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# Press Release

THE CITY OF BLACK JACK PLAYS HOST TO  
VISITING GROUP FROM MINSK, BELARUS.

**Mayor Norm McCourt was the official host, as 9 Delegates from Minsk, Belarus visited the Black Jack City Hall to learn about local forms of Government.**

Black Jack, MO, May 5, 2014: For the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the City of Black Jack played host to a visiting group from the World Affairs Council. The Council's mission is to promote understanding, engagement, relationships, and leadership in world affairs. The 10 Belarus visitors were on a weeklong tour of the United States and visited the Black Jack City Hall to learn about local government. Mayor Norm McCourt explained to the group, which consisted of experts on Domestic Violence Prevention, how local government works with the community it serves. The group was also briefed by the St. Louis County Police Department on Domestic Violence issues within the United States. The Belarus Delegates took a tour of City Hall and were interviewed by Mayor McCourt for his City Limits TV show.

As a show of appreciation, Mayor McCourt was given a ceremonial pencil from the Belarus Culture.

Mayor Norm McCourt said, "It was an excellent opportunity to discuss the workings of our system of local government with the Belarus Delegates. I always enjoy the meetings with the various groups, as it provides an educational opportunity to learn about their political system."

\*\*Attached pictures

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