

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLACK JACK  
12500 OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD  
October 15, 2019  
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
Councilwoman Muller	

**ABSENT**

None

**EXCUSED**

Councilman Hinkle

Councilman Grady moved to appoint Councilwoman Muller as acting President Pro-Tem. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**PRESENTATION**

In the absence of Captain Roger Ellisor's, Tom Tormino presented St. Louis County Police Officer Dillon Porzel the Life Saving Award for his life saving actions taken during a fire at 4685 Whisper Lake Drive. Officer Porzel arrived prior to the Fire Department and assisted residents in exiting the building safely.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McCourt called for additions, corrections or changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2019. The minutes were approved as distributed

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

1. Mary Ann Kelley – Ms. Kelley advised that she is unhappy with being forced to take and pay for yard waste service. She has been a resident since 1975 and has never needed it. She advised that the mandatory service will cost her an additional \$13.00 per year.
2. Kenneth McClendon – Mr. McClendon rehearsed the outcome of the votes during the July 16, 2019 City Council meeting concerning the passage of Ordinance #1138, which includes mandatory yard waste service for all residents. He addressed the new City Council members stating that he has been complaining for years about the residents not being notified of information. He is not pleased with yard waste service being mandatory.
3. Linda Benoit – Ms. Benoit objected to yard waste being mandatory. She advised that she's been a resident for 20 years and she has never needed it and resents that she has to pay for it.
4. Beverly Randle – Ms. Randle expressed concerns, on behalf of her neighbors, about the upkeep of common ground. Mayor McCourt suggested she contact City Hall tomorrow to obtain the names of the trustees for her area.

Mayor McCourt addressed the yard waste concerns:

- Mayor McCourt advised that several surrounding municipalities also require residents to have all three services such as: Moline Acres, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Dellwood, Ferguson, Berkeley and Vinita Park.
- The Solid Waste Committee met several times to review the options for trash services for the residents and decided that all three was the best option for all.
- It benefits the residents when a storm comes through the City and causes damage, in that the residents can clean up their property and have the yard waste hauled away. He advised that there were three storms that hit the City in the recent past that cost an estimated \$10,000 to clean up. Continued expenses would cause the City to consider implementing a tax, which is what he is trying to avoid.
- He provided the discounted rate for residents 62 and older
- He advised that yard waste service will help to prevent residents from blowing leaves and grass to the street, which in turn causes sewer problems.

Councilman Grady added that he was on the committee and they reviewed the contract line by line, item by item and decided that all three services are the best option for the residents. He stated that he requested that the senior rate be changed to 62 instead of 65. He added that Republic Services bent over backwards to fulfill all of the request that were made.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Tree Limb pickup is being done this week west of Old Halls Ferry, which is mostly Ward 2. Next week it will be done in the Whitney Chase area.
2. He forwarded a memo to City Council concerning the additional need for residents to serve on Boards, Commissions and Committees.
3. Court Revenue for July was \$4,438.50, expenses were \$9,054.83, leaving a deficit of \$4,616.33.

**OFFICIALS**

None

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/BOARDS**

None

**COMMITTEE**

None

**SPECIAL COUNSEL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Councilwoman Muller moved to place Bill #1230 under New Business and assigned Councilman Miller as the sponsor, Bill #1231 under New Business and assigned herself as the sponsor and Resolution 191002 under Resolutions and assigned Councilman White as the sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Bill #1230, entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX C OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA was read for the first time.
2. Bill #1231, entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13.1 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLACK JACK, MISSOURI REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA was read for the first time.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution #191002, 2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – SIDEWALKS AND COMPUTER SECURITY was read in its entirety. Councilman White moved to place Resolution #191002 on its passage. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

Resolution #191002 is attached and made a part hereof

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Councilman Grady moved to allow Kittrel Braselman, Director of Public Works to speak. Motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Mr. Braselman advised that the salt spreader on Truck #2 is in disrepair. He and his staff have made multiple attempts to repair a bent auger to no avail and to have it repaired elsewhere is too costly. In addition, the spreader is tossing salt to the side instead of in the center of the street. His request is to purchase a new salt spreader from the lowest bid received from Knapheide Truck Equipment in the amount of \$3,838.00.

Councilman Miller moved to purchase a new salt Spreader from Knapheide Truck Equipment in the amount of \$3,838.00. Motion was seconded and passed when a poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilman Grady	yes	Councilwoman Muller	yes
Councilman McClain	yes	Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman White	yes	Councilman Krank	yes
Councilman Pointer	yes		

2. Mayor McCourt advised that the Metropolitan Sewer District 25-year lease has been paid in full for the remaining 5 years.
3. Boards, Commissions and Committees was discussed under the Mayor’s report.
4. Fall Tree Limb Pickup was discussed under the Mayor’s report.
5. Mayor McCourt advised that the annual Spooktacular will be held on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at North County Recreation Complex from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event is held in collaboration with St. Louis County and St. Louis County Police. He encouraged everyone to come out with their children and grandchildren.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

THE October 15, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED  
DURING THE November 5, 2019 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