

<p><b>MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF BLACK JACK 12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD OCTOBER 7, 2025 7:00 pm</b></p>
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**ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

**ABSENT:** None

**EXCUSED:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**PRESENTATION:** None

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Hinkle called for additions, corrections, or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025. and September 30, 2025, Public Hearing meeting minutes, Councilman Grady 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. The city has two new hires: Ms. Felicia Bishop, who was hired as our finance clerk, and Mr. Chadwich Ellis, who was hired in the Public Works Department.
2. Received a letter from Abundant Life Fellowship Church stating that they had received a notice from the homeowners' association. The notice mentioned that tree branches and shrubbery were growing into a resident's yard. The church wrote a certified letter to inform me that they would work with the homeowners' association to address this issue. They plan to reach out to the homeowners' association to obtain the addresses of all affected homes and seek permission to enter the yards to clean up the necessary trimmings. I believe Dr. Morris was likely the one who contacted them. This is an example of being a good neighbor.
3. This past Sunday, October 5, 2025, the St. Louis City Soccer Club held a tournament at the new mini-pitch soccer arena located in Harold Evangelista Park. It's interesting to see that the arena is finally getting some much-needed use and exposure.
4. For those who may not be aware, there was a fire at the daycare center on Blackjack Court. No determination had been made regarding the cause of the fire. It prompted a large emergency response from both the fire department and the police. When I arrived at the scene, they had already addressed the situation and prevented the fire from spreading to any other buildings.

**OFFICIALS:**

Councilman Grady stated that he attended the North County elected officials' event featuring firefighters and paramedics from Local 2665 on Sunday evening, October 5th. The event took place at Hendel's Market Café. He had the opportunity to spend time with the new Fire Chief, Paul Peebles, as well as other North County elected officials and first responders. It was a great evening, and everyone made positive remarks about the job that Black Jack is doing for the community.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:**

1. Councilman Grady announced that the playground equipment installation project at Norman C. McCourt Park was awarded to Focal Point of Saint Louis LLC. A pre-construction meeting with Focal Point and the subcontractors will be held on October 14th at City Hall at 10 AM. During this meeting, all logistics of the project will be discussed, including the start and end dates, as well as the completion timeline. Details of this meeting will be reported at the next City Council meeting on October 21st.

**COMMITTEE:**

1. Councilman Pointer reported that he has received feedback from Co-Council about the transition to the new e-mail platform. He noted that most individuals have expressed their satisfaction with the process. Furthermore, he emphasized that all users have been successfully transitioned to the updated system without encountering any major issues, ensuring a smooth shift in communication methods.

**SPECIAL COUNSEL:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilman Grady moved to place Bill# 1325 under new business and assigned Councilman Pointer as the sponsor, and Resolution #251001 under Resolutions and assigned Councilwoman Johnson as the sponsor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill # 1325, entitled, an ordinance authorizing the city of black jack, Missouri, to enter into a contract with St. Louis County, Missouri, for vector control services and authorizing and directing the mayor of the city of black jack to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Black Jack, was read for the first time.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #251001, entitled SALARY/WAGE FOR CERTAIN CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, was read in its entirety. Councilwoman Johnson moved to place Resolution #251001 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Councilman Miller moved to approve the contract from Precise Financial Management LLC, effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

2. Councilwoman Lawson moved to appoint Carmen McDonald to the Parks and Recreation Board. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

3. Councilman Miller moved to appoint Stacey Ruffin to the Personnel Policy Committee. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

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

4. Mayor Hinkle announced that the Board of Adjustment is currently seeking representatives from Ward 3 and Ward 4. At present, there are four representatives: two from Ward 1 and two from Ward 2. However, there are no representatives from Ward 3 or Ward 4.
5. Councilwoman Thames attended the Boonaza meeting on September 30, 2025. We confirmed that the city will provide candy, and they requested that we hold the costume contest again. Someone will be organizing a bounce house.
6. Councilwoman Thames attended Senior Day at Spanish Lake Park on Saturday, October 4th, an event hosted by Ms. Sharon "Cookie" Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell is dedicated to supporting seniors and consistently provides valuable information to the community. The event featured representatives from Oak Street Health, the St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis Zoo Wild Care Park, and the Fire Department. Senator Brian Williams was also in attendance.

7. Councilman Miller provided an update on the ongoing development of the Wild Ridge Estates subdivision. Currently, the project is nearing 75% completion, with a variety of residential homes and community amenities taking shape. Construction crews have been diligently working to ensure that the roads, utilities, and landscaping are all in place. Councilman Miller noted that they anticipate the entire development will be completed by 2026, offering prospective homeowners a modern and vibrant community.
8. Councilwoman Thames attended the ALL-STL Street Soccer Cup qualifier tournament at Harold Evangelista Park on Sunday, October 5th. The kids and families seemed to really enjoy the new soccer area. There was a DJ, free slushie trucks, and large ice cream cones available. Mayor Hinkle, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Johnson, and Councilwoman James also attended the event.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:**      None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

THE OCTOBER 7, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE OCTOBER 21, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING.

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Arnold Hinkle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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