

City of Houston Lake

Unofficial Minutes of the Council Meeting

October 11, 2010

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 11, 2010 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte , Dan Coronado, Rick Cowan, Perry Davis and City Collector Joyce Kullman.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

Mary Head addressed the Council regarding a 50th Anniversary Reception for the City. She stated that this was a once in a lifetime major event and asked the City for their support. City Clerk Marsha Duncan presented the Council with a cost estimate for appetizers, flowers, punch and souvenirs. After much discussion the Council approved funding for the reception. The Council set the date of Saturday November 13 from 2-5 pm for the event.

Minutes September 13, 2010

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

The Council approved by general consent a building permit for a fence at 5364 NW Edgewood Trail.

Treasurers Report

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Alderman Davis.

Motion passed.

Resolution 10-11-10 (paybills)

Alderman Coronado moved that we accept Resolution 10-11-10, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

Motion passed.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman's presented the collectors report to the Council. The total deposits for the City of \$3335.91 were made for the period ending 9-30-10.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly presented the Council with his reports for the months of August/September 2010 and September/October 2010. A Platte County Sheriff's report for the month of August was also submitted.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte commented on how great the streets and the bridge looked.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado said the he was borrowing a metal detector to help locate the 2 lost manhole covers and finish the map of the sewer system.

Alderman Davis – No report

Old Business

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that the Venetian Bridge had been completed but he had received several calls from some residents that seemed to be confused on the cost of this project. The guardrail was installed per the plan. But one section of the rail was too long and was corrected. Mayor Hallauer broke down the cost to be noted in the minutes. The original estimate for the bridge was for \$78,000.00. The actual cost after completion was \$75,393.21. The City received a grant for this project of \$69,890.00. This left a balance of **\$5503.21** as the **City's portion of the total cost**.

b. The mill and overlay project has been completed but they ran into some unforeseen problems. After they milled the streets and took the top 2 inches off it started raining for a week which halted work. When they resumed they noticed extreme soft spots that were not there before. Some of these spots had to be tore out and fixed because there was no solid surface to pave. This was on Edgewood, Edgewood Circle, Wagon Trail and Wagon Trail Circle. If these areas had not been detected and paved over, they would have presented a problem in the future. This extra work added another \$12,000.00 to the cost. The Council, after much discussion, approved a payment of \$8,000.00 toward this bill.

New Business

Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with Bill No. 101110-1, an ordinance authorizing the sale of real estate and the execution of a deed. Alderman Otte made a motion to put Bill No. 101110-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 101110-1 by title only.

Alderman Davis made a motion to place Bill No. 101110-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 101110-1 by title only.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to place Bill No. 101110-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Davis - Aye

Cowan – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Bill No. 101110-1, Ordinance 332 was passed.

Mayors Report

- a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that the brush pick-up is scheduled for October 18th and some residents have already put their brush at the road.
- b. The second City Truck is in the shop. It was discovered that some of the spark plugs would not come out without breaking. It was taken into a shop. One of the estimates to correct this problem was to replace the engine. Mayor Hallauer took it to another shop for another estimate. Depending on the cost, the Council will decide what the next step will be.
- c. Mayor Hallauer gave a copy of a legal opinion to the Council for discussion at next months meeting of a possible revision of the ordinance.
- d. Mayor told the Council that the correct procedure for approving building permits **is** critical for the sake of liability to the City.
- e. Mayor Hallauer thanked the Aldermen for all of their accomplishments this year with the new roads, bridge work and new City signs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm