

City of Houston Lake
Unofficial Minutes of the Council Meeting
November 9, 2009

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on November 9, 2009 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Nick Jackalone, Phil Otte, Dan Coronado and City Collector Joyce Kullman. Alderman Rick Cowan was excused.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

No public discussion

Minutes October 12, 2009

The minutes were read and approved by general consent.

Building Permits

The Council was presented a building permit at 5279 NW Edgewood Trail for a storage shed. Alderman Jackalone recused himself from council. The Council approved the permit by general consent.

Treasurers Report

Alderman Coronado moved to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Jackalone.

Motion passed

Resolution 11-09-09 (paybills)

Alderman Otte moved that we accept Resolution 11-09-09, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Motion passed.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman presented to the Council a collectors report. The total deposits for the city of \$4507.98 were made for the period ending 10-31-09.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A Code Enforcement Report was submitted to the Council by Mitch Kelly for the months of October/November 2009.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Excused

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte thanked all the volunteers for the wonderful Christmas decorations around the lake.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado said that he had forwarded the information needed in helping track ownership of vacant or abandoned property to the Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly. He gave his thanks to the people involved in the Christmas decorations. He also noted that the beavers are active again and residents that may be affected should cover lower parts of their trees with chicken wire for protection.

Alderman Jackalone –Alderman Jackalone also expressed his thanks for the Christmas decorations.

Old Business

a. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with a street repair proposal from Gann Asphalt. The quote on Gann’s proposal was \$4.13 a sq. foot compared to McConnell and Associates at \$4.88 a sq. foot for the same scope of work. Alderman Otte made a motion to accept Gann’s proposal, seconded by Alderman Jackalone. Motion passed

b. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that a committee will be formed with 3 or 4 people regarding Emergency Management. They will meet once a month and make recommendations to the Council.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer introduced to the Council resident Jean Anderson. Jean and her husband Jay, have created a website for Houston Lake. Jean explained to the Council what the costs would be to maintain a hosting service. Jean researched many services and presented the Council with a very economical service called Dreamhost. This service comes with many hosting frills that normally would be additional fees. She presented different options of payment, monthly or yearly. At a 2 year rate the cost would be approximately \$8.95 per month. The Council previewed the website prior to the meeting and agreed that the website will be a wonderful tool for residents to obtain information regarding the City and also the Homes Association. All agreed that the website be named Houstonlake.net. Alderman Coronado made a motion to approve the website and opt for the 2 year plan, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed.

b. Mayor Hallauer discussed with the Council the placing of a new street light at Edgewood Trail and Edgewood Circle. Alderman Otte made a motion to approve placing the new street light, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council a copy of a letter from the Ambulance District assuring that Kansas City, the new owner, would honor all of the existing Mast contracts.

b. KCPL has informed the Mayor that they will be coming into Houston Lake to trim tree branches close to power lines.

c. Mayor Hallauer received a letter from an insurance service company. This company gives cities their ratings for their fire district. This rating in turn determines what homeowner insurance premiums will be. The City of Houston Lake is rated a Class IV with one being the best and ten being the worst.

d. The City of Houston Lake received a “Thank You” letter from the City of Riverside for its contribution to Riversides Shop with a Cop Christmas program.

e. The Ripple Glass recycling bin in Riverside is now open for residents use. All kinds of glass is accepted.

f. Mayor Hallauer received an e-mail from the City Attorney, Bob Black, stating that according to Article VI, Section 26(a) of the Missouri Constitution permits a city to borrow up to one year's revenue without voter approval. Mayor Hallauer has contacted the Bank of Weston for further information. This is an added option the City has available, besides passing a bond, to redo city streets. This will be discussed at the next City meeting.

Closed Session

Mayor Hallauer asked for a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to RSMo 6610.021(2) Real Estate at 8:50 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm