

**HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINED VIA ZOOM**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY OF BLACK JACK**

**12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD**

**May 19, 2020**

**7:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilman Miller

Councilman Pointer

Councilman White

Councilman Krank

Councilman McClain

Councilman Grady

Councilman Hinkle

**ABSENT**

None

**EXCUSED**

None

Mayor McCourt called for a moment of silence in honor of former Mayor Harold Evangelista, who died on May 1, 2020. Mayor Evangelista served as Mayor of the City for 25 years; 1973-1998. He did a wonderful job for our City.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**THE ENTIRE BUDGET WAS POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE ON APRIL 21, 2020**

A public hearing was held to review and discuss the proposed 2021 Annual Fiscal Year Budget. Tina Qualls, Benefits and Finance Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the City's proposed budget for 2021. Tina thanked the Budget Committee and Patricia Grubb for her assistance with the budget.

Councilman Miller moved to close the 2021 Budget Public Hearing. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

**PRESENTATION**

Sara Wise-Martinez, Account Executive – Rave Mobility Safety (Mass Communication System) and Nick Wells provided a presentation to the Mayor and City Council. The presentation provided an overview of the web-based Mass Communication system. As part of the demonstration, a text message was sent to all the City Council that opted-in, to experience the ease of receiving a message/alert. The software has the capability to send messages via email, text message and landline. The number of messages sent is unlimited. The residents will choose how they would like to receive alerts. The system will also automatically send weather alerts in collaboration with the National Weather service.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2020, Phone Poll Minutes of April 17, 2020, Phone Poll Minutes of April 21, 2020 and the Phone Poll Minutes of May 1, 2020. The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor McCourt reported that for the month of April there were no home purchases, two home rentals and 12 apartment rentals.
2. For the month of April, the Court revenue was \$248.50, and expenses were \$6,669.91. The reason for the large difference is the City has not received the April income from Show Me Court; however, the next report should include it.
3. He advised that he sent a copy to the City Council of the report for the tax revenue for April. He explained that he was surprised to see that the tax collection revenue was down, approximately \$30,890.00 compared to last year. The Business Journal outlined that tax revenue is off about 14% and this was prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
4. St. Louis County allowed several businesses to reopen yesterday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. In the state of Missouri there have been 2,945 coronavirus cases and 605 deaths. In St. Louis County there have been 4,374 cases and 347 deaths and there are currently 370 active cases in 63033. Mayor McCourt suggested to everyone to be very careful.

**OFFICIALS**

1. Councilman Pointer, Emergency Management Director, advised that the City has submitted the form DR490 in an effort to receive funding from FEMA and SEMA. He advised that all guidelines and deadlines have been met and we are waiting on a response.
2. Councilman Hinkle advised that he spoke with trustees of Jamestown Subdivision and the president of the Home Owners Association, Attral Hairston. They discussed their satisfaction with the new homes that are being constructed and the displeasure of tall grass on other the vacant lots. He advised that he spoke with the owner, Coach McFarland and he advised that he is attempting to have the lots cut. Councilman Hinkle advised that he suggested to Mr. McFarland the importance of keeping the lots cut.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS**

None

**COMMITTEE**

None

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1241 under New Business and assigned Councilman Miller as the sponsor, Bill #1242 under New Business and assigned himself as the sponsor, Bill #1243 under New Business and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor, Bill #1244 under New Business and assigned Councilman Pointer as the sponsor, Resolution #200501 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Grady as the sponsor, Resolution #200502 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Krank as the sponsor and Resolution #200503 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman McClain as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Bill #1241, entitled, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, EXISTING BUILDING, AND MECHANICAL CODE(S) OF SAINT LOUIS COUNTY AS AMENDED AS THE BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, EXISTING BUILDING, AND MECHANICAL CODES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time.
2. Bill #1242, entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AUTOMOTIVE/EQUIPMENT REPAIR CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time.

Councilman Hinkle moved to suspend the rules and allow for the second reading of Bill #1242. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1242, entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AUTOMOTIVE / EQUIPMENT REPAIR CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the second time. Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1242 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1242 became Ordinance #1154

3. Bill #1243, entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A FUEL SALE CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time

Councilman Miller moved to suspend the rules and allow for the second reading of Bill #1243. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1243, entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A FUEL SALE CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the second time. Councilman White moved to place Bill #1243 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1243 became Ordinance #1155

4. Bill #1244, entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MASTER LICENSE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RAVE WIRELESS, INC. D/B/A RAVE MOBILE SAFETY OR SWIFTREACH NETWORKS, LLC FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time.

Councilman Krank moved to suspend the rules and allow for the second reading of Bill #1244. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Councilman Pointer produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

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Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1244 became Ordinance #1156

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution #200501, entitled, BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FISCAL 2020 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES was read in its entirety. Councilman Grady moved to place Resolution #200501 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Resolution #200501 is attached and made a part hereof.

2. Resolution #200502, entitled, SALARY/WAGE FOR CERTAIN CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 was read in its entirety. Councilman Krank moved to place Resolution #200502 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Resolution #200502 is attached and made a part hereof.

3. Resolution #200503, entitled, BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FISCAL 2020 was read in its entirety. Councilman McClain moved to place Resolution #200503 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Resolution #200503 is attached and made a part hereof.

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Councilman Krank moved to approve the 2021 Annual Budget. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

2. Councilman Krank moved to reappoint members for Boards, Commissions and Committees as distributed. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

3. Councilman McClain moved to extend the annual renewals for Business Licenses, Liquor Licenses and Amusement Devices until September 2020. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilman Hinkle	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

4. Mayor McCourt advised that pursuant to the City's Code of Ordinances, there will not be a City Council meeting on the first Tuesday in June.
5. Councilman Grady advised that Leo Simmons, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board, has been asked to resign since he is not equipped to hold video conferencing meetings, which are currently necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic. He advised that the Parks and Recreation Board will be meeting in June to discuss many items, including how and when to open Harold Evangelista Park.
6. Mayor McCourt advised the City Council that he and the staff have had several meetings to discuss the setup of the Council Chambers in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic. A local company provided a sample of a 36 x 48; ¼ inches thick sheet of plexiglass for us to consider. The Mayor advised that he is waiting for other quotes. Councilman Hinkle advised that he knows of a company that may be able to provide a quote.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

THE MAY 19, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE JUNE 16, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen E. Robinson, MRCC-S/CMC  
City Clerk  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor