

HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INVITED TO JOINED VIA ZOOM
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BLACK JACK
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD
July 21, 2020
7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

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

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

ABSENT

None

EXCUSED

None

Mayor McCourt called for a moment of silence to honor former City Council member Gerry Hentschke. Gerry served the City from 1979-1983. He passed away on July 7th at the age of 92.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to review and discuss the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 2021 for the residents. Mayor McCourt read the public handout and explained the programs purpose and how it is administered. He advised that the funds are primarily used for residents to make repairs to their homes. The program is administered solely by St. Louis County.

Councilman Miller inquired about the availability of previous years funds. Mayor McCourt advised that previous years funds have been allocated.

There being no further comments, Councilman Grady moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

PRESENTATION

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2020. Councilman White moved to approve as amended. 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. The building inspectors report was included in the Council packet.
2. For the month of June there were a total of 27 occupancy permits issued. Six were for home purchases, six were for home rentals and 15 were for apartments.
3. Court revenue for June was \$1,650.50; expenses were \$8,134.41 for a negative balance of \$6,483.91.
4. There will be free COVID-19 tests available on Wednesday, August 12 from 9:00 am to 12 noon at City Hall. There is a form that must be completed and turned in to City Hall by August 5th. The form is available at City Hall or from the City's website at www.cityofblackjack.com.
5. On July 1st, St. Louis County reported 6,616 COVID cases. On July 10th there were 7,661. On 7/20 there were 9,361 cases, which is a 3,000-person increase. In the 63033-zip code, on 7/1 there were 543 cases and on 7/20 there were 681 cases.
6. Due to the increase in coronavirus cases, beginning Monday, July 27th, City Hall will be closed to the public everyday except on Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm until further notice.
7. The City is now using Smart911 mobile application, which is an alert system that the residents can sign up for on the City's website.
8. The response rate for 2020 Census for Black Jack is 63.2% return and for the state of Missouri is 62.2%. Beginning next week, census takers will start going door to door in an effort to increase the number of responses.
9. Around the first of July, the City obtained masks from St. Louis County that were distributed to the trustees to provide to the residents in their area. He advised that trustees should contact him if more masks are needed.
10. He advised that he ran a revenue analysis of the City's finances and the City is currently down approximately \$176,170 in a month and 1/2. As he reviewed the revenue out for a year, the City may be down as much as \$1,000,000. He will forward the report to the City Council to review. He added that if the Wayfair legislations is passed, it will help the City's budget.

11. He sent a packet of information to the City Council members to review concerning the operation of unlicensed vehicles on City streets. He requested that the Council members review the information and get with him on recommendations to address the matter. The vehicles he is referring too include golf carts, four wheelers, motorcycles, etc.
12. The Public Works department will be posting signs near the entrances of Ward 2, advising that there is an open position for Ward 2 and how to apply for the position if interested. The deadline is Monday, August 3rd. Afterwards, he and the City Council members will meet with the candidates and he will then appoint someone.

OFFICIALS

Councilman Miller discussed and showed photos of the damage to the streets on Bielefeld. He advised that similar damage exist on portions of Bristol Rock Road. He requested an update on conversations with the contractor. Mayor McCourt advised that the issue has not been a resolved, but they are still having conversations with the contractor to correct the situation.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

Councilman Grady advised that the Parks and Recreation Board met and elected new officers for the year. He advised that the meeting went very well, and he is confident that the new officers will serve very well.

COMMITTEE

Mayor McCourt advised that he received an application from a resident that would like to be appointed to the Americans with Disabilities and Human Rights Commission. He will prepare the request for the next regular City Council agenda.

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bill #1245, entitled, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR MAINTENANCE AND GIVING FINAL APPROVAL OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED WITHIN JAMESTOWNE PLAT 10 SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. Councilman Miller moved to place Bill #1245 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 White	yes	Councilman McClain	yes
Councilman Miller	yes	Councilman Grady	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1245 became Ordinance #1158

2. Bill #1246, entitled, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR MAINTENANCE AND GIVING FINAL APPROVAL OF THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED WITHIN JAMESTOWNE PLAT 11 SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1246 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 White	yes	Councilman McClain	yes
Councilman Miller	yes	Councilman Grady	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1246 became Ordinance #1159

3. Bill #1247, entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS. Councilman McClain moved to place Bill #1247 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 White	yes	Councilman McClain	yes
Councilman Miller	yes	Councilman Grady	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Bill #1247 became Ordinance #1160

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor McCourt read the election results, dated June 11, 2020 from the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners for the June 2, 2020 election:

<u>Official</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
Donald Krank	Ward 1 Two-year term	156
Sandra Muller	Ward 2 Two-year term	62
Richard Thurman	Ward 2 Two-year term	41 – write in
Leo Simmons	Ward 3 Two-year term	24
Arnold Hinkle	Ward 3 Two-year term	183
Kenneth McClendon	Ward 3 Two-year term	90
Ronald Pointer	Ward 4 Two-year term	152

Voter turn-out was approximately 16.06% citywide for the election.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the City Clerk administered the oaths of office at City Hall to:

Donald Krank
Arnold Hinkle
Ronald Pointer

Councilwoman Sandra Muller was deceased at the time of the election.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll and the following members were present at 7:51 pm:

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

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Councilman White nominated Councilman Hinkle as President Pro-Tem. There being no further nominations, Councilman Krank moved to close the nominations. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

By acclamation Councilman Hinkle was elected President Pro-Tem of the City Council.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1248 under New Business and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following results.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill #1248, entitled, AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI, AMENDING SECTIONS 10-177 AND 10-178 OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI was read for the first time.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Councilman Hinkle moved to allow Mr. Rick Sullivan not to bring the streets up to City standards in Wild Ridge Estates, specifically the overlaying. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

2. 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 August.
3. Mayor McCourt requested that all advise him of any information they receive concerning COVID-19. The main concern is for the safety of the employees and the City Officials.
4. Councilman Miller inquired about the City's annual festival. Mayor McCourt advised that the festival has been cancelled.
5. Mayor McCourt advised that he eventually like to reopen the park in the Fall to allow people to walk in the park.
6. Mayor McCourt advised that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the annual Missouri Municipal League conference has been changed to a virtual conference. Therefore, no one will be traveling.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

THE JULY 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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