

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
June 16, 2015
7:30 pm**

ROLL CALL

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

Councilwoman Muller	Councilman Allen
Councilman Steigerwald	Councilman Taylor
Councilman Krank	Councilman White
Councilman Hinkle	Councilman Schroeder

EXCUSED

The City Clerk attested to the fact that a quorum was present. Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2015 and Phone Poll Minutes of May 20, 2015. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Leo Simmons – Parks and Recreation Board Chairman. Mr. Simmons advised that the June Parks and Recreation Board was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. He advised that he would like to see the residents take advantage of the park more, children playing in the park and being active instead always on electronic devices. He brought a remote control airplane to the meeting as an example.

Mayor McCourt advised that his idea is great but the problem is that the Parks and Recreation Board, as with many other Boards, Commissions and Committees, is having a difficult time with obtaining a quorum. Mayor McCourt suggested to Councilwoman Muller to have her trustee meeting in August and invite Mr. Simmons to speak to the members.

Councilman Allen suggested contacting the trustees to help determine homes with young adults and children and reach out to them. He also suggested contacting the local churches to interact with their youth groups.

Councilman Hinkle suggested contacting the Homeowners Association for the same reason as Councilman Allen stated.

Councilman White advised that he would do whatever Mr. Simmons needed him to do to assist in contacting residents.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The Mayor advised that he received a letter from Charter Communications advising that they are adding new channels effective June 24th.

Pilipino, Life, Panoy, GMANews, Lifestyle Network and Chiller

He made it known that he is not pleased with the manner in which Charter make changes to their channel lineup and that he will be writing them a letter.

2. He showed the City Council members a rendering of the memorial stone to be installed near the flagpole in front of City Hall.
3. For the month of May, there were 7 residential occupancy permits issued and 15 apartment occupancy permits issued.

OFFICIALS

1. Councilman White advised that he spoke with Mr. Marlin Stelhorn, owner of Art's Lawnmower about his advertisement for the business that states he's located in the City of Florissant. Councilman White felt that the conversation had little impact.
2. Councilwoman Muller advised that on June 6th the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association conducted their semi-annual litter pick up on Parker Road from Old Jamestown Road down to Mayfair Plaza.
3. Councilman Hinkle advised that Saturday, June 13th he spoke with the new assistant for the Black Jack Fire Chief. He was advised that they have a fireman explorer program. Also, Officer Chris Pignataro advised that St. Louis County Police will reconvene its police explorer program now that the Ferguson situation has quieted down. These are all great opportunities for the youth in the area.
Mayor McCourt advised that Christ Our Redeemer has a Boy Scout program and it was also mentioned that they have a Girl Scout program as well.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/COMMITTEE

1. Councilman Taylor advised that the Old City Hall Exploratory Committee met on June 2nd with Mr. Sylvester Gath from Loving on Christ Ministry. He provided a 9 page document that outlines the services the ministry provides including GED tutoring, community outreach, AA meetings, financial training, etc. Mr. Gath advised that he currently does not have a revenue stream but is looking to receive a settlement from a lawsuit in the near future. He did not provide a proposal.

2. Councilwoman Muller advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 24th to elect officers. Mayor McCourt advised that he will also be attending the meeting to give a short presentation on the City’s Comprehensive Master Plan.
3. Councilman Krank advised that the Safety and Loss Prevention Committee met and discussed safe driving again and safety tips for working in the heat. The Committee also discussed the fact that the ice machine is in disrepair at the maintenance shed.

The Mayor requested that at the next meeting the Committee discuss safety in wet weather. Mayor McCourt also mentioned that the City will have 5 summer interns beginning soon with four (4) of them working in the Public Works Department. He requested that within a week of them starting, that there should be a Safety and Loss Prevention meeting to educating them on working in the heat and in wet weather. He requested that the interns be trained well and always working with an employee who will teach them valuable skills and not give them menial tasks to perform.

4. Councilman Steigerwald advised that the Parks and Recreation Board did not meet in June due to a lack of quorum. He advised that he inspected the park and provided a report of his findings. Councilman Krank suggested that Parks and Recreation Board members conduct the inspection in the future to allow them to become more familiar with the park.

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill #1160, entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CITY OF BLACK JACK CITY HALL PARKING LOT, PROVIDING FOR PERMITS, AND SETTING A FINE FOR VIOLATIONS was read for the second time. Councilman Krank moved to place Bill #1160 on its passage. Motion was seconded.

Councilman Krank advised that the ordinance should be amended to mark the designated areas for parking instead of just mentioning the number of designated spaces.

Motion for passage of Bill #1160 was passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilwoman Muller	yes	Councilman Taylor	no
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Schroeder	yes

Bill #1160 became Ordinance #1074

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Allen moved to place Bill #1161 under New Business and assigned himself as the sponsor, Resolution #150601 under Resolution and assigned Councilman Steigerwald as the sponsor and Resolution #150602 under Resolution and assigned Councilwoman Muller as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilwoman Muller	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Schroeder	yes

NEW BUSINESS:

First reading of Bill #1161, entitled, AN ORDINANCE DELETING ARTICLE XI (OPEN MEETINGS AND RECORDS) OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI AND ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE XI (OPEN MEETINGS AND RECORDS) was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION:

1. Resolution #150601, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI ACKNOWLEDGING AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF POLICE SERVICES FOR THE CONTRACT YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 was read in its entirety. Councilman Steigerwald moved to place Resolution #150601 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 Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilwoman Muller	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Schroeder	yes

Resolution #150601 is attached and made a part hereof

2. Resolution #150602, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI GRANTING THE ISSUANCE OF LIQUOR LICENSES TO VARIOUS BLACK JACK BUSINESSES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS was read in its entirety. Councilwoman Muller moved to place Resolution #150602 on its passage. Motion was seconded

Mayor McCourt made mention that the Liquor License Committee met tonight and discussed the applications for Liquor Licenses for the 2015/2016 year. It was noted that all applicants were in compliance.

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

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilwoman Muller	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	no	Councilman Schroeder	yes

Resolution #150602 is attached and made a part hereof

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Councilman Steigerwald moved to accept the bid for the purchase of a 2016 Ford F-550 Truck from Dave Sinclair for an amount not to exceed \$67,000. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilwoman Muller	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Schroeder	yes

2. The Mayor and City Council discussed Propel Projectiles. The current ordinance was out of sequence and should be amended. This item will appear on the next agenda as a Bill for consideration by the City Council to make the necessary changes.
3. The Mayor and City Council discussed amending the City's ordinance for littering. The amendment will cover littering situations in the City and in the Park and set the fines for violations.

Councilman White moved to allow Officer Chris Pignataro to speak. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Officer Pignataro was asked if an individual can be sited for littering if a police officer didn't actually see the person littering. Officer Pignataro advised that an individual can be sited for littering if a witness is willing to testify in court.

This item will appear on the next agenda as a Bill for consideration by the City Council to make the necessary changes.

4. Councilman Krank moved to accept the bid from Kennedy Fence Corporation for the Installation of an 8ft fence in the amount of \$7,480.00 not to exceed \$8,000.00. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Krank	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman Steigerwald	yes	Councilman Allen	yes
Councilwoman Muller	yes	Councilman Taylor	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Schroeder	yes

5. The Mayor and City Council discussed the installation of an electronic LED messaging sign. Vijay Bhasin, City Engineer/Director of Public Works will be asked to prepare Bid Specifications for this project.
6. The Mayor and City Council reviewed the Bid Specifications for “LED” Lighting Upgrade at City Hall. There were no suggested changes.
7. The Mayor and City Council reviewed the Bid Specifications for the emergency replacement of Unit #7 Air Conditioner at City Hall. There were no suggested changes.
8. Mayor McCourt advised that the City will not hold a festival in July. The City’s annual festival will be held September 19th.
9. Mayor McCourt advised that pursuant to the City’s Code of Ordinances, there will not be a City Council meeting the first Tuesday in July.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McCourt advised that he will veto Ordinance #1074 because it does not believe it is in the best interest of the City.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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THE JUNE 16, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE JULY 21, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen E. Robinson, MRCC-C/CMC
City Clerk