

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
JANUARY 20, 2026
7:00 pm**

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Councilman Pointer

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PRESENTATION:

Martin Ghafoori from Stifel Public Finance provided an overview of the various qualifications and structures associated with municipal bonds. He elaborated on bonds, which are secured by the government entity and are typically repaid from the Debt Service Fund. He highlighted that these bonds are often for municipalities because they usually offer lower interest rates due to their strong backing.

Additionally, Mr. Ghafoori discussed Annual Appropriation or Lease Debt, which relies on the government’s commitment to allocating funds annually for interest repayment. This type of financing is often used for capital improvements or facilities.

He also touched on Certificates of Participation, a financial instrument that allows investors to share in the lease revenues of a project, effectively financing lease-backed projects. These are funded by either the Capital Projects Fund or the Operating Fund, providing flexibility depending on how the municipality chooses to structure its financing. Overall, Mr. Ghafoori offered to provide more details on how different types of bonds and financing options can support municipal projects and infrastructure development.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hinkle called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025. Councilwoman Lawson 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: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Mayor Hinkle advised that for the month of December, there were 33 occupancy permits issued – 6 for home purchases, 2 for home rental and 25 for apartments. There were
2. On Saturday, January 24, at 10:00 the Senior Citizen Committee will host the first CPR training. Call City Hall to register.
3. Had the pleasure of attending the annual holiday luncheon held at the JFK Community Center hosted by the Missouri City Clerk Finance Officers Association (MOCCFOA). It was a delightful gathering. I was joined by City Clerk Allicia Hines, and Finance Officer Felicia Bishop.
4. **OFFICIALS:** None

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:

1. Councilman Grady announced that the Playground equipment is completed and will be meeting with all parties that were involved with phase three on Wednesday, January 29, to do a final walk-through of the park.

COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Lawson stated that the HOA will have a citywide meeting on Saturday, February 21, from 10:00 – 12:00 in the lower level of the City Hall.
2. Councilwoman James announced a correction regarding the CPR flyer. She clarified that the Black Jack Fire Department will be the official host of the event, while the City of Black Jack Senior Citizen Committee will serve as the sponsor.

3. Councilwoman Johnson announced that in February, the Senior Citizen Committee will be hosting cinema nights every Friday evening to celebrate Black History Month. Each event will feature a classic film that highlights significant contributions of African Americans to the arts, culture, and history. These screenings, starting at 6:30 PM, will be held in the lower level of City Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend, as it promises to be an engaging and educational experience for all ages.

4. Councilman Miller announced that the personnel committee will be conducting a review of the staff within the Public Works department in the coming weeks. He also introduced and welcomed the Public Works Superintendent, Mr. Jeff Ross, highlighting his extensive experience in municipal infrastructure management and his dedication to improving community services.

SPECIAL COUNSEL: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #260101 under resolution and assigned Councilman Krank as the sponsor, and Resolution # 260102 under resolution and assigned Councilwoman Thames as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS: None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 260101, entitled, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF POLICY CONCERNING SAFETY AND LOSS PREVENTION, WHICH IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO NOT ONLY CITY EMPLOYEES BUT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL was read by title only. Councilman Krank moved to place Resolution # 260101 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote.

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

Resolution #260101 attached and made a part hereof

- 2. Resolution 260102, entitled SALARY/WAGE FOR CERTAIN CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, was read in its entirety. Councilwoman Thame moved to place Resolution # 260102 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote.

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

Resolution #260102 attached and made a part hereof

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1. Councilman Grady presented three competitive quotes to the city council for the installation of a new sign at Norman C. McCourt Park. He pointed out that the proposals did not include visual designs, making it difficult for the council members to picture the final product. Grady assured the council that he would provide images at the next meeting.
- 2. Councilman Krank moved to allow Jeff Ross, Public Works Superintendent, to speak. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Mr. Ross stated that he received two detailed quotes for the removal and replacement of the speed bump located on Bristol Rock Rd. The first quote is \$3,222.00, which does not include the application of yellow paint. The second quote is \$3,710.00, which includes the application of yellow paint.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

THE JANUARY 20, 2026, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED DURING THE FEBRUARY 3, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING.

Hinkle, Mayor Arnold

ATTEST:

Allicia Hines