

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
Council Chambers
June 20, 2023
7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

ABSENT

None

EXCUSED

Councilwoman Angela Lawson

PUBLIC HEARING

PRESENTATION:

None

PROCLAMATIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Hinkle called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023. The minutes were approved as amended.

Councilwoman Robinson moved to accept the regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2023 as amended. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilwoman Robinson	yes
Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes	Councilwoman Thames	yes
Councilman Miller	yes		

Councilwoman Robinson moved to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 6, 2023 as amended. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilwoman Robinson	yes
Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes	Councilwoman Thames	yes
Councilman Miller	yes		

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Pearlie Morris asked if the information that is on the newsletter about the last Saturday of the month could be placed on the Rave announcement, bulletin board and the Marque outside.

Floris Brown Gilliard expressed her concern about cars coming down Parktrials Ln which is in a cul-de-sac. Mrs. Gilliard has requested if there could be a No Thru Street Sign be placed on Parktrails Ln.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Hinkle attended the Juneteenth celebration this past week, which included the cities of Black Jack, Ferguson, Florissant, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Dellwood, Jennings, Vinita Park and Northwood. It was a celebration of freedom for those who were slaves.

The Black Jack newsletter has been distributed. Inside is a reminder that a recycling event will be held July 22nd at the Harold Evangelista Park. Paper shredding is free with a limit of 5 paper size boxes and 2 recyclable item.

The Harvest Moon festival will be September 16, 2023 at the Harold Evangelista Park. There will be food trucks, games and amusement rides for the children.

For the summer months, there will be no council meetings on the first Tuesday of July, and August.

No cars are allowed to be parked on the streets between the hours of 2:00 am to 6:00 am and no parking allowed across the sidewalks. Violators will be ticketed.

OFFICIALS:

Councilman White announced that he attended Councilwoman Webb's Town Hall Meeting on June 1, 2023. The main concern discussed was the St. Louis County Budget. Other things discussed were the Homeowner's Association of her district, the Juneteenth merger with District 1 and her panel of public servants in District 4.

Councilman White also stated that St. Louis County Police Chief Kenneth L. Gregory outlined the objectives of his department and it's goals for St. Louis County which are to hire a Human Resource Manager, add chest camaras that connect to the officers cell phones, and use police cadets for juveniles.

Councilwoman Thames also attended the City Hall meeting with Councilwoman Webb. She stated the Police Chief also said there is a new free app to let drivers know about nearby car pursuits.

Councilwoman Thames indicated that Councilwoman Webb stated she wrote a Bill to make the homeowners responsibility for trash pickup instead of the renters.

Councilman Pointer informed the council that he has received calls concerning fireworks in Black Jack. The citizens requested if Black Jack could place fireworks prohibited signs. He informed the resident that the signs have been ordered and should be delivered in three days. The cost for 10 doubleside signs will be \$165.00.

Councilman Pointer also said a resident on Kennewick Drive complained about the weeds that needed to be cut on the common ground area. He stated he will speak to Mr. Braselman, Public Works Director, regarding this issue.

Mayor Hinkle informed everyone that the restroom in the park has been vandalized again. The particians, sinks, toilets and light fixtures were damaged.

Councilman Grady stated he contacted a company called Pelco Video Security. They are a leading security company out of California that has an office here in St. Louis. He spoke to a Mr. Griffin Bromily, a sales representative, to setup an onsite meeting with the council to discuss the situation and they will make some recommendations on what the city can do to stop the vandalism.

Councilman Grady updated the council on the construction of the Norman McCourt Park. The ground has been grated and some of the trees have been removed. Ideal Landscape are in the process of installing the

infrastructure for the water system. Completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2023.

Councilman Grady stated that the Pickleball area has been damaged with rocks and people skating on the surface that was placed just three months ago.

Councilman Grady spoke with Pamela Greiner to setup lessons for those who are interested in learning the rules of the game.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:

None

COMMITTEE:

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #230601 under New Business and assigned Councilwoman Thames as the sponsor, Bill #1300 under New Business and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor, Bill #1301 under New Business and assigned Councilman Pointer as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilwoman Robinson	yes
Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes	Councilwoman Thames	yes
Councilman Miller	yes		

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill #1300 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AUTOMOTIVE/EQUIPMENT REPAIR CONTRACT

WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time.

Bill #1301 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A FUEL SALE CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #230601 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, 2023. Resolution was read by title only.

Councilwoman Thames moved to place Resolution #230601 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilwoman Robinson	yes
Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes	Councilwoman Thames	yes
Councilman Miller	yes		

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilwoman Robinson moved to allow Finance and Benefits Manager Pat Grubb to speak. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Finance and Benefits Manager Pat Grubb informed the council that Forte, the current credit card payment company will be discontinuing their services or the City of Black Jack can upgrade for \$399.00 each terminal. There are three terminals. She contacted NCR, a state program company that offer a payment process. NCR supplies the terminal, and training. The terminal would cost Black Jack nothing. The cost would be passed down to the client. If it breaks, it will be replaced at no cost.

Mayor Hinkle asked when the terminal needed to be changed.

Mrs. Grubb stated that the terminal needs to be replaced in a couple of month before the old terminal stops working.

Councilman Grady moved to accept the proposal from NCR payment portal. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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Mrs. Grubb explained that the current company Sikich will no longer offer an audit service. So she is requesting an RFP be approved. Bid will be available July 10 and opening bids will be July 24.

Mrs. Grubb stated that Sikich will be increasing their fees. Currently Sikich charges between \$1,300.00 to \$1,400.00 a month. She received two (SOW) statement of work contracts. The first SOW was for \$3,200.00 and the second rate was for \$2,200.00. She explained, in order to go for the lower amount, the City of Black Jack would be responsible for producing the Quickbook Reports every month. Sikich has offered to provide training on the financial reports, if considered.

Councilman Grady moved to accept the proposal from Sikich for \$2,200.00 and the training that is offered by Sikich for Mrs. Grubb to attend. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote.

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilwoman Robinson	yes
Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
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Councilman Miller	yes		

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Hinkle reported that MSD will be having a public hearing on their rates. Go to MSD website to find out dates and time for the public hearing.

Mayor Hinkle stated that residents over the age of 65 may receive a discount for trash pickup. Call Republic to obtain the information.

Every last Saturday of each month there will be a citywide beautification cleanup for the City of Black Jack.

Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

THE JUNE 20, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE JULY 18, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING.

Arnold D. Hinkle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Hines
City Clerk