment. Mr. Braselman stated there is a 3 year defect warranty only.

Councilman Grady moved to purchase a new truck bed from Knapheide Truck Equipment company for \$18,911.00. 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 Hinkle called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2023. The minutes were approved as amended.

Councilman Miller moved to include the amended minutes that were made. 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		

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Winston asked the Council to consider two bids for the violation grass cutting services for Black Jack. Mr. Winston’s concern is that some properties near him are not being cut in an adequate time. Mr. Winston stated he can provide a signed petition regarding these issues from the citizens in the area.

Mayor Hinkle informed Mr. Winston that he do not need to wait until the next meeting, he can drop off the list to the City Clerk or Director of Public Works.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hinkle stated that the North St. Louis County Council, District 1 and District 4 are hosting a Juneteenth celebration which will begin on Thursday, June 15th, 2023 and end Monday June 19th. More information can be found on Facebook, Instragram and TikTok.

The position of Park Ranger has gone out and we have received some applications. And determination of qualifications will be considered.

The tree cutting has begun and we are reminding the citizens not to cut any trees with an X on them, because the City of Black Jack has a contract with Gamma Tree Service. Mayor Hinkle also stated the right of way trees will be cut. Anything on the property of the owner is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Councilman Miller moved to allow Mr. Braselman to speak. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Braselman informed the Council that every year the park is winterized by Beaver Plumbing. This past winter the company failed to blow out the pipes and the pipes froze. When Public works prepared to turn on the water in the park they realized a valve was damaged. When the valve was replaced, it was discovered that the pipes had cracks. When Mr. Braselman informed the company of the damage do to failure to winterizing pipes, Supervisor denied responsibility and refused to compensate for damages.

Mr. Braselman stated that the 1st pavilion has water, but no electricity and the 2nd pavilion has no water or electricity.

Councilman Miller asked Mr. Braselman does the city need to contract someone to fix the electrical issues.

Mr. Braselman stated yes and received a couple of bids and the lowest bid was \$3,600.00 and was exploring the option of placing the electrical wiring inside the building that could be over \$5,000.00.

Councilwoman Lawson asked when was it discovered that the pipes where damaged.

Mr. Braselman stated the week prior public works were preparing to turn on the water and open the park and noticed a bad valve so it was replaced and that is when it was discovered that some pipes were damaged.

Mayor Hinkle informed the Council of the next recycling event this summer will be July 22, 2023.

OFFICIALS

Councilman White stated that he sent a proposal for review to the Council, regarding the homes of the citizens that have aluminum wiring. He informed them that Aluminum wiring can be hazardous to a home. Councilman White wants to request that Vijay Bhasin apply for grants that would cover the cost of homes in Black Jack that have aluminum wiring.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

Councilman Grady advised he met with the Parks and Recreation Board on Monday May 8, 2023. And Jay Wohlschlaeger a representative from SWT Design the engineering firm that is designing Norman C. McCourt Park was also at the meeting to discuss the status of the Park.

The construction company that was chosen to build the park is Ideal Landscape Construction LLC.

Five companies bid on the job. Ideal Landscape Construction was awarded the bid at \$608,436.00. Bryne & Jones construction came in at \$792,000.00 and the highest bid was \$1,000,394.00

Groundbreaking will be early June. Hopefully Phase 1 and 2 will be completed by end of November.

SWT and Ideal Landscape Construction LLC. will be meeting on May 17, 2023 to discuss the outline of the construction plan for phase 1 and 2. Phase 1 and 2 will include, walking track, parking lot, small pavilion, and splash pad.

Councilman Grady stated that the Special Events Committee will be meeting on June 6 at 6:00 pm before the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Hinkle stated the The Harvest Moon Festival will be on September 16, 2023. There will be a DJ this year.

COMMITTEE

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Hinkle stated that an opening for Ward 3 has come up, due to him being elected Mayor and he would like to appoint Karen Robinson, as Council member for Ward 3 to fill the remaining term .

Councilman Krank moved to appoint Karen Robinson as councilwoman for Ward 3 for the remaining term.

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

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

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to:
Karen E. Robinson - Councilwoman Ward 3.

Mayor Hinkle requested Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Krank	Councilman White
Councilman Grady	Councilman Pointer
Councilwoman Lawson	Councilman Miller
Councilwoman Thames	Councilwoman Robinson.

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

PENDING LEGISLATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

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THE MAY 16, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE JUNE 20, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING.

Arnold Hinkle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Hines
City Clerk