

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLACK JACK  
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
November 1, 2022  
7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Councilman Hinkle	Councilwoman Thames
Councilman Grady	Councilman White
Councilman Pointer	Councilman Krank
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**

Councilwoman Lawson

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**PRESENTATION**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022.

Councilman Miller moved to approve amended minutes October 18, 2022; to replace the word condition to continue. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

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

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor McCourt expressed that it has been difficult to receive Bids for the trees to be cut. Mayor McCourt stated that Commercial appraiser are under staffed.
2. Councilman Grady will provide additional names of companies that do commercial appraisal.
3. Mayor McCourt stated that the summons to the residents for the public nuisances will be held at the next meeting November 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Mayor McCourt stated that the electronic sign is not functioning correctly because of the software. The software needs to be upgraded. Councilman Miller suggested to also upgrade the Wi-Fi system.

**OFFICIALS**

1. Councilman Miller attended a meeting at the Board for Legislators on updates for Legislation. There were several issues discussed at this meeting. One discussion was on Jana Elementary School closing. The other discussion was on school bus safety. There are adult boarding the buses and threatening the students on the bus.
2. Councilman Miller also reported that Department of secondary Education spoke about DESY who provides the funding for schools and look at accreditation for school. If a school lose their funding, they will also lose their accreditation.
3. Councilman Miller also stated that there have been some concerns about Jana School radioactive waste.
4. Mayor McCourt reported on Old Jamestown Road and Old Halls Ferry Road that school buses are required to pick up student in front of the homes if sidewalk is not available. He asked if anyone see children walking on the road, please let us know.
5. Councilman Hinkle attended the AME Church conference that was hosted by Christ the Redeemer Church here in Black Jack Missouri. A voter registration drive was available. The church teamed up with an organization Black Vote Matters they were there to educate, register and encourage citizens to vote. This organization stressed the importance to vote in all the elections local and national.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS**

None

**COMMITTEE**

1. Councilman Miller thanked Councilman Grady for his organizational skills for the Spooktacular. And the council should reach out to the surrounding areas for help in sponsoring the event.
2. Councilman Grady thanked everyone who assisted in the success of the Spooktacular. He has a 100 of pictures on his phone will place them on the Black Jack website. There were approximately 350 to 400 children that attended the Spooktacular.
3. Councilman Grady informed the council on the negotiation with Dollar General for the Old City Hall building there has been no follow thru in the agreement, all documents have been provided by the city. So, a letter was sent to cease negotiations.
4. Councilman Grady stated that there should be some groundbreaking on the Norman C. McCourt Park by the end of November.

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Bill # **1290**, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE BLACK JACK CITY CODE RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY was read for the second time.

Councilman Grady moved to place Bill #1290 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

Bill #1290 became Ordinance #1199

2. 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 second time.

Mayor McCourt mentioned that did not receive anything from the city Attorney and suggest postponing the vote.

Councilman Hinkle said can the council go ahead and take a vote pending the council decision.

Mayor McCourt suggest that we should not because the two section refers to condominiums until we hear from the city attorney.

Councilman White spoke to Richard Sheet to codify this Bill and he said he would.

Mayor McCourt asked Councilman White to have Mr. Sheet send him information for the council to review.

Councilman Pointer moved to table Bill # 1291. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

3. 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.

Councilman Krank moved to table Bill # 1292. Motion seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

4. 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 second time.

Councilwoman Thames moved to place Bill #1293 on its passage Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:)

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

Bill #1293 became Ordinance #1200

5. 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.

Councilman Miller handed out a street map to point out the additional stop signs is needed so the traffic will slow down. He invited anyone to view the intersection so they may have a better understanding of his request.

Mayor McCourt stated that a traffic study was done. Councilman Miller said he did not know anything about the traffic study.

Councilman Miller moved to postpone Bill #1294 till the next meeting. Discussion ensued among the council concerning to place 1 stop sign vs 3 stop signs in the intersection. Motion seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

### **PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1295 under New Business and assigned Councilman Hinkle as the sponsor, Resolution #221101 and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the follow vote:

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill 1295 entitled, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE REGULAR CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK MISSOURI ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2023. was read for the first time.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Resolution #221101, entitled, A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. Councilman White moved to place Resolution #221101 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Review request of replacement Truck Bed.

Councilman Krank questioned the condition of the truck. How much mileage. What is the age of the truck. His concern is if a truck bed is purchased then a year later the truck breaks down it will be waste of money. He would like to speak to the Public Works Director for further information.

Councilman Hinkle supported to go out to receive bids. He suggested to have the truck sprayed.

Mayor McCourt stated that the new truck beds have been sprayed with a sealant.

Councilman Miller request that council go ahead and send out an RFP.

Councilman Krank questioned if the truck bed will be stainless-steel or a regular bed.

Councilman White motioned for an RFP for the truck bed by next business meeting.

Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

1. Councilman Grady announced that a house fire was caused by a citizen that burned wood in their fire place without cleaning the flue. Could a notice on the website be placed to inform the community on the process of care to a fireplace.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

THE OCTOBER 18, 2022 \_ CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED DURING THE  
NOVEMBER 1, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING.

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Arnold Hinkle, President Pro-Tem/Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alicia Y. Hines  
City Clerk