

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
August 18, 2020
7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

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

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| Councilman Krank | Councilman Hinkle |
| Councilman White | Councilman Miller |
| Councilman Grady | Councilwoman Lawson |
| Councilman Pointer | |

Councilman McClain arrived at 7:02 pm

ABSENT

None

EXCUSED

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Emergency Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2020. All sets of minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC. FROM THE PUBLIC

Trish Boyle, Sierra Club – Ms. Boyle provided information regarding Mayor’s throughout the area pledging to endorse Clean Energy. She asked Mayor McCourt to do the same.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. For the month of August there were 27 occupancy permits issued. Four were for home purchases, seven were for home rentals and 16 were for apartment rentals. For the first time in approximately 12 years, we have new construction in the City. A new home was built in the Stone Gate subdivision. When you have a chance, be sure to check it out.
2. Court revenue for July was \$3,689.50; expenses were \$8,097.15 for a difference of - \$4,389.65. He spoke with Karen Jones, Court Administrator, and was advised that in September, they will attempt to hold court virtually.
3. Mayor McCourt advised that there were three recent incidents involving firearms in the City. One in Whisper Lake Apartments where a gentleman was murdered, there was a domestic dispute on Spring Trail, which resulted in one individual being shot and one in the Stone Gate subdivision on Wheatbridge. A resident heard a gunshot and notice a bullet hole in his car. The Mayor advised that he requested that police presence increase in the north portion of the City. He advised that a Rave mass communication notification was sent advising residents to not approach unknown/suspicious individuals, but to call the police instead.
4. The Wildridge subdivision will be busy soon with new home construction. He advised that together, they will have to determine the street liability aspect of new construction if the lots are sold to multiple builders. Currently, he is not aware of any area that has had to contend with this concern. He has requested a narrative from Mr. Sullivan advising on his plans for his lots.
5. He has received several calls from residents asking to use the park for walking. He asked the Council to consider opening the park for that reason only. There would be no use of the basketball court, tennis court, pavilions or restrooms. He added that with the pandemic plaguing the world, residents are wanting to get outside.
6. He advised that the Building Inspectors report was included in the packet. He requested that they review it.

OFFICIALS

1. Councilman Hinkle advised that he has spoken with several residents and driven through the City himself and noticed that some residents are blowing grass from their cut lawn into the street. He also advised that residents are once again advising him of a resident that is frequently cutting grass throughout the week at 6:00 am in the morning. Councilman Hinkle requested that an ordinance be passed to address the issue. Mayor McCourt suggested that Councilman Hinkle put the request in writing and he will forward it to the attorney to draft an ordinance for the City Council to consider.
2. Councilman Krank advised that he had the opportunity to attend, via Zoom, the annual Missouri Rurals Workers Compensation and Insurance Trust meeting. For the 10th consecutive year, the City has received an award for good safety practices. There were several surgeons that spoke on reporting minor injuries as soon as they occur. Physical therapist suggested having a lifting test during the pre-hire phase of employment.
3. Mayor McCourt advised that all City Council members have been signed up for the annual Missouri Municipal League conference. The conference will be virtual due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. If you decide you cannot attend, please let Karen Robinson, City Clerk know.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

Councilman Grady advised that the Parks and Recreation Board met and approved the contract for Municipal Planning Grant for Heritage Park. It has been forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

Councilman Miller added that the Board requested to see records of past grants.

Councilman Grady advised that he spoke with several members of the Park Board and explained that the Park Board does not have funds allocated at this time. The confusion came from the prior Park Board chairperson in reference to a grant that was received in 2015. Councilman Grady advised that all the funds were properly allocated to fund new amenities in the park. The updates were completed, the City paid the vendors and St. Louis County Municipal Park Commission reimbursed the City the portion that was due.

COMMITTEE

None

SPECIAL COUNSEL

None

UNFINISHED 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 second time. Councilman White moved to place Bill #1248 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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| Councilman Krank | yes | Councilman Hinkle | yes |
| Councilman White | yes | Councilman McClain | yes |
| Councilman Miller | yes | Councilman Grady | yes |
| Councilman Pointer | yes | Councilwoman Lawson | yes |

Bill #1248 became Ordinance #1161

PENDING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Hinkle moved to place Bill #1249 under New Business and assigned Councilman Grady as the sponsor, Resolution #200801 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Pointer as the sponsor, Resolution #200802 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Krank as the sponsor and Resolution 200803 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman Miller as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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|--------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Councilman Krank | yes | Councilman Hinkle | yes |
| Councilman White | yes | Councilman McClain | yes |
| Councilman Miller | yes | Councilman Grady | yes |
| Councilman Pointer | yes | Councilwoman Lawson | yes |

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill #1249, entitled, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2020 ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI; PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID TAXES ON THE BOOKS OF THE COLLECTOR BY THE COUNTY CLERK OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY was read for the first time.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution #200801, ENTITLED, BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – COVID 19 was read in its entirety. Councilman Pointer moved to place Resolution #200801 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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| Councilman Krank | yes | Councilman Hinkle | yes |
| Councilman White | yes | Councilman McClain | yes |
| Councilman Miller | yes | Councilman Grady | yes |
| Councilman Pointer | yes | Councilwoman Lawson | yes |

Resolution #200801 is hereby attached and made a part hereof

- Resolution #200802, ENTITLED, BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – END OF YEAR 2020 was read in its entirety. Councilman Krank moved to place Resolution #200802 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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| Councilman Krank | yes | Councilman Hinkle | yes |
| Councilman White | yes | Councilman McClain | yes |
| Councilman Miller | yes | Councilman Grady | yes |
| Councilman Pointer | yes | Councilwoman Lawson | yes |

Resolution #200802 is hereby attached and made a part hereof

- Resolution #200803, ENTITLED, HERITAGE PARK PLANNING GRANT 2020, which Included the contract and the Parks and Recreation Board 081020 Minutes, was read in its entirety. Councilman Miller moved to place Resolution #200803 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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| Councilman Krank | yes | Councilman Hinkle | yes |
| Councilman White | yes | Councilman McClain | yes |
| Councilman Miller | yes | Councilman Grady | yes |
| Councilman Pointer | yes | Councilwoman Lawson | yes |

Resolution #200803 is hereby attached and made a part hereof

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Councilman McClain moved to set the annual sewer lateral rate at \$0.00 for 2020. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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| Councilman Krank | yes | Councilman Hinkle | yes |
| Councilman White | yes | Councilman McClain | yes |
| Councilman Miller | yes | Councilman Grady | yes |
| Councilman Pointer | yes | Councilwoman Lawson | yes |

2. Councilman Krank moved to appoint Ebony Hairston to the Americans with Disability and Human Rights Commission. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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| Councilman Krank | yes | Councilman Hinkle | yes |
| Councilman White | yes | Councilman McClain | yes |
| Councilman Miller | yes | Councilman Grady | yes |
| Councilman Pointer | yes | Councilwoman Lawson | yes |

3. Mayor McCourt advised that the invoice for the annual Municipal League dues has been paid \$3,567.00.
4. Mayor McCourt advised that the annual dues for Municipal League of Metro St. Louis was submitted for payment in the amount of \$3,963.00.
5. Councilman Krank suggested going forward with creating an ordinance to prohibit motor scooters and such on the street. Mayor advised that he has sent a request to the attorney to draft an ordinance.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McCourt welcomed new appointed Council member Angela Lawson. He advised that he looks forward to working with her and that he believes she's a good fit for the position.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

THE AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Norman C. McCourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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