

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
 OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
 CITY OF BLACK JACK  
 12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
 NOVEMBER 18, 2025  
 7:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilman Miller	Councilwoman Lawson
Councilman Grady	Councilwoman Thames
Councilman Pointer	Councilman Krank
Councilwoman James	Councilwoman Johnson

The City Clerk attested that a quorum was present. Mayor Hinkle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**ABSENT:** None

**EXCUSED:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. David Volz, Vice President of Volz Incorporated, recently presented a comprehensive development proposal to the Council concerning an expansive 18.9-acre site located at 12860 Old Halls Ferry Rd. The project encompasses the creation of 18 individual residential lots. The new subdivision, which will be named "Benjamin Allen," aims to blend modern architectural styles with the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. The plans highlight sustainable building practices and a commitment to enhancing the local environment while catering to the housing needs of the area.

**PRESENTATION:** Ms. Courtney Mueller, Director of the St. Louis City Soccer program, proposed a soccer program at Harold Evangelista Park to the Council. This initiative aims to create an inclusive platform for local youth, providing free or low-cost soccer opportunities. The project will collaborate with nearby elementary schools to engage students in training, games, and community events, promoting physical activity, teamwork, and a love for soccer.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Hinkle called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2025. Councilman Miller moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

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

1. Kenneth McClendon, a resident, expressed his concerns about the detention wall on the north side of the lots and suggested removing two lots to address the issue.

Mr. Volz stated that MSD conducted a survey of the area and determined that the distance from the wall to the property line is safe.

2. Dr. Pearlie Morris, a resident, inquired about the removal of the HOA contact information from the website.

Councilman Grady informed her that the HOA details change frequently, and to ensure that residents receive accurate and up-to-date information, they should call the City and Village directly.

3. Ms. Rochelle Gray addressed residents and the council about the Neighborhood Gardens, an initiative to enhance the community. She highlighted their role in beautifying the area and providing fresh produce. By promoting sustainable gardening, these gardens foster community involvement and improve access to healthy food for local families. Regular workshops and volunteer opportunities aim to educate and empower residents, creating a supportive ecosystem.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Hinkle announced the last Limb pickup will be on November 24 for Whitney Chase and South of Parker Road.

## **OFFICIALS:**

Councilman Grady stated he attended the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Louis County Police & North County Precinct officer appreciation luncheon. The luncheon was held to recognize the officer assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> precinct of the St. Louis County Police Department. Black Jack's Officer Pignataro was one of the awardees at the ceremony.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:**

1. Councilman Grady announced that the Parks & Recreation Board met on November 10, 2025. The board recommends closing and winterizing Harold Evangelista Park at the end of November. The park is scheduled to reopen on April 6, 2026. Additionally, the board is in the process of selecting a design for the sign at Norman C. McCourt Park. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the park will take place on April 13, 2026.

106 2. Councilwoman Lawson reported that the Traffic Commission met on October 22, 2025,  
107 and recommended three installations: (1) a speed hump approaching sign on Bristol  
108 Rock Road, (2) two stop signs on Bristol Road, one for each direction, and (3) a no  
109 littering sign at Northridge Hills off Old Halls Ferry Road with a \$200 minimum fine.  
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111 Councilwoman Lawson was asked to provide documents showing the exact locations at  
112 the next Council meeting.  
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114 **COMMITTEE:**

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116 1. Councilwoman Lawson announced that the Black Jack Homeowners Association will  
117 meet on December 6, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the lower level of Black Jack  
118 City Hall. She encouraged all board members and council members to attend.  
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120 2. Councilman Miller stated that the Veterans Committee has been collaborating with  
121 the St. Louis County Veterans Coalition in Florissant, as well as local chapters of the  
122 American Legion and VFW, to help organize a committee here in Black Jack.  
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125 **SPECIAL COUNSEL:** None

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127 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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130 **PENDING LEGISLATION:**

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132 Councilman Grady moved to place Bill # 1327 under New Business and assigned  
133 Himself as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council  
134 Produced the following vote

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136	Councilman Miller	yes	Councilwoman Lawson	yes
137	Councilman Grady	yes	Councilwoman Thames	yes
138	Councilman Pointer	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
139	Councilwoman James	yes	Councilwoman Johnson	yes
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141 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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143 1. Bill # 1326 entitled, AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD  
144 FOR THE CITY OF BLACK JACK ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026, was read by title  
145 only for the second time. Councilwoman James moved to place Bill # 1326 on its  
146 passage. motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council  
147 produced the following vote

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149	Councilman Miller	yes	Councilwoman Lawson	yes
150	Councilman Grady	yes	Councilwoman Thames	yes
151	Councilman Pointer	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
152	Councilwoman James	yes	Councilwoman Johnson	yes
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154 Bill # 1326 became Ordinance # 1233  
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- 2. Bill # 1327 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PLANNED ENVIRONMENT UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AN 18.9 ACRE TRACT LOCATED AT 12860 OLD HALLS FERRY ROAD IN THE “R-1” RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT, was read by title only for the first time.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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208 THE NOVEMBER 18 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED  
209 DURING THE DECEMBER 2, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING.

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Arnold Hinkle, Mayor

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