

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

ABSENT:

None

EXCUSED:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Miller moved to open the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hinkle 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

A public hearing was held to review and discuss the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 2023. Mayor McCourt read the public handout and explained the program's purpose and how it is administered. The program is administered by St. Louis County.

Resident Rosalyn Nelson of 4301 Alderwood asked if she can apply for the grant at this time. She voiced her concern over not being able talk to anyone at CDBG. She has left messages and hasn't received a call back. Mayor McCourt will follow up with St. Louis County and give Ms. Nelson a call.

There being no further comments, Councilman Grady moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman White 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

PRESENTATION:

None

PROCLAMATIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2022. The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

1. Ernest Crowder of 12350 Centerbrook Drive a 30-year resident voiced his concern over cars racing on city streets between 3 and 4 am.
2. Abbey Akinola of 5243 Elk Trail Drive a 25-year resident would like to see something done about the trash on County roads. It was suggested that he contact St. Louis County. Councilman Hinkle spoke to St. Louis Councilwoman Shalonda Webb about the trash along our county streets, so she is aware of the problem.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. There were 28 occupancy permits issued in June, 10 purchased, 4 rentals and 14 apartments. In July there were 16 occupancy permits issued, 2 Purchased, 0 Rentals, and 14 apartments.
2. Mayor McCourt reported that we collected 155 lbs. of food for the St. Louis Area Foodbank.
3. Court report for June Income \$1,408.00, Expenses \$7,939.54 with a net of -\$6,531.54. Court report for July Income \$3,469.50, Expenses \$7,844.16 with a net of -\$4,374.66.
4. Mayor McCourt reported we are working on getting 6 license plate readers for the city.
5. Working on completing the CBDG agreement.
6. Working on the recycling grants for next year. Only one date open in June will inquire about July.

7. Planning for the City Festival is well underway.
8. There is a roof leak in City Hall above Jeanne Field's desk. Working on getting that resolved.
9. Personnel Committee conducted interviews for city clerk and maintenance workers. We have made offers for city clerk and 2 maintenance workers.
10. Norman C. McCourt Park there is a problem with a drainage pipe that we are trying to find out where it goes.
11. Mayor McCourt reported that he has been receiving calls on speeding, running through traffic signals, loud mufflers, cul-de-sac and 2am - 6am parking.

OFFICIALS:

1. Several officials reported complaints about speeding and loud mufflers. Suggestion were made to call the police. Discussion on why we don't install speed bumps.
2. Councilwoman Lawson received a compliment from a citizen that she loves our city. She stated that residents can call their councilmember or HOA when they have a problem, with people leaving trash cans out, parking, etc.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:

1. Councilman Grady reported that our movie night in the park was a success. The Park and Recreation Board will consider holding a movie night annually.
2. Councilman Grady reported that the new Norman C. McCourt Park is in phase 1 & 2. There will be about 8 phases. We should see some work being done later in the year.
3. Councilman Grady reported that the Special Events committee is making good progress on the Harvest Moon Festival being held on September 17th.
4. Councilman Grady reported that several council people are on Missouri Municipal League committees. Last week they went to Jefferson City for the Resolutions Committee meeting to approve the changes made by the various league committees to the annual policies of the Municipal League Policies.

COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Pointer reported that the financial oversight committee will have a guest speaker at the next two meetings to clarify items the committee is reviewing.
2. Councilman Miller reported that the personnel committee interviewed several candidates and made offers to 3 people. He said they all were very good candidates.

SPECIAL COUNSEL:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second reading of Bill #1286, entitled, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUBPOENAS IN FURTHERANCE OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS was read for the second time.

Mayor McCourt advised that on line 18 there is a missed spelled word "ow" in the sentence.

Councilman Grady made a motion to remove the "ow". Motion was seconded by Councilman Hinkle and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Councilwoman Thames moved to place Bill #1286 as amended 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 #1286 became Ordinance #1195

PENDING LEGISLATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Discussed new salt agreement with the City of Chesterfield, with the new contract the purchase and delivery will come from one place. Councilman Hinkle entertained a motion to allow Kittrel Braselman to speak. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Kittrell Braselman explained that we have 100 tons ordered and that we have salt left from last year. In the spring we will probably order an additional 200 tons.

2. Discussed the new Sikich Audit agreement, there were two changes suggest. That the first paragraph of Indemnification: Limitation of Liability be removed, and the word Illinois be changed to Missouri. Motion by Councilman Grady to accept the contract with the changes. Seconded by Councilman Krank 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. CDBG agreement was discussed and decided by the City Council to use the \$20,000 to remove dead trees form the easement between the sidewalk and the street.

4. Discussed the Flock agreement there were questions if we must pay for repairs or replacements. We will ask those questions tomorrow. Councilman Miller entertained a motion to allow Sergeant Kardasz to speak. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Sergeant Kardasz explained how and what the cameras would be used for. Motion by Councilman White to accept the contract with the Flock with no extra fees. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

5. Discuss the purchased of a new lawn mower for public works. Motion by Councilman Krank to accept the purchase of a new Kubota Mower from Art's Lawn Mower Shop at the price of \$16,500. Seconded by Councilman White and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

6. City Festival Contracts:

Motion by Councilman White to accept the contract with Premier Pyrotechnics for \$3,750 for firework. 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

Motion by Councilman Miller to accept the agreement with Cowboy Critters for \$550. 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

Motion by Councilman Miller to accept the agreement with Anthony Clair (Time 4 Fun) for \$650 . 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

Motion by Councilman Hinkle to accept the agreement with The Foundation for \$900 for the band. 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

Consider appointing Ricky Bibbs to the Park and Recreation Board. Motion by Councilman Krank to appoint Ricky Bibbs to the Park and Recreation Board. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor announced that he asked Councilwoman Lawson to be the MC at the annual Harvest Fest in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm

THE June 26, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING
THE August 16, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina M. Qualls
Acting City Clerk