

**City of Houston Lake**  
**Unofficial Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**October 12, 2009**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on September 14, 2009 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Nick Jackalone, Rick Cowan Phil Otte, Dan Coronado and City Collector Joyce Kullman.

**Opening Session**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided.

**Public Discussion**

No public discussion

**Minutes September 14, 2009**

The minutes were read and approved by general consent.

**Building Permits**

A final was approved by the Council for the building permit at 5335 NW Edgewood circle

**Treasurers Report**

Alderman Jackalone moved to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

**Resolution 10-12-09 (paybills)**

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 10-14-09, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed.

**Collectors Report**

City Collector Joyce Kullman presented to the Council a collectors report. The total deposits for the city of \$2587.34 were made for the period ending 9-30-09.

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

A Code Enforcement Report was submitted to the Council by Mitch Kelly for the months of September/October 2009. A police report was submitted from the Platte County Sheriff's Department for 9-1-09 to 9-30-09.

Deputy Nancy Penrod from the Platte County Sheriff's Department was invited to the City Council meeting by Mayor Hallauer to answer any questions that the Council may have. Officer Penrod will attend City Council meetings periodically. Officer Penrod gave a full explanation of the Sheriff's monthly report to the council. She also stated that there still was far too many calls made to city officials instead of the Sheriff's Department. She stressed the importance of the delay of response that this may cause. She also explained that when a call comes in, the response time is directly related to the severity of the call.

If the Sheriff's Department is responding to an emergency of a greater degree, this will delay a response to a call of a lesser degree.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – Alderman Cowan gave a comprehensive report on Emergency Management to the Council. He explained that he read the entire emergency plan and there are many procedures that have to be taken after a major disaster to be able to be reimbursed by FEMA and SEMA. He pointed out that it would be a good idea for the City to put in place some formal mutual aid agreements and City emergency spending provisions. A responsibility list and emergency contact lists should be filed with the county and 911 dispatcher. He also mentioned the preservation of City records as vital. Mayor Hallauer reported that Bookkeeper Kay Honeycutt and City Clerk Marsha Duncan are currently scanning their records to a flash drive. A flash drive will be provided to the Collector Joyce Kullman. Alderman Cowan also mentioned that on a separate issue, Mitigation, a requirement from the county is to fully develop a disaster plan in an emergency or show what steps we can take as a City to avoid a total disaster. He suggested that a hazardous waste spill on a 635 might be the easiest to present.

**Alderman Otte** –No report

**Alderman Coronado** –No report

**Alderman Jackalone** –Alderman Jackalone said that he had several residents request a street light be placed at Edgewood and Edgewood Circle. This will be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

### **Old Business**

a. Mayor Hallauer presented to the Council Bill No. 091409-2, an ordinance adopting the Platte County Emergency Operations Plan. A motion was made by Alderman Otte to place this bill on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No, 091409-2 by title only.

A motion was made by Alderman Coronado to place this bill on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091409-2 by title only.

A motion was made by Alderman cowan to place Bill No. 091409-2 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Jackalone.

Roll call:

Jackalone – Aye

Cowan – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Bill No. 091409-2, Ordinance 326 was passed.

### **New Business**

a. Mayor Hallauer presented a proposal from McConnell & Associates for street repair. The proposal of \$14,540.00 was higher than the original estimate. The Council was asked if they wanted to accept this proposal or pursue other estimates. The Council requested other estimates.

b. The Council was presented with a copy of a “Cooperative Agreement” with the Platte County Collector. This agreement allows the county to collect abatements made by the City.

c. A copy of a letter from the Platte County Sheriff's Department regarding the "Shop with a Deputy", a Christmas program, was given to the Council. The council voted by general consent to donate \$250.00. The Council also voted by general consent to donate another \$250.00 to the City of Riverside for a similar Christmas program.

d. Mayor Hallauer presented to the Council a Resolution of Thanks to Jim Holloway. A motion was made by Alderman Cowan to pass this resolution, seconded by Alderman Jackalone.

Motion passed.

### **Mayors Report**

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that a resident on the lake offered to sand blast and put an undercoat on the City's newer truck for free. In doing this it was discovered that there was a hole in the gas tank. The tank was replaced.

b. The City of Riverside has started recycling glass. Houston Lake will be allowed to use this.

c. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that Kansas City has 4 major landfills which one of these is not being used at this time. 2 of these landfills will be full or closed in 7 to 8 years. One of the purposes of recycling is to extend the life of these landfills. If the metro area comes down to only having one landfill left, residents will see an enormous increase in trash rate bills. Fining people for throwing recyclables away is an option being looked into.

d. Jean Anderson, of Houston Lake, is creating a website for the City. Mayor Hallauer has been working with Jean on this project. Residents will be notified of the completion and the name of the site.

### **Closed Session**

Mayor Hallauer asked for a motion to enter into a closed session RSMo 6610.021(2) for Real Estate at 9:01 pm. Alderman Cowan made such motion, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm