

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
October 18, 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 White	Councilman Pointer
Councilwoman Lawson	Councilman Miller
Councilwoman Thames	Councilman Grady

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:

Sergeant Kardasz reported on the status of stolen vehicles in Black Jack. The police received reports on 15 cars that were stolen in Black Jack have been recovered. The majority of stolen vehicles were Hyundai and Kia. In the recent past, (84) vehicles belonging to Black Jack residents were stolen. Officer Kardasz added that the vehicle manufacturers and police are working to provide a solution to this problem. Car thefts are up 546% overall.

PROCLAMATIONS:

A proclamation was presented to Billy Curry, a retired City of Black Jack St. Louis County Police Officer, by Mayor Norman McCourt and President Pro Tem Arnold Hinkle. Wishing him well on his retirement and expressing our gratitude for his service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2022. Councilwoman Lawson moved that the minutes be amended to state that the traffic commission's Chairperson stated that speeding is not a concern. 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

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

Roslyn Nelson, a representative of Sherwood Creek inquired whether the X-marked trees in the area are being cut down by the City of Black Jack. Mayor McCourt advised that the city is looking into how much it would cost to remove the dead trees, but no decision has been made.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Court Revenue for the month of September \$4967.00 Court Expenses - \$7,469.90 for the month of September. This leaves a deficit of for a -\$2502.90.
2. Tree limb pickup will begin
10/24 County Right of Ways.
10/31 West of Old Hall Ferry Road.
11/07 East of Old Hall Ferry Road.
11/14 South of Parker Rd/ Whitney Chase.
3. Judge Danelle Duffy has been appointed provisional of the municipal court thru December and will handle the 1st court date in November.
4. Mayor McCourt reported 116 dead trees in the easements. In addition, when the partially dead trees are included, there is a total of 200 in the area. Mayor McCourt stated that once we receive a couple more estimates we will consider going out for bid. In the bid we will ask that residents can receive the same price for removing a dead trees on their property. Mayor McCourt would also like to reimburse any resident that has had a dead tree removed in the easement in the last two years.

OFFICIALS:

Councilman White informed the council that he was invited last Saturday October 15th to a celebration by the National Council of Negro Women. This organization was established in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune to advocate and empower women.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:

None

COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Grady reported that the restrooms in Harold Evangelista Park had been vandalized again and this makes the third time this year. Sinks were ripped off the walls, light fixtures were damaged, and the comfort stations were damaged. It was necessary to cut off the water. The comfort stations can't be used at this time. In order for the police to finish their kick ball clinic, the city ordered porta potties for the last two scheduled dates.
2. Councilman Grady, and the SWT met with the Park and Recreation Committee. According to their report, they have 95 percent of the paperwork for the Norman C. McCourt Park completed. Horner and Shifrin Engineering is finishing up some work for MSD. There should be groundbreaking by the end November or early December.
3. Councilman Grady reported that Movie Night in the Park had some changes discussed by the Park Board.
4. Councilman Grady reported that (three) 3 strong candidates are looking at the Old City Hall for purchase. On Friday, October 14, Councilman Grady, Mayor McCourt, and Councilwomen Thames opened Old City Hall for two candidates to tour. Before the sale of the building, an appraisal will be done.
5. Councilman Pointer advised that on October 6, 2022, the Financial Oversight Committee met with Celestine Dotson, the monitor for the St. Louis County Municipal Court. Ms. Dotson provided some useful data for consideration. Additionally, Ms. Dotson offered to serve as a resource for the committee.

SPECIAL COUNSEL:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1289 under New Business and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor, Bill #1290 under New Business and assigned Councilman Grady as the sponsor Bill #1291 under New Business and assigned Councilman Pointer as the sponsor, Bill #1292 under New Business and assigned Councilman Krank as the sponsor, Bill #1293 under New Business and assigned Councilwoman Thames as the sponsor, Bill #1294 under New Business and assigned Councilman Miller as the sponsor, Resolution #221001 and assigned Councilwoman Lawson 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 Grady	yes	Councilman White	yes
Councilwoman Lawson	yes	Councilman Pointer	yes
Councilwoman Thames	yes	Councilman Miller	yes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bill #1289, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLACK JACK TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS THROUGH THE MISSOURI SECURITIES INVESTMENT PROGRAM.

Councilman Hinkle moved to suspend the rules to allow for Bill #1289's second reading 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 #1289, titled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLACK JACK TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS THROUGH THE MISSOURI SECURITIES INVESTMENT PROGRAM," passed its second reading.

Councilman White made the motion to continue Bill #1289's 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	yes

Bill #1289 became Ordinance #1198

2. Bill #1290, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE BLACK JACK CITY CODE RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. Was read for the first time.
3. Bill #1291, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING OBLIGATION IN PAYING ASSESSMENT DUES AND RESTRICTS PROPERTY OWNERS FROM HOLDING POLITICAL OFFICE UNTIL ASSESSMENT FEES ARE SATIFIFIED. Was read for the first time.
4. Bill #1292, AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO TRANSFER CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO CANDIDATE FILINGS IN ELECTIONS. Was read for the first time.
5. Bill # 1293, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI. Was read for the first time.

- 6. Bill #1294, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDED SECTION 20-481 SCHEDULE VI “INTERSECTION STOP” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, BY ADDING NEW LOCATIONS FOR STOP SIGN BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, ST LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #221001, entitled, A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET was read in its entirety. Councilwoman Lawson moved to place Resolution #221001 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	yes

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1. Councilwomen Lawson moved to approve St. Louis County the Special Use Permit applications for the installation of flock cameras in rights-of-way. 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

- 2. Councilman White moved to approve the proposal from Midwest Systems Truck Equipment in the amount of \$23,580 for two v-box salt spreaders for Public Works Maintenance. Motion was seconded.

Councilman Miller moved to allow Kittrel Braselman, Director of Public Works to speak. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Braselman presented a PowerPoint showing the type of salt spreader he recommends to be purchased. Mr. Braselman requested the council to consider purchasing 2 new V-box Salt Spreaders for Public Works maintenance department.

Motion was passed when the 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. Councilman Grady moved to approve the proposal from MAC in the amount of \$46,460 for Tennis Court Repair and Resurfacing for Pickle Ball. 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

4. Councilman Hinkle moved to allow the Mayor McCourt to secure the services of a commercial appraiser with a budget of \$2,500.00. 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

5. Councilman Grady expressed concerns on the Hoarder issue, he asked if the subpoenas been sent. Mayor McCourt informed council that 3-subpoena has been issued.
6. Councilwomen Lawson made a motioned to secure the parks with security cameras. Councilman Miller seconded.

Councilwomen Lawson motioned to allow Kittrel Braselman to speak on the security cameras. Motion was seconded by Councilman White and passed by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Braselman agreed that cameras are good idea to protect our investments.

Mayor McCourt suggested that Officer Chris Pignataro speak. Councilwomen Lawson motioned to allow Officer Chris Pignataro to speak. Motion was seconded by Councilman White and unanimous voice vote.

Officer Chris Pignataro stated that cameras are a good idea. Camera's do have limitations but if we get the kind where we can watch remotely and if we see something we can send a unit out immediately.

After further discussion Councilman Miller withdrew his second and Councilwoman Lawson withdrew her motion.

Mr. Braselman was asked to research avenues to secure Harold Evangelistic Park as well as Norman C. McCourt Park with security cameras. Councilman Pointer, and Councilman White volunteered to provide assistance.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

THE OCTOBER 4, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE OCTOBER 18, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Y. Hines
City Clerk