

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
October 4, 2022
7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

The 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 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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Jeff Pabst, Outreach Education Coordinator from Lagers a Retirement Plan Organization, explained the plan and how it works. Once you elect coverage you can never terminate contract.
2. Tina Qualls presented an overview of our investments and recommended that we move our CDAR's and Money Market and access money in our checking account to Missouri Security Investment Program (MOSIP).
3. Mayor McCourt presented a slideshow on derelict properties in the city, 12641 Park Trail, 12750 Old Halls Ferry, 4815 Meuse, and 12774 Orley.

PROCLAMATIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2022. The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

1. Jerris Kirkwood, requested to buy Old City Hall for music store and recording studio. Charles Kirkwood assured he has the resources to support his son and the ability put up the money to make this happen.
2. Sylvia Tolson informed the council how much she enjoys the park. She had two suggestions one to have a pickle ball court at Harold Evangelista Park , and the second that a dog park be installed at one of the parks in the city. T. L. Ranger accompanied Ms Tolson and suggested that the park should also use the open field for Flag Football.
3. Andre Jones, republican candidate for the 1st Congressional district introduced himself and what he would like to do if elected.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Tree limb pickup will start on October 24, 2022
2. Mayor McCourt reported that the wall for the new office for the PW's director has been installed. The door is on order and will be several weeks before it arrives.
3. Mayor McCourt is looking for a provisional judge, our current Judge is retiring. We need to have a replacement by October 24.
4. There were 25 occupancy permits issued in September 6 purchased, 4 home rentals and 15 apartments.
5. Court report for August, Income \$2,693.50, Expenses \$10,905 with a net of -\$8212.44.

OFFICIALS:

1. Councilman Miller entertained a motion to allow Kittrel Braselman to speak. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Kittrel Braselman reported that the public works staff took a week to repair potholes. They focused on Nordell Court. The cost of renting a machine to keep the asphalt hot was \$1400 plus the cost of the asphalt \$500.

We were looking at going out for bids for sidewalk repair but according to Vijay (City Engineer) we need at least 100 slabs for repair to make it economical feasible. With the addition of the new staff person the maintenance staff will be doing the repairs.

2. Councilman Hinkle and Councilwoman Lawson requested that they go with Kittrel to look at the sidewalks in their wards.
3. Councilman Miller attended the North St. Louis County workshop with Sholonda Webb. Our councilmembers are on several committees. Some of the points of discussion Jamestown Mall, the new development that is part of St. Louis City located in the Missouri Bottoms. They are looking to put a hotel, water park and a board walk. There will be a considerable impact of revenue in north county should this happen. The safari zoo is about four times the size of the zoo in the city.
4. Councilwomen Thames informed council of a clothing give away that her church holds. This Saturday October 8th this will be the last one for the year.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:

1. Councilwoman Lawson reported that the traffic commission did approve a request for a stop sign for Bielefeld Drive and Bielefeld Court. The Chair of the traffic commission stated that speeding is not a concern for the traffic commission.

COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Grady stated that the parks board will be meeting next Monday. He also mentioned that the tennis court will be converted to pickleball court in the near future. SWT Designs will be giving an update on the Norman C. McCourt Park. We should see ground breaking soon.
2. Councilman Grady stated that the special events committee met today and are looking at changes for the festival next year.
3. Councilwoman Lawson is on the MML Legislative affairs committee they will be meeting October 6. These are the items on their agenda : Streaming Legislation, Home-based Businesses, Sales Tax, Sunshine Law , Sovereign Immunity, and Municipal Zoning Authority.
4. Councilman Pointer stated that the Financial Oversight Committee met last week. Ms. Celestine Dotson Municipal Courts monitor was not able to meek. She was to discuss the court system. We are looking at the cost of holding court.
5. Councilman Hinkle will be calling a meeting with the census recount committee. He will be forwarding a letter to City officials.

SPECIAL COUNSEL:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bill #1288 entitled, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH CINTAS FOR UNIFORM RENTAL FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. was read for the second time. Councilwoman Lawson moved to place Bill #1288 on its passage. Motion 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 #1288 became Ordinance #1197

PENDING LEGISLATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Discussion of potential derelict properties:

Motion by Councilman Grady to subpoena two of the four properties 4815 Meuse and 12774 Orley Drive. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the follow vote:

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

2. Motion by Councilman White to accept the Grant for recycling. 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

3. Consider appointing Delicia Lacy to the Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Councilwoman Lawson to appoint Delicia Lacy to the Board of Adjustment. 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

4. Councilman Grady requested an increase of \$1,000.00 in the budget for the Special events committee. Currently it is \$500.00 which it would increase it to \$1,500.00.

Councilwomen Lawson moved to raise the budget to \$1,500.00 for Spooktacular. Motion was seconded.

Councilman White moved to amend the motion to enlist other cities to help with cost of items. Motion was seconded and failed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote.

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

Councilwomen Lawson's original motion was passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Councilman Grady thanked Mr. Winston who sold meatballs at the Fall Festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

THE September 20, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE October 4, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Y. Hines
City Clerk