

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLACK JACK  
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
Council Chambers  
June 7, 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 7:10 pm.

**ABSENT**

None

**EXCUSED**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor McCourt gave an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Some suggested uses for ARPA funds:

1. Enlarge the confort stations at the park
2. Rehab Old City Hall
3. Replace Nordell Court
4. New Equipment for the Maintenance Department
5. Community Center
6. Flock Camera's (license plate readers)
7. Resurface the tennis courts and stripe for pickle ball
8. Pay residentstrash bill for one year
9. Setup one of the parks to be able to host a carnival
10. ATV for the park
11. Pay trash bill for all residents for one year

Mayor McCourt asked the City Council to review the suggested uses and to let him know if they have others to add to the list.

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

**PRESENTATION**

Kevin O’Keefe, Attorney for the city of Black Jack, came to introduce himself and to answer questions of the City Council.

Questions asked:

1. Code Violations: Senate Bill 5 and 572. It was written for all code violations. Attorney O’Keefe stated that it is difficult to issue warrants. Suggestion would be to subpoena property owners to a City Council Meeting so they publicly can be asked to take care of their properties.
2. Concerning homeowner associations, does the City have any control over getting the residents to follow the H.O.A. rules and pay their fees? Attorney O’Keefe stated that it is not the city’s roll to enforce residents indentures to follow the Homeowner association contract.
3. Can the city control the number of rental properties in the City? Attorney O’Keefe stated that no we can’t.
4. Court Clerks - are they required to comply with what is asked of them by the Administration? Attorney O’Keefe said due to changes made, they are not required to when concerning court matters.
5. How can we recognize volunteers? The Missouri Constitution forbids use of funds for anything that doesn’t have a public purpose.
6. Attorney O’Keefe explained the roles of the City Council, Mayor and Administration. The City Council has the supreme authority of the city to make policies and ordinances, as a collective body. The Mayor’s authority is to over see the administration of the functions of the city.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2022. The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

1. Larry Price, of 5200 Springtrail Drive would like to see the city do something about the animals running loose.
2. Floris Gillyard, of 12655 Park Trails, would like to see something done about 12641 Park Trails. She stated that it has been an eye sore for over 30 years. She is also having issues with dogs that are in her neighborhood.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Newsletter will go to the printer and be mailed out as soon as possible.
2. The recycling event is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>
3. Working on the Pickle Ball RFP, we may have to resurface the tennis courts.
4. Mayor McCourt is working on the census recount project.
5. Mayor McCourt reported there were 15 occupancy permits, 4 purchased, 3 home rentals and 8 apartment rentals for the month of May.
6. Court report Income \$3,100.00, Expenses \$7,883.42 with a net of -\$4,783.42.

**OFFICIALS**

1. Councilwoman Lawson stated that a resident in Ward 2 has a community garden at 12769 Old Halls Ferry. Harvesting will begin in August.
2. Councilwomen Thames attended Mayor DeShay's meeting. A presentation by a doctor was given on men's health.
3. Councilwoman Lawson stated that a resident on Chalfont is asking if we can do anything to changing that there is no parking on cul-de-sacs.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS**

1. Councilman Grady stated that we had the first Special Events committee meeting.
2. Councilman Hinkle stated that the Census recount committee met. A letter is being formatted to send to our representatives in Washington D.C.
3. Councilman Hinkle stated that the Liquor License committee met and that more clarification is needed and will be given to City Council at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE**

None

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Bill #1282, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR FULL-SERVICE PROTECTION TO THE CITY OF BLACK JACK TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2032 was read for the second time. Motion by Councilman White to amend Bill #1282 for requested change by email from Lieutenant Shafer dated June 7, 2022 and pass as amended. 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 #1282 became Ordinance #1190

2. 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 second time. Councilman White moved to place Bill #1283 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	Councilwoman Thames	yes

Bill #1283 became Ordinance #1191

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1284 under New Business and assigned Councilwomen Lawson as the sponsor, Bill #1285 under New Business and assigned Councilman Hinkle as the sponsor Resolution #220602 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Grady as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the follow vote:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Bill# 1284, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT OF 2021-2023 AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS THERETO WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY WITH REGARD TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 AS AMENDED was read for the first time. (Councilwomen Lawson)
2. Bill# 1285, entitled, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODE OF ETHICS APPLICABLE TO ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK was read for the first time. (Councilman Hinkle)

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution # 220602, entitled, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE POLICY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, REGARDNG ENCOURAGING AND RECOGNIZING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #220602 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

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yes

Resolution #220602 is attached and made a part hereof.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Councilman Hinkle reminded everyone to be respectful of the one who has the floor.
2. Councilman White stated that Homeowners associations are important for the subdivisions.
3. Councilwomen Lawson stated that regarding problem properties, can HOA's support? Research is being done to check on that.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm

THE June 7, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE June 21, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

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Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tina M. Qualls  
Acting City Clerk