

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
June 15, 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	Councilwoman Thames

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

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021 and the Phone Poll Minutes of May 21, 2021. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCourt's report was distributed to the City Council members and is hereby attached and made a part hereof. He also advised that within the next couple of weeks, Kinsley Heights will be opened to try to determine the ongoing water problem. He reviewed the entire report and opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

OFFICIALS

1. Councilman White advised that he assisted a Ward 3 newly naturalized citizen with voter registration.
2. Councilman White also advised that Ward 3 resident Sylvester Taylor was honored by IBEW/NECA Local #1 chapter. He was named Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion of International Brotherhood (IBEW/National Electrical Connection partnership. Taylor is president of the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus and he is a 31 year veteran electrician.
3. Councilman Hinkle advised that he received numerous calls regarding a tree on Kinsley Heights that is an apparent danger. He also spoke with Kittrel Braselman, Director of Public Works about the situation.

Councilman Hinkle advised that he has received complaints about the tall grass on the vacant lot on Ambrose Court. He advised that going forward, he will suggest to the residents to call City Hall to follow the complaint/concern process, so the Code Enforcement Officer will get involved.

Councilman Hinkle advised that he has received complaints about sidewalks that need some attention. As the Mayor suggested in his report, Councilman Hinkle advised that he would send those concerns to the Mayor to be considered.

Councilman Hinkle advised that Ward 3 resident BJ the radio DJ (Bernard James) was promoted to Director of all IHeartRadio stations in the area.

4. Councilman Krank advised that he, the Mayor and Councilwoman Thames attended the annual Elected Officials Conference in Columbia and Councilwoman Lawson attended virtually. The information was valuable and refreshing; discussed Council duties; conflicts of interest, etc. He suggested that all City Officials attended in 2022 to be refreshed on the duties and responsibilities as City Officials.
5. Councilman Pointer advised that he logged on to FEMA's website to begin studying and to take the certification test and learned that the information he previously distributed is outdated. He will obtain the current information and redistribute it to the Mayor and the City Council.

Councilman Pointer advised that he and Mayor McCourt discussed visiting the St. Louis County Emergency Management Center.

6. Councilman Grady advised that he, the Mayor and Kittrel Braselman, Director of Public Works, attended a Park Grant Meeting and learned the process for applying for a Park Grant. The purpose is to obtain a grant for Mayor Norman C. McCourt Park (formerly known as Heritage Park). He advised that grant distribution is determined by how well the paperwork is documented. 15-18 points are required to be the grant recipient. The deadline to submit the forms is August 27, 2021.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

Councilwoman Lawson and Councilman Krank attended the Parks and Recreation Board meeting on behalf of Councilman Grady. Councilman Krank advised that the Parks and Recreation Board met on Monday, June 14th discussed having activities in the Park, annual opening and closing dates for the park, several other questions and concerns were forwarded to Kittrel Braselman, Director of Public Works.

COMMITTEE

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 during the May 4, 2021 meeting.

Councilman Miller moved to amend line 286 to add the words “or other propulsion method”. 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

Councilman White moved to amend line 13 to add the words “two stripped no passing lane with 35 mph existing speed”. 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	no	Councilman White	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes	Councilwoman Thames	yes

Councilman Hinkle moved to remove Section 20-423. Motion was seconded by Councilman White. Councilman White withdrew the second and Councilman Hinkle withdrew the motion.

Councilman Hinkle moved to amend line 459 by adding the words “under the age of 16”. 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

Councilman Miller moved to place Bill #1257 on its passage as amended. 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 #1257 became Ordinance #1173

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1263 under New Business and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor, Bill #1264 under New Business and assigned Councilman Grady as the sponsor, Resolution #210601 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Pointer as the sponsor, Resolution #210602 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Krank as the sponsor, Resolution #210603 under Resolutions and assigned Councilwoman Thames as the sponsor and Resolution #210604 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Miller 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
Councilwoman Thames	yes		

(Councilman White exited the Council Chambers at 7:21 pm and returned at 7:23 pm)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bill #1263, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1137 TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF SAM HENDERSON, ESQ. TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAW IN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MO, AND PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION THEREFORE was read for the first time.

Councilman Hinkle moved to suspend the rules and allow for the second reading of Bill #1263. 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	abstained
Councilman Pointer	yes	Councilwoman Thames	yes

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Councilman White moved to place Bill #1263 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 #1263 became Ordinance #1174

2. Bill #1264, 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 first time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution #210601, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI GRANTING THE ISSUANCE OF LIQUOR LICENSES TO VARIOUS BLACK JACK BUSINESSES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS was read by title only. Councilman Pointer moved to place Resolution #210601 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

Resolution #210601 is hereby attached and made a part hereof.

- Resolution #210602, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI ACKNOWLEDGING THE COST OF POLICE SERVICES FOR THE CONTRACT YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 was read by title only. Councilman Krank moved to place Resolution #210602 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

Resolution #210602 is hereby attached and made a part hereof.

- Resolution #210603, entitled, FIRST ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THREE RENEWALS FOR AUTOMOTIVE/EQUIPMENT REPAIR TO THE CITY OF BLACK JACK FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE #1154 was read by title only. Councilwoman Thames moved to place Resolution #210603 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

Resolution #210603 is hereby attached and made a part hereof.

- Resolution #210604, entitled, FIRST ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THREE RENEWALS FOR FUEL SALE TO THE CITY OF BLACK JACK FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE #1155 was read by title only. Councilman Miller moved to place Resolution #210604 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

Resolution #210604 is hereby attached and made a part hereof.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Councilman Krank moved to reject the proposal from Corinthian Christian Academy for the purchase of Old City Hall, located at 4655 Parker Road. 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	abstained	Councilwoman Thames	yes

2. Councilman White moved to award the Street Sweeping bid to Contractors & Municipal Sweeping Service Inc in the amount of \$2,545.00. 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

3. The Mayor and City Council discussed the bids received for Violation Grass Cutting. No decision was made.

4. Councilman Krank moved to approve the annual reappointments for Boards and Commissions as distributed. 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

5. Councilman Miller moved to approve the Council liaison appointments to Boards and Commissions as distributed. 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

6. Mayor McCourt advised that pursuant to the City's Code of Ordinances, there will not be a City Council meeting on the first Tuesday in July.

7. Mayor McCourt advised that the 2020 census numbers have not been released, however he has information that the City of Black Jack's residents decreased from 6,929 to 6,918. He stated that 2030 should be quite different because of the construction of new homes currently taking place in the City.

8. A report was released regarding Jamestown Mall. Northpointe Development has a plan for a logistic center. He advised that he personally does not agree with the plan. The revenue that is expected to be generated is 15,926,620 over a 18 year period, which is less than a million dollars a year.

He's done an interview with Elliott Davis regarding the matter, and it will be aired soon, and he will be doing an op-ed with the Post-Dispatch Newspaper. He suggested that the Council members contact County Councilwoman Shalanda Webb to express their thoughts; whatever they may be. He also suggested that the Council members reach out to their constituents to contact Councilwoman Webb also. As the County Councilwoman, she will have a vote on the outcome of the Mall; not the residents.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

THE June 15, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE July 20, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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